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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

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

President U Thein Sein receives 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

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President U Thein Sein received 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 at President Office here this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the President were Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Commerce Wunna Kyaw Htin U Win Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, and Ministers at President Office U Thein Nyunt and U Soe Maung and departmental heads. The Chinese Del-

egation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials.

President U Thein Sein frankly discussed matters related to the friendly relations between the two nations since time immemorial, Myanmar's friendly relations with all global nations in accord with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, active cooperation with UN member countries as well as regional organizations including ASEAN, BIMSTEC, ACMECS and Greater Mekong Sub-Region, evolution of bilateral relations to strategic Paukphaw relations, China's good neighbourly cooperation in stability, tranquillity and development of Myanmar, successful transition to new political system through hluttaw sessions in line with the constitution, bilateral cooperation in energy, oil and natural gas, mechanized farming and transportation services and strengthening economic and friendly ties between Myanmar and China.

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President U Thein Sein shaking hands with 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 Mr Jia Qinglin.

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President U Thein Sein, Vice-Presidents, Union Government members pose for documentary photo together with the 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 Mr Jia Qinglin.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain and promote Myanmar's literature

Literature is a cultural pillar of every race. Literati have been privileged to inherit the legacy of Myanmar literature throughout history. So, such legacy must be handed down to posterity without fail.

The government is giving a helping hand to building a firm structure of national literature. While helping in all aspects for emergence of flourishing literature, literary awards are also being presented on a yearly basis for fine literary works.

For development of the literary world, 14 national literary awards and Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards in 12 genres are presented every year. Similarly, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, Thuta Swesone Literary Award and Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award are given away every year.

At such a time, Tun Foundation is also distributing literary awards and has presented them for the fifth time. The fifth Tun Foundation literary awards (2010) included life-time literary awards and awards in other sectors such as economy, health, environmental conservation and culture. Moreover, Tun Foundation is contributing to the improvement of education, health and economic sectors.

The literati are to educate the people through the literary might to be able to stay in touch with current developments of the world and to know the international situation objectively and correctly. In addition, the people must be trained through the literary strength to maintain and safeguard the national character and culture.

At a time when the alien culture is penetrating the nation, the literati are to maintain the legacy of Myanmar's fine literature making sure that their writings do no harm to the national culture.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receiving Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee of PRC and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of CPPCC Mr Jia Qinglin and party. —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

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives 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

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April

— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Khin Aung Myint received a 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 at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10.20 am today.

Also present at the call were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Aung Tun, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Dr Aye Maung, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw



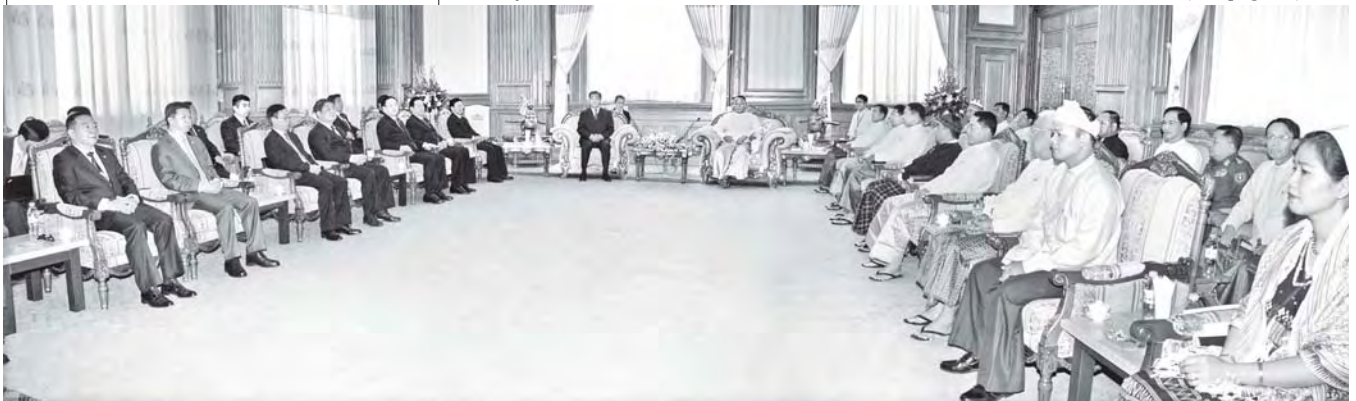
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint greets Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee of PRC and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of CPPCC Mr Jia Qinglin.

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Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U San Tun, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Win Naung, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee U

Pho Ral, members of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Zaw Myint Pe, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, U Hsun Dok Kyint, U Than Myint and U Hsai Paung Nat, members of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Khin Maung Lay, Daw Yi Yi Myint and U Khin Maung Yi, member of Amyotha

Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Dr Soe Tun, Defence Service Personnel Representative Col Maung Maung Htoo, departmental heads, officials and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua. (See page 7)



Bomb blast kills up to six at Pakistan bus station

KHAR, 4 April—A bomb exploded at a bus terminal in northwest Pakistan on Monday, killing up to six people in the sixth bomb attack in as many days to strike the country, police said.

The bomb exploded in the small town of Jandol in the District of Lower Dir, 90 kilometres (56 miles) from the Capital Islamabad. Pakistani troops fought a major offensive to expunge the Taliban from the area nearly two years ago.

"It was a bomb blast. We're investigating whether it was a planted device or a suicide attack. Six people have died," police official Islam Khan said.

The Lower Dir administration office said at least five people were killed.

"The bomb exploded at a bus terminal," said Qazi Jamil ur-Rehman, the regional deputy inspector general of police.—Internet

Pakistani blast victims wait for help in an ambulance outside a hospital in Multan. A double suicide bomb attack outside a shrine in the central Pakistani Province of Punjab killed dozens.
INTERNET



Crew members of Rak Afrikana, which sank shortly after it was released by Somali Pirates, arrive at the Kenyan port city of Mombasa 13 March, 2011. The crew members were saved by EU NAVFOR Naval Ships that transferred them to MV York, which had also been released by the pirates.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 April—Two American soldiers died of wounds by militant attack in Iraq, the US military said Sunday.

"Two US service members died 2 April of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with indirect fire," the military said without giving further details about the exact location of the incident.

"Indirect fire" usually refers to mortar

or rocket attacks in the terminology of US military statements.

The names of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement added.

The latest deaths brought the death toll of US soldiers in Iraq since the war broke out in 2003 to 4,443, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

In mid 2010, US troops in Iraq were

reduced to below 50,000 soldiers. Washington said the remaining US troops in Iraq are conducting support and training missions.

