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Curriculum Vitae of H.E. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong was born on 12 April 1944. He holds a certificate in Personnel Management. After he had studied at the Secondary School and the Military Medicine School, Mr. Thongsing Thammavong became a teacher at Samneua Secondary School in Houaphan Province in 1963, and he also served as the school's Deputy Managing Director. Since then, he served in various capacities at different schools and college. He was promoted to Deputy Director General and then acting Director General of the Ministry of Education in 1976. He also served as the President of the Committee for Press, Newspaper and Radio of the Ministry of Culture.

He joined the Revolutionary Movement in 1959 and the Lao People's Revolu-

tionary Party in 1967. Before he became Alternate Member of the Party Central Committee and Deputy of Propaganda and Training Board of the Central Committee in 1982, he studied on Politic Theory and Administration from 1980 to 1981. He was appointed as the Minister of Culture from 1984 to 1988. He became the Secretary of the Party Committee in 1989 and has been a Politburo Member of the Party Central Committee since 1992. He was elected as Secretary of the Party Committee of Vientiane and Mayor of Vientiane Capital from 2002 to 2006.

He served as Vice-President and acting President of the People's Supreme Assembly of the 2nd Legislature from 1989 to 1991 and from 1991 to 1992 respectively. He was elected as President of the National Assembly of the 6th Legislature

from 2006 to 2010.

He was appointed as Prime Minister of the Lao PDR in 2011.—MNA



Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

School Environment Greening Day observed at basic education schools

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The ceremonies to mark the School Environment Greening Day for 2011-2012 academic year were simultaneously observed at all basic education schools across the nation today.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya

Aye, accompanied by Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, Director-General (Duty) U Ye Lwin Aung of No. 2 Basic Education Department and officials, attended the tree growing ceremonies to mark the School Environment Greening Day at No. 26 and No.

28 Basic Education High Schools in Mandalay and Mandalay Education College this morning and planted saplings there.

They viewed participation of teachers and students in growing vegetables, perennial trees and flowery plants at the schools.

MNA



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye plants sapling to mark School Environment Greening Day for 2011-2012 academic year.—MNA

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Normal life in Pakistan's port city of Karachi was disrupted as a main powerful ethnic group on Friday declared over deaths in the wave of recent violence, which has claimed lives of nearly 70 people in three days.



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French cement giant Lafarge will restart mining limestone in the country's mineral rich northeast after being given the go-ahead by India's Supreme Court, a company executive said Wednesday less.

PERSPECTIVES

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Have balanced, healthy diet

We should well know of the importance of vegetables and minerals in our diet to be resistant to diseases and for our good health.

Growing and consuming vegetables costs less and is good for our health. As a Myanmar saying that goes "All foods are medicinal", keeping a balanced diet daily is a good medicine.

We should choose organic fruit and vegetables rather than inorganic ones. If we consume inorganic fruits and vegetables, and vegetables with agents of pesticides and chemicals on them, we may face several types of health problems such as diarrhoea, vomiting, dizziness and cerebral and neuro problems. So, we should wash vegetables and fruit thoroughly before consumption.

Today, crops are grown on a commercial scale. Farmers must follow the directives in using chemical fertilizers for safety of consumers.

Therefore, every family should grow vegetables and fruit on a manageable scale in their home compound for additional income and safe consumption, which does not cost high but is good for our health.

Rural health centre branch opened in Myinmu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye on 8 July attended the opening of rural health centre branch in Gwebindaw Village in Myinmu Township.

Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Deputy Administrator of District General Administration Department U Myint Wai and Sayadaw U Nagabala on behalf of wellwisher Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana formally opened the branch.

The Chief Minister delivered an address at handing over of the rural health centre branch building to Health Department.