US military forces are to pull out completely from Iraq by the end of 2011, according to the security pact named Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA, signed late 2008 between Baghdad and Washington.

Xinhua

Afghan policeman kills two foreign soldiers

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, 4 April—An Afghan border policeman shot dead two foreign soldiers from the NATO-led coalition on Monday who were on a training mission, said the deputy governor of northern Faryab Province where the shooting took place.

The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said it was investigating the deaths of two soldiers who were killed inside a base.

"According to initial reporting, an individual in an Afghan Border Police uniform fired on the ISAF members inside a compound.

The individual who fired the shots fled the scene," an ISAF statement said.

Reuters

Dutch marines kill two pirates off Somali coast

THE HAGUE, 4 April—The Dutch defence ministry says its marines have killed two pirates and captured 16 in an operation to free a hijacked Iranian fishing boat off the coast of Somalia.

The ministry says in a statement marines from the frigate HMS Tromp

opened fire on the pirates Sunday after they shot at two Dutch inflatable speed boats sent to investigate a suspicious fishing vessel.

Ten suspected pirates were captured as they tried to flee in a high-speed skiff and six more were detained on the fishing boat. The

bodies of two suspected pirates killed in the firefight also were recovered on the boat.

Defence Ministry spokeswoman Marloes Visser said Monday the pirates, some of whom were injured in the shooting, were being questioned on board the Tromp.—Internet



An earthmover removes mud at the site of a landslide caused by heavy rainfall at Khao Luang in Nakorn Sithamarat Province, southern Thailand, Saturday, 2 April, 2011.—INTERNET



An Afghan policeman adjusts a damaged bicycle at the scene of a gas explosion in Kandahar southern of Afghanistan on Sunday, 3 April, 2011. A gas container exploded killing one and injured over ten people, police officials said.—INTERNET

Five killed, 18 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 4 April—Five people were killed and 18 others were wounded in separate bomb attacks, including a suicide car bombing in central Iraq, the police said on Monday.

Three policemen were killed and 13 others were wounded late on Sunday night when a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of policemen gathered at the site of an earlier roadside bomb explosion in centre of Ramadi City, the capital of Anbar province, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Militants frequently used a tactic of blowing up a bomb to attract security forces at the blast site and then carrying out a massive attack that would cause

more casualty among them.

A roadside bomb Monday morning detonated outside the house of a senior official of the Iraqi industrial ministry in Baghdad's southern District of Doura, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding three others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off outside the house of an Awakening Council group member in Ameriyah district, killing him and causing damages to his house and nearby buildings, the source said.

Xinhua

45 dead in Thai floods; lighter rain expected

BANGKOK, 4 April—Heavy rains have eased in southern Thailand, where heavy downpours and landslides over nearly two weeks has left 45 people dead.

The government disaster agency says more than 40,000 people are living in temporary shelters in three provinces that remain flooded.

The agency said Monday that electricity was slowly being restored in the hardest-hit province of Nakhon Si Thammarat, where the majority of deaths occurred. Rail service remained severely disrupted in much of southern Thailand. Weather forecasts said scattered showers were expected across the region this week.

The disaster agency said 2 million people in 10 southern provinces have been affected by flooding that started 23 March.—Internet

Japan post-quake business confidence to drop



The debris-strewn premises of a small firm are seen in a quake-hit

Rikuzentakata on 22 March, 2011.

Japanese business confidence is set to plunge in the months following the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 4 April— Japanese business confidence is set to plunge in the months following the 11 March earthquake and tsunami and subsequent nuclear crisis, the Bank of Japan said in its Tankan survey on Monday.

The central bank re-released Friday's quarterly survey on Monday to show the breakdown in the replies it received before and after the disasters.

Most of the responses from companies were received before 11 March, but it showed diverging views after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake inflicted plant damage, power shortages and

major disruption to supply chains.

The BoJ's report on Friday showed business sentiment among large manufacturers improving to "six" in March from "five" in December.

Monday's survey showed that the sentiment index among major manufacturers was set to fall to "minus two" in the April-June period, according to firms polled after the quake.

The index measures the percentage of firms that say conditions are good minus those that say conditions are bad — meaning that any figure above zero indicates general, if cautious, optimism in the corporate

sector.

Sentiment among medium-sized manufacturers in the April-June period was forecast to fall from "minus seven" before the quake to "minus 14" according to those polled afterwards, Monday's report showed.—*Internet*

Disasters put stress on children in Japan

KARAKUWA, 4 April— Zoom in for a snapshot of apparent normalcy: children sitting in a circle, clasping playing cards tightly in their hands. They laugh, chat and occasionally hop up to break into a goofy dance.

Zoom out and the picture changes: The children are kneeling on mattresses in a chilly classroom they now call home. An elderly woman cries nearby, wondering whether her mother was killed by Japan's tsunami. Outside the school, a teacher fiddles with a radiation detector, checking to ensure the levels aren't high enough to make them sick — or worse.

Behind the smiling faces of thousands of children in shelters across this wave-battered wasteland, experts say there is often serious anxiety as everything these youngsters once held as normal is suddenly anything but.

"That's what is so wonderfully



In this 1 April, 2011 file photo, young evacuees play cards at an evacuation centre for the 11 March earthquake and tsunami in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture, northern Japan.—INTERNET

adaptive about children. They can move very easily into playing or laughing," says psychologist Susie Burke, a disaster response specialist with the Australian Psychological Society. "But that's not saying they're not deeply distressed and upset about what's going on."—*Internet*



Japan Coast Guard members try to rescue a dog believed to have survived the massive earthquake and tsunami of 11 March and also three weeks at sea, off Kesennuma, northern Japan on 1 April, 2011. A dog that survived in a house swept away to sea three weeks ago by the devastating Japan tsunami was saved on Friday by a coast guard rescue team flying over an island of debris. Local television showed an aerial view of a brown medium-sized dog trotting around the roof of the house — the only part of it floating above water — before disappearing into a broken section of the roof.—INTERNET

Indonesia's strong quake causes no casualty or damage

JAKARTA, 4 April— A shallow undersea quake with magnitude of 7.1 struck off Java island of Indonesia early Monday morning, with no immediate report of damage or casualty, officials said.

Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported that the quake took place at 03:06 am Jakarta Time (2006 GMT Sunday) with epicentre at 293 km southwest of Cilacap, Central Java and with the depth at 10 km. The intensity of the quake was felt at Cilacap of Central Java and Pangandaran of West Java, as well as Denpasar of Bali island and Bogor town near the Capital Jakarta, Jajat Jatmika, an official of the agency, told *Xinhua* by phone.

Head of the disaster management and mitigation agency in Cilacap, Wasi Ariadi, said that many residents fled their homes after the quake happened.

"But there are no houses or buildings damaged, nor are people injured here," he told *Xinhua* by phone. The local authorities have prepared temporary shelters at higher ground for the evacuation in the event of tsunami.—*Xinhua*

Death toll reaches 12,157 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 4 April— The National Police Agency said on Monday that the catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami have left 12,157 people dead and 15,496 others unaccounted for in Japan by 10:00 am local time (0100 GMT).

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

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

Quake rocks Delhi, northern India, Nepal

NEW DELHI, 4 April—A moderate 5.7-magnitude earthquake shook the Nepal-India border region on Monday with tremors felt as far away as the Indian capital of New Delhi.

The epicentre of the quake was in the border region between Nepal and India, a seismologist at the Indian Meteorological Department said.

The quake struck at a depth of 10 kilometres (six miles), he said. "It was a moderate quake... with a shallow to moderate focal depth," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

No damage or casualties were immediately reported. The tremor was also felt in two towns in far western Nepal, Dhangadi and Mahendranagar, Nepal's private Avenues Television reported.

Internet



In this file photo, people crowd a market area in New Delhi, India. A moderate 5.7-magnitude earthquake shook the Nepal-India border region on Monday with tremors felt as far away as the Indian capital of New Delhi.

INTERNET

Japan says it may take months to end radiation leaks

TOKYO, 4 April— Japanese engineers put dye into radioactive water on Monday to check if they had managed to stop a leak from one reactor at the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant but one official warned it would be months before the crisis was under control.

In the face of Japan's biggest crisis since World War Two, one newspaper poll said that nearly two-thirds of voters want the government to form a coalition with the major opposition party and work together to recover from the massive damage from the 11 March earthquake and tsunami. Underlining the concern over the impact on the world's third largest economy, a central bank survey showed that big manufacturers expect business conditions to worsen significantly in the next three months, though they were not quite as pessimistic as some analysts had expected.—*Reuters*



Health



Allowing organ donation by people with HIV could save lives, experts say

NEW YORK, 4 April—About 500 HIV-positive patients a year could get kidney or liver transplants within months instead of years if the US Congress reversed a law that forbids people with HIV from being organ donors after they die, researchers say.

“If this legal ban were lifted, we could potentially provide organ transplants to every single HIV-infected transplant candidate on the waiting list. Instead of discarding the otherwise healthy organs of HIV-infected people when they die, those organs could be available for HIV-positive candidates,” senior study author Dr Dorry L Segev, an associate professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said in a

Hopkins news release. Segev and colleagues analyzed data from the Nationwide Inpatient Study and the HIV Research Network to estimate the number of people in the United States who are good potential organ donors except for the fact that they have HIV.

The researchers found similar numbers in each of the data sources: an average of 534 patients a year between 2005 and 2008 in the Nationwide Inpatient Study, and an average of 494 a year between 2000 and 2008 in the HIV Research Network. The study was released online 28 March in advance of publication in an upcoming print issue of the *American Journal of Transplantation*.—Internet



Surgeons perform heart surgery. A new type of heart valve made with cow tissue and inserted by catheter was hailed on Sunday as a major breakthrough that could eliminate the need for open heart surgery in some patients, US doctors said Sunday.—INTERNET



A health care volunteer works at a clinic in New Orleans in 2010. The effects of a major natural disaster can linger and cause heart attacks and other health woes for years, according to a study released Sunday of New Orleans residents after Hurricane Katrina.—INTERNET

Scientists spot four new Alzheimer's genes

NEW YORK, 4 April—The identification of four new genes associated with Alzheimer's disease is a major advance that will help improve understanding of what causes the condition, say scientists who pinpointed the genes.

Each of the genes individually contributes to the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease,

according to the study in the 3 April issue of *Nature Genetics*.

The four genes — MS4A, CD2AP, CD33 and EPHA1 — were identified after the team of scientists from 44 universities and research institutions in the United States analyzed genetic data from more than 54,000 people. Until this discovery, only four

genes had been confirmed to be associated with Alzheimer's. “This is the culmination of years of work on Alzheimer's disease by a large number of scientists, yet it is just the beginning in defining how genes influence memory and intellectual function as we age.

We are all tremendously excited by

our progress so far, but much remains to be done, both in understanding the genetics and in defining how these genes influence the disease process,” study leader Gerard D Schellberg, of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, said in a Penn Medicine news release.

Internet



Interpublic Facebook stake valued at \$200-\$300 million

PHILADELPHIA, 4 April—Advertising group Interpublic Group owns a stake in Facebook that could be valued at roughly \$200 million to \$300 million, *The Financial Times* reported.

The exact size of the stake has not been disclosed, but people close to Interpublic say it owns slightly less than a half percent of Facebook, the newspaper said in its electronic edition. Interpublic paid less than \$5 million for the stake in 2006, the newspaper said.

Interpublic's stake of 0.4 percent would be worth \$200 million, based on a Facebook valuation of about \$50 billion, the newspaper said.

Interpublic could not be immediately reached for comment.—Reuters

Business



Photo illustration of copper cathode sheets being loaded onto a truck in Shanghai. China's Minmetals Resources Monday said it will offer \$6.5 billion to buy copper-miner Equinox Minerals, in what would be the biggest Chinese takeover of an Australian resources firm.—INTERNET

Hyundai Heavy sets up research centre in Shanghai

SEOUL, 4 April—Hyundai Heavy Industries has set up a research centre in Shanghai in a bid to develop strategic products in the long run, the South Korea's top shipbuilder said Monday.

The new research centre will focus on developing global strategic products such as smart-grid, offshore wind

turbines and robot systems in the long term as well as construction equipment and engines targeting the rapidly-growing Chinese market, the company said in a statement.

Hyundai Heavy selected Shanghai as its global R&D site because the Chinese government is offering various supports, including tax incentives, to foreign R&D centres and many global firms such as Microsoft and General Motors are operating research centres in Shanghai, according to the statement.

The shipbuilder said the research centre will recruit 30 researchers from Asia, North America and Europe at the beginning, and it will hire 120 engineers by 2012 and 200 by 2013.

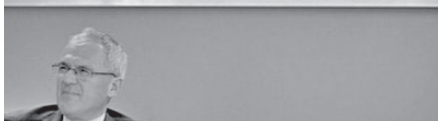
Xinhua

BofA is shedding branch offices

CHARLOTTE, 4 April—Bank of America said it would close 68 more underperforming branch offices in the coming quarter, including one in its hometown of Charlotte, NC.