He viewed learning of students at Government Technical High School in ChaungU.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister attended the coordination meeting with entrepreneurs who are engaging in timber industry in Sagaing Region and gave necessary instructions.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Peoples' Dharma

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Union A&I Minister attends demonstration on modern cultivation



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attends demonstration on modern monsoon paddy cultivation system.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning attended the demonstration on modern monsoon paddy cultivation system on 30 acres of farmlands in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The Union Minister participated in modern monsoon paddy cultivation system together with deputy ministers, directors-general, managing directors and staff.

The Union Minister met 50 farmers from Shwekhe-in and Ngwekhe-in villages of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw who arrived there to

observe thriving high yield paddy plantation that can produce over 100 baskets of paddy per acre, sunflower plantation that can produce 50-60 baskets per acre and sugarcane plantation that can produce 60 tons per acre.

He explained conducting farming equipment operation course to farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township, arrangements for selling farming equipment to farmers through installment system, distribution and purchase of high yield paddy.

The study tour group visited paddy and crops plantations.—MNA

Travel Mart and Food Show reviewed



Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addresses Meeting on Travel Mart and Food Show.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Meeting on Travel Mart and Food Show was held at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan.

Chairman of Myanmar Tourism Board (MTB) Dr Khin Shwe explained facts about the show. After that, those present reported the Union Minister

on the show.

The Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services submitted the reports and Deputy Minister U Htay Aung gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, the Union Minister fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

More than 10,000 saplings planted in Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The monsoon tree-planting ceremony of Uppatasanti Pagoda took place in the precinct of the pagoda here yesterday where member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than

Htay planted a mango sapling.

The responsible persons of pagoda board of trustees and the Pobbathiri Township administrator planted saplings.

More than 10,000 saplings were planted in Uppatasanti Pagoda in this rainy season.

MNA

Roadside bomb kills district chief, injures seven others in W Afghanistan

QALA-E-NAW, 10 July—A roadside bomb went off in Afghanistan's western Badghis Province Sunday morning, killing the administrative chief of Muqur District and injuring seven others, a police spokesman in the region said.

"A bomb was placed in a roadside and detonated by a remote control device at around 08:00 am local time Sunday when the motorcade of Muqur District chief was traveling to provincial capital Qala-e-Naw," police spokesman in western Afghanistan Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

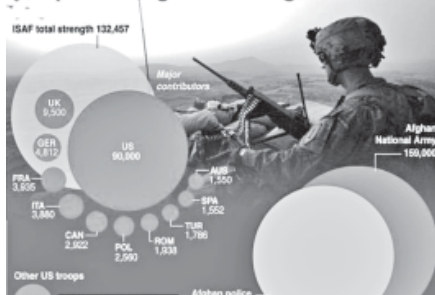
He said that as a result of the explosion, Muqur District Chief Mohammad Daud was killed and seven others including five police and two civilians were injured.

Xinhua



Afghans stand at the scene where a guard opened fire at a NATO-escorted reconstruction convoy in Dara, Panjshir Province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 July, 2011.
INTERNET

Troops on the ground in Afghanistan



Graphic showing the number of NATO and Afghan troops on the ground in Afghanistan.
INTERNET

Three NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 July—Continued militancy claimed the lives of three more soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Sunday, bringing the fatalities of the alliance to 297 so far this year, a Press release of the military alliance said.

Two of the ill-fated service members, according to the Press release, died following insurgents' attacks in the restive eastern and southern regions where Taliban militants are active.

The third soldier was killed in Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

blast, also in southern region, ISAF confirmed in its statement.

However, it did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Xinhua

Rebel attack kills three, injures 70 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 10 July—Three people were killed and 70 others injured in an alleged rebel attack in the southwestern Colombian Province of Cauca Saturday, local authorities said.

"We have three people dead and 70 others injured," as a result of an attack in the town of Toribio, said town mayor Carlos Banguero.

Banguero said the attack was conducted by men who apparently belong to the sixth faction of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the largest and best-equipped rebel group in Colombia.

It appeared the rebels used a car bomb and set it off at a market in the center of the town at around 10 am (1500 GMT), the mayor told local radio station RCN.