BofA told investors in March the bank, known as a firm that thrives on expansion, intends to close 10 percent of its branches in the next two years. In a regulatory filing, it said it closed 43 branches in the first quarter. Bank spokeswoman Tara Burke said the number was actually 55 and explained the discrepancy was due to a “lag” between the calendar and the filing process.

The 68 additional closings would likely occur within the next 90 days, as they were posted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates Bank of America and requires 90 days of warning time for customers. Bank consultant Ken Thomas said the closings would likely hurt low-income areas. “What happens to the shopping centre or the neighbourhood?” when a branch office closes, he asked. BofA has not announced a number of branch offices it expects to close this year.—Internet



Vivendi's CEO Jean-Bernard Levy. Vivendi SA agreed to buy out Vodafone Group's stake in a French telecommunications giant, giving Vivendi full control of its biggest cash generator, The Wall Street Journal reported.—INTERNET

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker hosts lunch to Chinese guests

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here at 11.30 am today.

It was also attended by Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swar, deputy ministers, chairpersons, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees, departmental heads, officials, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials of Chinese Embassy.

With the accompaniment to Myanmar Orchestra and band, artistes performed songs during the lunch.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker presented Mr Jia Qinglin the photo album covering his visit.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Mr Jia Qinglin presented bouquets of flowers to troupe members and pose for documentary photo together with officials and artistes.—MNA

Chinese delegation pays homage to Shwedagon Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 4 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 is in Myanmar to pay goodwill visit, arrived at Yangon International Airport from Nay Pyi Taw by special flight at 3.30 pm today.

The Chinese delegation was welcomed at the air-port by Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region U Hla Myint, Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration and Population U Nyan Tun Oo, Minister for Electric Power, Energy, Industry and Construction U Kyaw Soe, Minister for Transport and Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Aung Khin and officials, responsible persons from Chinese Embassy.

The delegation proceeded to Shwedagon Pagoda. There, they were welcomed by Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration and Population of Yangon Region U Nyan Tun Oo, Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs Daw San San Nwe and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Sein Win Aung, Dr Tin Thein Lwin and responsible persons.

Mr Jia Qinglin signed the visitors' book and offered flowers and water to Buddha images.

Mr Jia Qinglin donated K500,000 for the Pagoda through Pagoda Board of Trustees. They presented certificate of honour to him. The delegation paid homage to the pagoda.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received the delegation at Sedona Hotel in Yangon at 7:20 pm.

Together with the Chief Minister at the call were Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin



Win, Minister for Security and Border Affairs of Yangon Region Col Tin Win, Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration and Population U Nyan Tun Oo, Minister for Agriculture, Economics, Commerce and Labour U Soe Min, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe and officials. And Mr Jia Qinglin was accompanied by Chinese

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

After that, the Chief Minister hosted a dinner to the delegation at the hotel. It was attended by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, the Yangon Region Ministers, the Chief Justice of Region High Court, the Advocate-General of Yangon Region, the Auditor-General of Yangon Region, officials, the Chinese Ambassador and responsible persons.—MNA

One civilian injured in KNU-planted landmine explosion

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — U Kywe of Naungkai village in Kawkaik Township of Kayin State was

injured in a blast of landmine planted by KNU insurgents while collecting firewood at about one and a half

miles southwest of the village at noon yesterday.

The injured, who lost his left ankle

of which the right counterpart was broken in the incident, was admitted to Kawkaik People's Hospital. Authorities are providing the victim with necessary assistances.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives CNPC President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by President Mr Jiang Jiemin of China National Petroleum Corporation of the People's Republic of China at President Office this evening.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Director-General U Min Zaw of President Office, and



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departmental heads and the Chinese Delegation was accompanied by

personnel concerned.

The meeting focused on progress in laying of

natural gas and crude oil pipelines and measures for enhancement of socio-

economic life of local peoples residing along the pipelines in mutually

beneficial cooperation of energy industry.

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Relief aids provided for storm victims

YANGON, 4 April—A ceremony to provide aids to storm-hit fishermen took place at the launch of Thakayta Jetty of Myanma Five Star Line in Thakayta Township here this evening.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Ministers of

Yangon Region—Minister for Finance and Revenue/Forestry and Meat and Fish U Than Myint and Minister for Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism Dr Myint Thein and officials concerned and social organization members warmly welcomed a total of 318 storm-hit fishermen at the jetty.

The Chief Minister of Yangon Region and party cordially greeted the victims and provided them with aids.

It is learnt that the storm victims would be sent back their homes.

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Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe providing storm-hit fishermen with aids.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives...

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Speaking on the occasion, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint said it is an honour for China to successfully hold the fourth meeting of the 11th National People's Congress and Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is willing to cooperate with the National People's Congress of the PRC. Myanmar will continue its relations with all global countries as well as with the neighbouring nations in accord with the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

Now, the friendship between the two countries has reached the strategic relations. In this context, it is needed to further promote contacts and cooperation between the two hluttaws. Myanmar will continue to cooperate closely with the UN, regional and other organizations and China.

It is hoped that the two nations will be able to forge the friendship and amity between the leaders, the people and the hluttaws of the two countries. With the consolidated cooperation between the two assemblies, the interests of the two nations can be

served more and more.

In his speech, Mr Jia Qinglin expressed his sympathy for the loss of life and property of the people in the eastern part of Myanmar caused by the earthquake. He then said sharing borders with each other, China and Myanmar are good neighbourly nations and their relations have been further promoted.

With the increase in the trade volume of the two countries, China has become the second biggest trade partner of Myanmar. Particularly, there has been more cooperation in various sectors such as hydropower projects and oil and gas projects.

China is grateful to Myanmar for its constant support of one China policy. China will continue to support Myanmar in the international issues for the latter's interests.

Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference is willing to cooperate with Amyotha Hluttaw in exchange of visits and training. With more close contacts, the economy and friendship between the two nations will be promoted more, he noted. — MNA

Chinese delegation proceeds to Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Chinese 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 left here for Yangon by special flight at 2:30 pm today.

They were seen off by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee Chairman U Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The delegation is accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.

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President U Thein Sein receives 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 Mr Jia Qinglin at President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

President U Thein Sein receives Chinese Delegation...

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In his discussion, Mr Jia Qinglin said that he was pleased and proud that Myanmar was able to hold election successfully and form a new

government in accord with the people's desire; that the frequent exchange of visits between the top leaders of the two nations led to construction of deep sea port, motor road, railroad and power plant projects as development of the two countries; that as practical cooperation had provided a foundation for promotion of friendly ties be-

tween the two nations, China would be cooperating with Myanmar in politics, economic and cultural development; that China would be mutually cooperating with Myanmar for stability of border regions; that China opposes any acts that can hinder the stability and development of Myanmar.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, ...