Xinhua



A man walks looks at his home that was destroyed after a car bomb and mortars exploded in Toribio, Colombia, on 9 July, 2011.

XINHUA

A cameraman works at a burnt clothing market in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 9 July, 2011. Normal life in Pakistan's port city of Karachi was disrupted as a main powerful ethnic group on Friday declared over deaths in the wave of recent violence, which police said has claimed lives of nearly 70 people in three days.—XINHUA



Israeli warplanes strike E Gaza

GAZA, 10 July—Israeli war jets launched missile strike early on Sunday in an area east of Gaza City, no injuries were reported, according to witnesses and security sources. They said that Israeli F16 warplanes hovered over Gaza City and fired a missile at the area of Jabal al-Rayes east of Gaza City, no injuries or damages were reported.

The Israeli airstrike on the area came shortly after unknown Gaza militants fired three homemade rockets from the area at southern Israel. Israeli Radio reported that the rocket attack caused no injuries or damages.

Xinhua

Three policemen killed, six injured in mine blast in Afghan Kandahar Province

KANDAHAR, 10 July—Three policemen were killed and six people injured when a mine went off in Kandahar City, the provincial capital of southern Kandahar province on Sunday morning, said a statement issued by local government here.

"Anti-government elements planted a mine in a roadside in precinct fifth of Kandahar City and detonated it at around 08:00 am local time when a police van was passing-by. As a result three policemen were killed and six people including three civilians were injured," said the statement.

Police has initiated an investigation into the case and all injured people were shifted to a provincial capital hospital in Kandahar City, 450 km south of the capital City of Kabul, the statement added.—*Xinhua*

Militants kill four deminer hostages in W Afghanistan

FARAH, 10 July—Armed militants killed four deminer hostages in Afghanistan's Farah Province, provincial police chief said on Sunday.

"Police have found the bodies of killed four deminer hostages late on Saturday," police chief of Farah Province, Syed Mohammad Roshandil told *Xinhua*.

Armed militants abducted 28 people including 24 de-miners and four drivers in Farah Province, 695 km west of the Afghan capital city of Kabul on 6 July.

Xinhua



A man sleeps on the dried river bed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 July, 2011, which is a common site for people who are addicted to drugs to gather together or to sleep.—INTERNET



A French worker adjusts machinery on a cement mixing truck at a processing plant of Lafarge, the world's largest cement maker, in Paris in 2010. French cement giant Lafarge will restart mining limestone in the country's mineral rich northeast after being given the go-ahead by India's Supreme Court, a company executive said Wednesday less.—INTERNET

Soon, smart specs to help 'blind navigate'!

LONDON, 10 July—Oxford University researchers, who have been inspired by the technology in Xbox Kinect games consoles and iPads, are developing 'cheap', 'smart spectacles' which promises to change the lives of thousands of blind people by allowing them to 'see'. The spectacles use tiny cameras and a pocket computer to alert wearers to objects and people ahead, reports the *Daily Mail*.

They will make it easier for the blind to navigate shopping centres and busy train stations, and could even allow them to 'read' bus numbers and the computerised displays on cash machines. Elderly people with age-related macular degeneration are likely to be the biggest beneficiaries of the glasses, which could be ready for general sale as early as 2014 if tests are successful. Importantly, a price tag of less than 1,000 pounds should make them affordable, the Royal Society's Summer Science Exhibition heard.

Dr Stephen Hicks, a clinical neuroscience researcher who is being funded by the Department of Health, said: "It is satisfying to think that we will be able to produce this at a cost that is going to make it available to the people who will benefit the most."

However, the bionic spectacles rely on the wearer being able to perceive light, so will not be suitable for those who are totally blind.—Internet

World's narrowest house in an alleyway in Poland is just 60 inches wide

LONDON, 10 July—Architects of a house built in an alleyway in Poland have claimed that it is the world's narrowest as it is just 60 inches wide.

The home, which comes complete with bedroom, lounge, bathroom and kitchen, is so narrow that the builders have abandoned a traditional staircase in favour of a ladder. Each of the four storeys goes back nearly 40ft with a room on each floor of the apartment, crammed into an alley between an old tenement block and a tower block in Warsaw, Poland.

"I saw the gap and just thought it needed filling. It will be used by artists," the *Daily Mail* quoted architect Jakub Szczesny as saying.

The first resident will be Israeli writer Etgar Keret after British historian Norman Davies turned down the chance to live there.

The world's official narrowest house, The Wedge, on the island of Great Cumbrae off Scotland's North Ayrshire coast, measures just 47 inches at the front - but spreads to 22ft as it moves back from the road.

It was sold as a holiday home in 2000 for 27,000 pounds.

"Ours is the same all the way through, so we are narrower for longer," one of the Polish design team said.—Internet



A fighting bull loses its balance during the third day of the San Fermin running-of-the-bulls on 8 July, 2011 in Pamplona, Spain. Pamplona's famous Fiesta de San Fermin, which involves the running of the bulls through the historic heart of Pamplona for eight days starting on 7th July, was made famous by the 1926 novel of US writer Ernest Hemmingway called 'The Sun Also Rises.'—INTERNET

The Secretary-General message on world population day

11 July 2011

This year's World Population Day falls during a milestone year, when we anticipate the birth of the earth's seven billionth inhabitant. This is an opportunity to celebrate our common humanity and our diversity. It is also a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for each other and our planet.

Reaching a global population of seven billion is a numerical landmark, but our focus should always be on people. That is why I am pleased that the United Nations Population Fund is giving meaning to the number by launching its campaign for "7 Billion Actions" to contribute to a better world.

More than ever, individuals can make a difference by uniting together through social networks and working for change. We have seen many examples this year of the immense power of people to embrace hope over despair, to seek fair treatment where they are suffering discrimination, and to demand justice over tyranny.

They are aspiring to attain universal rights that the United Nations proudly upholds and relentlessly works to realize.

When we act on our shared values, we contribute to our common future. Ending poverty and inequality unleashes vast human potential. Promoting the Millennium Development Goals fosters prosperity and peace. And protecting our planet safeguards the natural resources that sustain us all.

Later this year, a seven billionth baby will be born into our world of complexity and contradiction. We have enough food for everyone, yet nearly a billion go hungry. We have the means to eradicate many diseases, yet they continue to spread. We have the gift of a rich natural environment, yet it remains subjected to daily assault and exploitation. All people of conscience dream of peace, yet too much of the world is in conflict and steeped in armaments.

Overcoming challenges of this magnitude will demand the best in each of us. Let us use this World Population Day to take determined actions to create a better future for our world's seven billionth inhabitant and for generations to come.—UNIC/YANGON



A visitor walks in the painting market beside a river in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 9 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Rare monkey steals camera, snaps himself in Indonesia

LONDON, 10 July—In a rare incident, a monkey stole a camera from an award-winning British photographer in Indonesia and started clicking himself in different poses. The crested black macaque got fascinated seeing his reflection in the lens of the camera and hijacked it from 46-year-old David Slater, from Coleford, Gloucestershire.

And, soon the critically endangered monkey started snapping himself along with his kith and kin erratically, taking ill-focussed photographs.

Slater was on a trip to a small national park, north of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi when he met the incredibly friendly bunch. "One of them must have accidentally knocked the camera and

set it off because the sound caused a bit of a frenzy," the *Telegraph* quoted him as saying. "At first there was a lot of grimacing with their teeth showing because it was probably the first time they had ever seen a reflection."

"They were quite mischievous jumping all over my equipment, and it looked like they were already posing for the camera when one hit the button," he added. It was only after the primate clicked nearly a hundred snaps, that Slater got his gadget back.