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the PRC signed Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Managing Director U Nyi Phyu Hla of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and President Mr Li Ruogu of the Export-Import Bank of China on First Tranche Facility Agreement under the RMB 30 Billion Credits Facility by and between the Export-Import Bank of China and Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Acting Director-General U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department under the Ministry of Energy and President Mr Jiang Jiemin of China National



Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Deputy Minister Mr Chen Jian of Ministry of Commerce of the PRC sign agreement.—MNA



Managing Director of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank U Nyi Phyu Hla and President Mr Li Ruogu of The Export-Import Bank sign agreement.—MNA

Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) on Letter of Intent Relating to Assistance in Constructing and Upgrading Myanmar Local Hospitals between Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and China National Petroleum Corporation, Brig-Gen Zarni Win of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Executive Deputy General Manager Mr Yin Jiaxu of NORINCO (G) on Production Sharing Contract for Sabetaung, Sabetaung South and Kyisintaung Copper Mines, Brig-Gen Zarni Win of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings

Ltd and Chairman Mr Xiong Shaohui of Guangdong Zhenrong Energy Co Ltd on Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for Five Million MTA Refinery Plant, Petrol and LPG Stations and exchanged notes.

Mr Jia Qinglin handed over relief aids donated by the Chinese Government for quake victims to Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

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Acting Director-General U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department and President Mr Jiang Jiemin of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) sign MoU.—MNA





**Brig-Gen Zarni Win of Union of Myanmar
Economic Holdings Limited and NORINCO
(G) Executive Deputy General Manager
Mr Yin Jiaxu of China sign agreement.**

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**Brig-Gen Zarni Win of Union of Myanmar
Economic Holdings Limited and Chairman
Mr Xiong Shaohui of Guangdong Zhenrong
Energy Co Ltd of China sign agreement.**

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Informal consultation on Myanmar Artemisinin Resistance Containment Framework held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Informal consultation on Myanmar Artemisinin Resistance Containment Framework, jointly organized by Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO), took place at Royal Kumudra Hotel, here, this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Directors-general and officials under the Ministry of Health, representatives from UN agencies, Anti-Malaria Drug Resistance, Project Director Dr Pascal Ringwald from WHO Global Malaria Programme, WHO advisor Dr Allan Schapira, WHO resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon and officials, director Dr Wichai Satimai from Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, heads of Region and State Health Departments, doctors, representatives from social and donor organizations and guests.

Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin delivered an opening speech, saying that in Myanmar, malaria is to be prevented and eradicated as first priority. Like in other South East Asia nations, malaria has been a public health problem in Myanmar. Malaria occurs in 284



Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressing Informal Consultation on Myanmar Artemisinin Resistance Containment Framework.—MNA

townships across the country, especially in rural areas and border areas. According to the figures of Department of Health, about 0.5 million people were infected with malaria in 2009 and 974 patients, dead. Now, prevention and eradication are being carried out. It needs to prevent Artemisinin-resistant problem. In doing so, participation of ministries relating to Ministry

of Health and companies is very important. Due to funds, drug-resistant control and prevention and eradication of malaria would be accelerated in the year to come.

The ceremony came to an end after Dr H.S.B Tennakoon made a speech. The consultation continues tomorrow.—MNA

Talks on environmental conservation held



Ambassador Chandrashekhar Dasgupta of the Ministry of External Affairs of India giving talks on environmental conservation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Indian Embassy in Yangon today jointly sponsored a lecture on Environmental Affairs by Ambassador Chandrashekhar Dasgupta of the Ministry of External Affairs in India, who was on a South-East Asian for sharing his thoughts and insights on international environmental issues, at Wunzinmyinza Hall of the ministry in Yangon this morning.

Altogether the relevant Myanmar authorities, Ambassador and staff of Indian Embassy and residing Ambassadors in Yangon, the Lecture was attended by Myanmar scholars who are well-versed in environmental affairs and made contributions to address these issues in their own ways as well as representatives of NGOs in environmental affairs.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussion with Chinese Delegation Leader Mr Jia Qinglin

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Myanmar Delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held a discussion with 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 at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Present on the occasion together with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw, Chairman of the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Win Sein, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rep-

resentatives Vetting Committee U Maung Oo, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Kun Myat, Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, Secretary of the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Than Myint, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Daw Mi Yin Chan, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyin Wan from Hopan Constituency of Wa Self-Administered Division, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Ni Naing from Laukkai Constituency of Kokang Self-Administered

Region, departmental heads and personnel and the Chinese Delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and personnel of Chinese Embassy.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that Myanmar would continue practicing independent and active foreign policy embracing five principles of peaceful co-existence; that he wanted to emphasize that Myanmar support One China Policy; that he much appreciate China's long support for Myanmar in international and regional affairs; that China's concepts, policies and actions for peace and development of the world would be practically beneficial to international peace and development; that Myanmar-China relation and cooperation have been promoted in political, eco-

nomical and cultural fields to strategic level; that it was learnt that Chinese People's Congress and the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference successfully held and fine and practical policies on politics and social affairs of the nation in coming five years had been laid down.

The Speaker praised Mr Jia Qinglin for being able to discharge the responsibilities of Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He added that he hoped that Mr Jia Qinglin would further cement friendly ties between the leaders, peoples as well as parliaments of the two nations.

Next, Mr Jia Qinglin said that he was proud of Thura U Shwe Mann for being appointed as the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann accepts office equipment donated by Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and presented by Mr Jia Qinglin.—MNA



Myanmar Delegation holds discussion with Chinese Delegation led by Mr Jia Qinglin at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann gives photo album to Mr Jia Qinglin.—MNA

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and thanked Myanmar Government for warmly welcome and hospitality.

He continued that he heard that the earthquake which occurred in eastern Myanmar claimed lives and caused losses; that he was sympathetic towards earthquake victims and his condolence went to families of earthquake victims; that the Chinese Government had donated US\$ 500,000 for rehabilitation works in the quake-hit region.

Myanmar was the first to establish diplomatic relation with China and Five Principles of Peace-

ful Co-existence first practiced by the two nations stood as model foreign policy in international relations. China and Myanmar, being friendly neighbours, had been able to bring about amity, development and mutual benefit of the two nations in cooperation.

For promotion of ties between the two nations, China and Myanmar should keep on exchanging frequent visits between top leaders of the two countries, exchange views on management of the two nations, and coordinate in international and regional issues, he suggested.