"He must have taken hundreds of pictures by the time I got my camera back, but not very many were in focus. He obviously hadn't worked that out yet," he explained.—Internet

Now, hackers target Washington Post website, affecting 1.27 million users

WASHINGTON, 8 July—In the latest cyber-attack on US government agencies and corporations, hackers have targeted an online jobs database maintained by the flagship website of the Washington Post, that has affected about 1.27 million user IDs and emails.

The media company

informed users of its jobs board that an unknown third party had gained access to certain user IDs and email addresses in two separate incidents in June, Fox News reports.

No passwords or other personal information were accessed, according to the company.

The Washington Post said it is reviewing the

attack with law enforcement agencies and conducting an audit of its jobs site. The attack follows a spree of online break-ins that have targeted governments and corporations across the world. Earlier this week, a computer hacking group claimed to have defaced 74 Turkish government websites.—Internet

Five dead in fire in Russia's Siberian city

MOSCOW, 10 July—Five people died in a fire that broke out in a highrise building in the town of Omsk in southern Siberia, the *Interfax* news agency reported on Friday.

The fire on the eight floor of the nine-story building killed two women and three men, according to a local police source. One of the women died after throwing herself out of a window.

Firefighters evacuated 15 residents of the highrise, the source said. Investigators are trying to find out if the fire was caused by negligence or an arson. They said all people in the apartment were drunk.

This is at least the third largest fire which has caused heavy casualties in this city so far in 2011. In March, two separate fires in Omsk killed nine people in total, including four children.—Xinhua



A visitor views a sample of low-carbon construction material at China International Low-carbon Industry Exhibition, opened in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 July, 2011. XINHUA

Researchers successfully reprogramme brain cells into heart cells

LONDON, 10 July—Researchers have long anticipated that heart cells—the most sought-after cells in regenerative medicine—may help to repair injured hearts by replacing lost tissue and save millions of lives. While researchers have spent more than a decade trying to reprogram cell types in general, changing them into heart cells has so far been a stubborn challenge.

Now, a team at the

Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania is the first to demonstrate the direct conversion of a non-heart cell type into a heart cell by RNA transfer.

Working on the idea that the signature of a cell is defined by molecules called messenger RNAs (mRNAs), which contain the chemical blueprint for how to make a protein, the investigators changed

two different cell types, an astrocyte (a star-shaped brain cell) and a fibroblast (a skin cell), into a heart cell, using mRNAs.

“What’s new about this approach for heart-cell generation is that we directly converted one cell type to another using RNA, without an intermediate step,” says James Eberwine, a pharmacology professor at Penn.

Internet

Message for World Population Day 2011 Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, UNFPA Executive Director

This year, on October 31st, world population reaches 7 billion. This milestone represents a challenge, an opportunity and a call to action. Today on World Population Day, I am launching a campaign called 7 Billion Actions. It will engage people on what it means to live in a world with 7 billion people and encourage action on issues that affect all of us.

While poverty, inequality and increased stress on resources represent major challenges, the world is more interconnected than ever before, creating enormous possibilities. We now have unprecedented capacity to share information and ideas, and engage communities across the globe to solve common problems.

Reducing inequities and improving living standards for people alive today – as well as for generations to follow – will require new ways of thinking and unparalleled global cooperation. The moment to act is now.

Together, we can forge the future with young people, advance rights for girls and women, and safeguard the natural resources on which we all depend.

Protecting reproductive health and rights is fundamental to our collective future and sustainable development. Together we can meet the needs of some 215 million women in developing countries who want to plan and space their births but do not have access to modern contraception. Together we can prevent the deaths of 1,000 women every day from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

When women and adolescent girls have rights and opportunities, their families, communities and nations prosper.

We have an opportunity and responsibility to invest in the world’s 1.8 billion adolescents and youth aged 10 to 24. They constitute more than a quarter of the world’s population and almost 90 per cent live in developing countries. Every young person deserves education, including sexuality education, and access to comprehensive health services. With the right policies, investments and social support, young people can enjoy healthier lives free of poverty and enhance prospects for peace and stability.

As the most interconnected population, young people are already transforming society, politics and culture. By more actively engaging women and young people, we can build a better future for all generations.

Today on World Population Day, visit 7BillionActions.org to learn about the key issues and find out how you can join the movement. Individual actions multiplied many times over can make a world of difference. Together we are 7 billion people counting on each other.—UNIC/YANGON



Fireworks illuminate the sky over the Xiangjiang River in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province, on 9 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Sports help ease aggression in children

WASHINGTON, 9 July—A Tel Aviv University researcher has found that sports help to ease aggression in children, particularly in boys.

Keren Shahar, a PhD student at Tel Aviv University’s Bob Shapell School of Social Work, has statistical evidence that sports participation is beneficial to a child’s cognitive, emotional and behavioural well-being.

Shahar conducted her study, which included 649 children from low socio-economic backgrounds, under the supervision of Prof Tammie Ronen and Prof Michael Rosenbaum.

She stated that over the course of her study, a

continuous program of various sports helped improve self-control and discipline and lowered feelings of aggression in the children overall. Shahar’s research showed that boys benefited most from the sports programming than their female counterparts.

Shahar reasons that girls do not often suffer from the same aggression problems as boys, and are less likely to exhibit a passion for sport. The study was recently presented at TAU’s Renata Adler Memorial Research Centre for Child Welfare and Protection Conference.

Internet



The second survivor receives medical treatment after being pulled out from a collapsed coal mine in Heshan City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 July, 2011.—XINHUA



Atlantis crew to inspect heat shields

CAPE CANAVERAL, 10 July—The agenda Saturday for the four astronauts on the final US space shuttle mission included inspection of the heat shields on the *Atlantis*.

The programme for the first full day in orbit includes inspection of the heat shields to make sure they were not damaged during liftoff Friday, *Florida Today* reported. Analysts at National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters in Houston reported no obvious damage from a preliminary inspection of images of the blastoff.



Space Shuttle Columbia launches for the first ever Shuttle launch on 12 April, 1981, at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Atlantis is currently on the final Shuttle mission 30 years later.—INTERNET

Visual inspection of the shields has been standard operating procedure since 2003, when the *Columbia* broke up on re-entry.

The mission is commanded by Chris Ferguson and piloted by Doug Hurley, joined by specialists Sandy Magnus and Rex Walheim. They were awakened at 4 am EDT by “Viva la Vida” by Coldplay.

Atlantis blasted off Friday morning from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. The mission’s main purpose is to carry a load of supplies to the International Space Station.—*Internet*



New research finds that pterosaurs, flying reptiles from the time of the dinosaurs, were not driven to extinction by the birds, but in fact they continued to diversify and innovate for millions of years afterward.—INTERNET

Feast-or-famine effects on fish studied

SEATTLE, 10 July—US researchers say they’ve found why predatory fish have a far greater digestive capacity than they actually need, and it’s all about feast versus famine.

Scientists at the University of Washington say extra-large guts allow them to gorge on food when it is plentiful so they can store the calories for use in lean times, *PhysOrg.com* reported Friday.

The researchers studied 38 species of predatory fish and found their digestive systems were around two or three times larger than they need to be in average conditions.

The large gut allows them to capitalize on “pulses of food abundance,” which requires a high digestive capacity, the researchers said, but maintaining that capacity is costly in energy terms when food is scarce and a large gut is not needed.

Numerical simulations of the trade-off between having excess digestive capacity and the metabolic cost of the extra guts suggest it benefits fish only if they experience irregular periods of feast and famine, the researchers said.

Internet

Singapore museum raises funds to buy three dinosaur fossils

SINGAPORE, 10 July—The upcoming Natural History Museum in Singapore launched a drive on Sunday to raise 12 million Singapore dollars (9.8 million US dollars) by the end of the month to buy three dinosaur fossils from a company in Wyoming, the United States.