China wished Myanmar success of the 4th GMS Meeting to be hosted by Myanmar and congratulated Myanmar for its success in political transition. China will keep on supporting Myanmar and Myanmar's option of trend suitable to its objective conditions. After the discussion, Mr Jia Qinglin presented office equipment donated by Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference to Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presented gift to Mr Jia Qinglin and vice versa—MNA

Work efficiency and morality of service personnel representing the government deciding factor for emergence of clean government with good governance

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham who was in Kengtung of Shan State inspected regional development tasks of Kengtung yesterday.

Accompanied by member of the Union Government Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Myat (a) U Sao Aung Myat, Union deputy ministers, ministers of the state, departmental heads and national race entrepreneurs, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham paid homage to Buddha Images at the Dhammayon of Sontaung Pagoda of Swankham Monastery in Kengtung.

Next, they paid respects to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nyana Dhamma of the monastery and presented cash donation.

In meeting with medical superintendent and doctors, nurses and staff at the meeting hall of General Hospital in Kengtung, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham heard reports on Shan State (East) with the population of 0.83 million, better health care standard in Shan State (East) with the emergence of the hospital on 18 May 2003, current workforce of the hospital, organizational set-up, health care services being provided to patients, common diseases in the region and field trips made by the specialists.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views computer room of No. 4 BEHS in Kengtung.

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Minister for Health Dr Win Myint made a supplementary report.

Regarding the reports, the Vice-President fulfilled the requirements.

Then, the Chief Minister gave explained

comforted patients and provided them with cash assistance and foodstuff.

On his arrival at BEHS No. 4 in Kengtung, the Vice-President inspected Language Lab and Computer Room.

In meeting with the township education officer, the school head and teachers, the Vice-President fulfilled the requirements of the schools in the township.

The Vice-President presented K 1 million for the school and the Chief Minister handed over two sets of Sky Net DTH receivers worth K 360,000 to the school head.

At Thitabintaung resort, the Vice-President oversaw conservation of Kanyinphyu tree grown in 1753.

Next, the Vice-President proceeded to Moenai-Kengtung railroad construction project. At the briefing hall of the project, the Vice-President heard reports on progress in construction of Kengtung-Mongsat railroad section presented by the project engineer of Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and attended to the needs.

Then the Vice-President inspected progress of railroad at Kengtung railway station and the coach which is being put into service Kengtung-Wunkaung railroad section.

Afterwards, the Vice-President offered flowers, water and light to Khema Rahtta Standing Buddha Image in Kengtung. He presented K 1 million for the Buddha Image through the chairman of Board of Trustees and signed visitors' book.

At New Kengtung Hotel, the Vice-President met with state and district level departmental officials and leaders of national race cultural troupes.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash and foodstuff to patients at General Hospital in Kengtung.—MNA

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that he and party were there to fulfill requirements in quake-hit area. He intended to attend to the needs in Kengtung region. In the time of Tatmadaw government, requirements for the region have been fulfilled as much as they can. He urged them to inform him objective condition so that the Union Government will fulfill the requirements. He called on service personnel to do their duty respectfully.

Next, the medical superintendent and specialists reported to the Vice-President and Deputy

formation of Shan State government in accord with the Constitution.

Afterwards, the Vice-President presented K 10 million for the medical funds of the hospital through the medical superintendent.

Five wellwishers presented K 3 million for the Nursing Association in Kengtung and 10 sets of Sky Net DTH receivers worth 1.8 million for relax and recreation of patients. The medical superintendent spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Vice-President and party



Work efficiency and morality of service personnel...

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In Kengtung and Tachilek regions, the Union Government side by side with the state government is carrying

accomplished quickly due to genuine goodwill and correct leadership. So, staff from related departments and local people on their part are to cooperate in



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presenting cash donation to Kengtung General Hospital.

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out rehabilitation work. It is also the task of cooperation with the same goal. It is believed that all the work will be

the rehabilitation tasks. The new government is now trying its best to become a clean one with good

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressing meeting with State and District level departmental officials and national races cultural troupes leaders.—MNA

governance ensuring checks and balances in the three legislative, executive and judicial powers. Service personnel from respective states and regions need to work with correct procedures and discipline.

The important point is that the elected representatives and the personnel from departments here are the ones who have the responsibility to serve the interests of the people. In his regard, it has been prescribed that what the people want to know in the public interests can be asked in accord with the law in hluttaws. Moreover, a committee has already been formed to see whether the government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings could be implemented successfully.

Therefore, the work efficiency and morality of service personnel who are representing the government is the deciding factor for emergence of a clean government with good governance. While the government is working hard to achieve its set goals and shoulder the

duties conscientiously, the departmental staff and the people are to work cooperatively and unitedly.

Next, the Chief Minister explained formation of the state government.

Then the director of Shan State (East) Development Affairs Committee accepted K 1 million donated by U Aung Khin of Ngar Hnakaung company, K 50 million by five wellwishers and K 200 million by Ever Winner Co., for supplying more water in Kengtung.

Then the Chief Minister introduced members of the state government to the Vice-President.

Next, the Vice-President made concluding remarks and cordially greeted those present.

Afterwards, the Vice-President looked into Naungton Lake and development of Kengtung on a motorcade.

The Vice-President and party left there at 1.30 pm and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw via Heho in the evening.

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Minister U Tint Hsan meets Vice-Chairman of National Import and Export corporation of PRC



Minister U Tint Hsan receives Vice-Chairman Mr Wu Douyu of National Import and Export Corporation of the People's Republic of China and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received Vice-Chairman Mr Wu Douyu of National Import and Export Corporation of the People's Republic of

China and party at his office here this afternoon.

They held comprehensive discussions on hotel and tourism industry and sports sector. —MNA

Industry-2 Minister meets staff

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein met with staff at auditorium of the ministry on 1 April.

In his speech, the minister called on Industry-2 Ministry staff

to take responsibilities and abide by disciplines in realizing good governance and clean government. He also underlined the importance of improving production capacity, reducing environmental

pollution, minimizing wastage and curbing bribery and corruption.

The minister also urged the staff to gear up the revival of industrialization under the new administration.

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Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar (South of Java, Indonesia)

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a strong earthquake of

magnitude (6.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (South of Java, Indonesia) 2000 miles southeast of Kaba-aye

seismological observatory was recorded at (02) hrs (43) min (20) sec M.S.T 4th April 2011.