The three dinosaurs on offer from the company Dinosauria International, thought to be a family, were found between 2007 and last year in the United States, *the Straits Times*

reported on Sunday.

Appollo and Prince, the two adult diplodocid sauropods, is about 24 meters long, while the baby Twinky is about 12 meters.

The natural history museum is expected to be completed by 2014. The three dinosaur fossils will cost 870 million Singapore dollars, and an additional 370 million Singapore dollars will be spent to set up the exhibition.

Xinhua



Navigate Pitchfork Music festival with an iPhone app

CHICAGO, 10 July—Lovely, image-based scheduling app Diacarta has partnered with Pitchfork Media to create the first-ever iPhone app for the annual Pitchfork Music Festival in Chicago.

“The festival grounds aren’t overly complicated and are simple to navigate,” says Pitchfork President Christopher J Kaskie, explaining why the fest didn’t previously have its own app.

“The Chicago Reader was a fine way to have our schedule laid out, but it was on newspaper, back pockets get hot, and it was a little big. This will make things much easier in 2011.”

The app is extremely easy to use: Click on schedule and scroll through the acts playing on each of the three days of the fest. Click on a band for more info and tap the “Plus” sign to add a show to your calendar.

Your calendar comes in the form of three clocks — one for each day — with the bands situated around the face at the time they perform. You can also share your schedule or an individual band via Facebook or Twitter, and check out a map of Union Park, where the fest takes place.

Although the Pitchfork 2011 app [iTunes link] is lovely, it lacks some features that would have made it a more complete package — like the option to listen to tracks by bands at the festival.

Push notification reminders would have been a handy addition as well. Still, as Kaskie says, this is a relatively small music festival.

There are three stages, and if you stand in the middle of the arena, you can basically turn around to see who’s playing. So perhaps a fancy app isn’t really in order.—*Internet*

Crayola ColorStudio HD brings Interactive creativity to iPad

WASHINGTON, 10 July—Griffin Technology has partnered with Crayola to create Crayola ColourStudio HD, an accessory and app combo that blends colouring with mobile technology.

Crayola ColorStudio HD pairs an iPad drawing app with iMarker, a marker-shaped digital stylus. iMarker combines the functionality of several tools (marker, crayon, pen, and paintbrush), which let children interact with animated coloring book pages that move and react while being colored. Crayola ColorStudio HD also generates custom-produced pictures, animations, sound effects, and music and other special effects.

“We love creating technology for kids, and our partnership with Crayola allows us to elevate their signature blend of kid-friendly creativity into the digital world,” said Mark Rowan, president of Griffin Technology. “ColorStudio HD is the first of many offerings

to come from this exciting partnership.”

“We’re thrilled to collaborate with Griffin Technology to bring a timeless children’s activity to life in an amazing new way,” said Warren Schorr, head of Crayola licensing. “Crayola ColourStudio HD ushers coloring into the 21st century by turning the iPad into an interactive coloring book that morphs and transforms as kids digitally color.”

Crayola ColourStudio HD is able to differentiate between inputs from a child’s finger and iMarker, letting them manipulate both the creative space and colour without having to toggle between app modes. The ColorStudio HD App includes more than 30 animated coloring pages, pictures, sound effects and music. Artwork can be emailed to others, uploaded to Facebook, or even printed directly from iPad to any AirPrint-enabled printer.

Internet



The SMART-WAY navigation application guides users through the labyrinths of local public transport networks in real time.

INTERNET

Rural development at core of national development

Lin Let

In Myanmar, about 70 per cent of the population of about 60 million are rural people, the majority of whom live at or below the poverty line. Living on agricultural farming and raising farm animals, rural folks are the major workforce of the country. Local people in rural areas live in poverty not because they are lazy but because they lack capitals for their businesses.

Due to the five rural development programmes adopted and implemented by the State Peace and Development Council (Tatmadaw government), rural areas enjoyed development to some extent, but are still poor. According to the statistics collected jointly by the United Nations Development Programme and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar's poverty rate has dropped from 32 to 26 per cent. To meet the Millennium Development Goal (MDG), Myanmar's poverty rate will have to be reduced to 16 per cent by 2014-2015.