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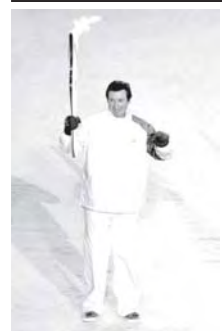
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Gretzky record puck sells for \$50K

MONTREAL, 4 April—The hockey puck Wayne Gretzky used to score his record-breaking 1,851st NHL goal sold for more than \$50,000 in a Montreal-based online auction. Classic Auctions said the puck from the October 1989 game, which put Gretzky over the 1,850 record set by

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremony for the 2010 Winter Olympics at BC Place in Vancouver, Canada on 12 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

Gordie Howe, was sold to an anonymous Canadian collector with a high bid of \$49,870, bringing the total price to more than \$50,000 with a buyer's premium, *Postmedia News* reported on Friday.

Classic Auctions President Marc Juteau said the puck was kept in storage for many years by a retired NHL timekeeper and recently sold to a private collector, who put it up for auction. Gretzky scored the goal while playing for the Los Angeles Kings in a game against the Edmonton Oilers.—*Internet*

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A Chinese man watches a large stingray swim by in Beijing's Blue Zoo aquarium, the largest of its type in Asia, on 31 March, 2011. The aquarium's main tank holds 3.5 million liters of artificially produced salt water that sustains a complete ecosystem and allows thousands of fish to thrive in as natural an environment as possible.—INTERNET

Ryan Reynolds wants Bullock for next film

HOLLYWOOD, 4 April—Actor Ryan Reynolds says he is ready and willing to co-star with Sandra Bullock again. Reynolds was Bullock's leading man in "The Proposal" in 2009 and is reportedly developing a new project that could be right for Bullock, "Access Hollywood" said on Saturday.

Reynolds said told "Access Hollywood" he would be thrilled to share a set with Bullock again. "I would love to do another movie with her," he said. "I would be a fool to say no to that." Reynolds also said he hoped the venerable Betty White, who also starred in "The Proposal," would be able to join the cast.—*Internet*

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Sneakers make digital music

PARIS, 4 April—Adidas said people visiting interactive installations in France can test a new shoe allowing dancers to create digital music with their foot movements. The company said the shoes, created by French designer Didier Brun, create digital music when wearers tap their toes or heels, the *New York Daily News* reported on Friday.

Brun said the shoes use tiny sensors in the soles to translate movements to music. "Generating live music requires very low latency, and creating a shoe-wearable wireless system was a real challenge," Brun wrote on his blog. "The dancers that operated on the video clip did train a lot to succeed in synchronizing to play the actual song," he said of a video released by Adidas.—*Internet*



Sandra Bullock

Burglary suspect decked in jewelry

FORT MYERS, 4 April—A shirtless suspected jewel thief was wearing between 50 and 100 necklaces when arrested, police in Florida said. Kenneth Rejendra Tannasee was charged with burglary and grand theft on Thursday, WBBH-TV in Naples reported. He was arrested not long after Ken Romano, who operates a jewelry store at the Flamingo Island Flea Market, arrived to open the business and found display cases open and items missing.

After Lee County sheriff's deputies got a call about a suspicious person and found Tannasee sitting in his vehicle wearing shorts and decked in necklaces, they summoned Romano to determine if they were his. "He looked like a 'mini Mr. T' at about 100 pounds," Romano said.—*Internet*

Mazzarri praises Napoli's never-say-die attitude

MILAN, 4 April—Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri paid tribute to his team's never-say-die attitude as they came back from the dead to beat Lazio 4-3 and move up to second in Serie A. Edinson Cavani scored a hat-trick as



Walter Mazzarri

Napoli remained hot on league leaders AC Milan's heels, pegging the gap between the pair to just three points with seven games to play.

And this result was in no small part due to Napoli's willingness to fight always to the final whistle, although they were also helped out by some errant refereeing. Lazio had gone 2-0 up early in the second half before two goals in a minute levelled matters.

Internet

Invincible Djokovic vanquishes Nadal at Miami ATP

MIAMI, 4 April—Novak Djokovic has done it again, defeating world number one Rafael Nadal 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) to win the ATP Miami Masters crown and remain unbeaten in 2011. Djokovic has now won all 24 matches he has played this year, the best start to a season since Ivan Lendl began 1986 25-0. The Serbian, ranked second in the world, has captured four titles, including the Australian Open, Dubai and, now, back-to-back elite Masters titles at Indian Wells and Miami, both with victories over Nadal in the finals.

"It's the best four months in my life, but it's only the start of the season," said Djokovic, who will remain at number two

behind Nadal for the time being, even though the Spaniard hasn't won since Tokyo in October. "It's a bit early to talk about getting that top spot in the rankings," Djokovic said. "Rafa is definitely the best player in the world now. If I want to have the number one ranking, I need to play consistently well throughout the whole year." As in the championship match at Indian Wells a fortnight earlier, Djokovic surrendered the first set to Nadal.—Internet



Rafael Nadal

Stacy Lewis wins 1st LPGA title at Kraft Nabisco

RANCHO MIRAGE, 4 April—Stacy Lewis spent her teen years in a back brace with scoliosis, becoming a star golfer after major corrective surgery. She lost a final-round lead at the US



Stacy Lewis hits her tee shot on the fifth hole during the final round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on Sunday.—INTERNET

Women's Open in her first pro tournament, but bounced back to become a solid — albeit winless — pro. Lewis' grandfather died the day before the Kraft Nabisco Championship began this week, but she stayed to honor the golf-loving 84-year-old who passed the game down to her.

So when Lewis went head-to-head with the world's top-ranked player on Sunday on the back nine at Mission Hills, she quieted her roiling nerves and outplayed Yani Tseng to win the LPGA Tour's first major by three strokes. No problem for a woman with a spine of steel. Lewis shot a 3-under 69 to finish at 13-under 275, rallying from an early two-stroke deficit while staring down Tseng, who blinked when Lewis showed a grit borne from years of hard work and struggle.—Internet

City boss Mancini targets top two finish

MANCHESTER, 4 April—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has set his sights on a top-two finish in the Premier League after claiming his refreshed players can get even better in the last seven games of the season. A crushing 5-0 victory over Sunderland at Eastlands on Sunday saw Mancini's expensively-assembled side climb above Chelsea into third place in the table.

Although Mancini said his side had left themselves too much to do to catch Manchester



Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini

United as they lie 10 points behind the leaders, the Italian believes that second place is not beyond his team.

Internet

Benitez eyes Premier League return



Former Inter Milan coach Rafael Benitez

LONDON, 4 April—Former Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez has set his sights on securing a job in the Premier League next season. Benitez left Liverpool at the end of last season after a six-year reign which included win-

ning the Champions League in 2005 and the FA Cup in 2006. The Spaniard then moved to European champions Inter Milan, but his spell in Italy came to a premature end when he was sacked just before Christmas.

Benitez has had several job offers from European and international teams since leaving the San Siro but none has tempted the former Valencia boss to return to management.—Internet

Rooney outburst could spark FA probe

LONDON, 4 April—Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney could face a Football Association (FA) probe after unleashing a foul-mouthed outburst into a television cam-

era during Saturday's 4-2 win over West Ham at Upton Park. As Rooney celebrated with United team-mates after completing his hat-trick from the penalty spot, the England star was caught uttering a series of audible expletives towards the camera.

Rooney's swearing

Female boxer shot by stepdad before bout in Berlin

BERLIN, 4 April—An undefeated female boxer from Germany was shot in her dressing room by her stepfather before a title fight, leaving her with injuries to her hand, knee and feet. Rola El-Halabi was struck at close range by a man who was once her manager. The injuries to the 25-year-old boxer are not life-threatening but could imperil her career.

El-Halabi was awaiting a bout with Irma Balijagic Adler of Bosnia for the vacant IBF lightweight title on Friday night when her 44-year-old stepfather entered her dressing room and shot her. He also shot two security guards before he was arrested, Berlin police said. The three victims were taken to a hospital for surgery. Sunday's edition of the Bild newspaper identified the gunman as Roy El-Halabi and reported that 800 spectators were evacuated from the arena.—Internet

S P O R T S

Woods gets in 18 holes of practice

AUGUSTA, 4 April—Tiger Woods made a quiet return to Augusta National on Sunday to complete a weekend of prac-



Tiger Woods

tice for the Masters, minus the media crush trying to document his every move. It was far different from last year. Woods had been away from golf for nearly five months while coping with the crisis in his personal life. His arrival at Augusta on the Sunday before tournament week was the first time the media had seen him on the golf course since Australia the previous November.

This time, he was one of several players soaking up a warm, peaceful afternoon with no fans on the property and no media allowed on the golf course except in the area near the first and 10th tees, and ninth and 18th greens. He played with Masters rookie Jeff Overton, and Rory Sabbatini joined them.—Internet

Mickelson wins Masters tuneup in Houston

HUMBLE, 4 April—Phil Mickelson feels pretty confident about his game heading into the Masters. The defending champion at Augusta outdueled Scott Verplank on Sunday to win the Houston Open by three shots, his first victory since earning his third green jacket last April. And it comes with a notable distinction.

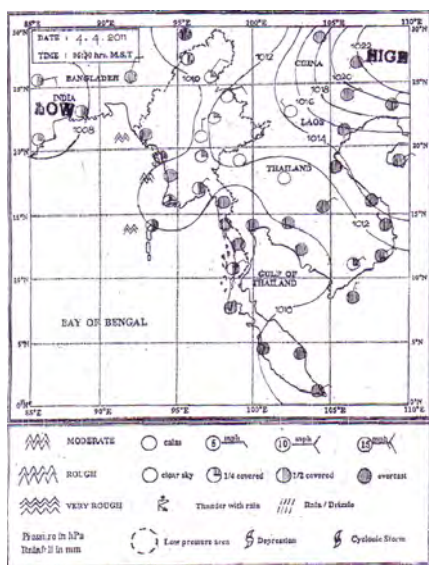
The win moved Mickelson's world ranking to No 3, while Tiger Woods

dropped to No 7. It's the first time Mickelson has been ahead of Woods in the ranking since the week before Woods won the 1997 Masters for his first major championship.—Internet

Scott Verplank, left, congratulates Phil Mickelson, right, on winning the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament on 3 April, 2011, in Humble, Texas.—INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 4th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, except for light rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Yangon Region and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (42°C), Monywa, Magway, Aungmye and Thein Zayaw (40°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 3-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 4-4-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4-2011 was (59%). Rainfall on 4-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 3-4-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 4-4-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4-2011 was (57%). Rainfall on 4-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 4-4-2011 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 South-East at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers as likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State 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 slight increase of day temperatures in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences go to our dear friend May Tha Hla and sister Wendy Tha Hla for the loss of their mother Ellen Jeanette Tha Hla aged 90, former wife of the late Dr. Tha Hla, (Retired Rector and Professor of Geology, Yangon University), who passed away in West Middlesex Hospital on 18th March 2011.

"A withering rose is cherished as she faded comfortably into the sunset."

We wish her eternal peace.

Ko Htay Aung, Tin Ohnmar Tun, Bryan, Theingi, Melvin, Win, Kyi Kyi May, KhinPhyu Wynn, Phyo and Thiri.



This handout picture, taken by Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) on 1 April, shows workers spraying resin on the ground near the reactor buildings. Three weeks after watching a massive wave smash into the Fukushima nuclear plant, Hiroyuki Kohno is heading back to the disaster zone to join crews struggling to avert a meltdown.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(5-4-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (5-4-11 09:30 am ~ 6-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * News
- * Zinathuka Yan Aung Chan Tha Reclining Buddha Image
- * News
- * Lacquerware Museum
- * Superior Diploma In Abhidhamma
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * The Upgrading Project of the Sittway Airport

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- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Bagan)
- * News
- * Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Tea"
- * News
- * One Day Trip to Snaka Village
- * Myanmar Movie "Love Be Win"



Tuesday,
5 April

View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun 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. Songs Of Yester Years

8:10 am

8. Myanmar

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:20 am

9. Dance of Thingyan Festival

8:35 am

10. Song Of National Races

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Dance of Thingyan Festival

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. The Mirror Images Of Musical Oldies

4:20 pm

3. Dance of Thingyan Festival

4:35 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

-Second Year (Zoology)

4:50 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. Telepay (Traffic)

5:10 pm

7. Sweet Melody

5:25 pm

8. Dance of Thingyan Festival

5:35 pm

9. Star Garden

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm

13. Sing A Song

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just for Laughs

19. 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

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Mr Jia Qinglin attend signing ceremony between Myanmar and China China donates relief aids to Myanmar quake victims



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives relief aids for quake victims in Myanmar by Chinese government from Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the PRC Mr Jia Qinglin.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—A ceremony to sign bilateral agreements between the governments of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, along with handing-over of relief supplies donated by the PRC Government to Tahlay quake victims, took place at the President Office here this afternoon, attended by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, and Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of PRC of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the PRC Mr Jia Qinglin.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Commerce Wunna Kyaw Htin U Win Myint, Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Brig-Gen Zarni Win of Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads, members of Chinese Delegation, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials of Chinese Embassy.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Deputy Commerce Minister Mr Chen Jian of
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