Formation of microfinance institutions is aimed at providing loans to alleviate poverty and improve the socioeconomic status of people of ordinary class. Microfinance institutes have two major functions: to provide microfinance and save money. To get micro loans, people of ordinary class do not need to mortgage anything.

In general, banks cannot provide loans for people of ordinary class who have nothing to mortgage. So, many cottage and small-scale industries have to get money from lenders and mortgage entrepreneurs at the monthly interest rate of 20 per cent. Farmers and workers also have to borrow money from capitalists at the same interest rate.

To encourage development of microfinance industry in Myanmar, UNDP introduced Human Development Initiative (HDI), a preliminary project, to Myanmar through a special memorandum of understanding in 1997. As part of HDI, micro loans were provided through non-governmental organizations in Ayeyawady Region (Delta), arid zones and Shan State.

At present, banks, cooperative societies, entrepreneurs, NGOs, INGOs and social organizations are running microfinance enterprises in their targeted regions. So, not all the regions have access to that opportunity. According to data, the organizations that run microfinance industry are the Central Cooperatives Syndicate Ltd, Region and State Cooperative Syndicates, rice and peas trading

companies, Chancellor Agricultural Merchandising, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Microfinance Scrutiny Board, the Myanmar Economic Bank, the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank, Private Agency Collaborating Together (PACT Myanmar), Save the Children (Dawn Microfinance Project), Group de recherche et d'Charge Technologies (GRET), Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA), Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), CARE Myanmar (Care International in Myanmar), World CONCERN (World Concern Myanmar), Total (Yadana Suboo Microfinance), National YWCA, World Vision, and Pyoe Pin Program. They operate their functions with their own plans, rules and regulations and procedures. However, Myanmar has yet to lay down a systematic system to operate the entire microfinance.

The three-day National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was conducted in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 May with the aim of improving the socioeconomic life of rural folks and relieving their poverty by creating more job and business opportunities in rural areas.

At the opening of the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation on 20 May 2011, the President said that microfinance industry was an important drive for the nation; that poverty meant insecurity of food, lack of secure shelters, having no enough medical fees in spite of illness, and being worried about the future due to the fact that they could not afford school fees for their children; and that microfinance was a tool for alleviation of poverty.

The workshop adopted the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation: development of agricultural productivity, development of livestock breeding and fisheries, development of small-scale rural productivity, development of microfinance institutions, development of cooperative tasks, development of rural socio-economy, development of rural energy, and environmental conservation. To implement these tasks, the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was formed with the President as chairman on 10 June.

Then, the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was formed with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham as chairman to speed up implementation of the eight tasks laid

down by the Central Committee in cooperation with the work committees of Regions and States.

To implement one of the eight tasks, the Union government formed the Subcommittee for Development of Microfinance Institutions on 7 July. The subcommittee chaired by the Minister for Finance and Revenue is pursuing Action Plans it has adopted.

Myanmar needs to draw and promulgate necessary laws and rules to run microfinance institutions and to form an organization to supervise and expedite the tasks of the institutions in line with the laws and rules.

Experts, scholars, departmental officials and representatives from microfinance institutions held talks several times for systematic operation of microfinance enterprises. Now, they have formulated the fifth draft for Microfinance Law. So, Microfinance Law will soon be brought into force.

The subcommittee plans to launch microfinance industry in accordance with the notifications and directives before the Hluttaw approves the Microfinance Law.

Now, the government is taking measures for providing legal protection on microfinance. So, the people should take part in the measures with heart and soul. In particular, the people should save money individually or in groups in microfinance institutions in the interest of the nation, the borrowers and in their own, instead of saving their money in banks for interests, keeping their money in their home, or investment in other businesses such as housing estates and the auto market. In the past, loans could not be provided if a borrower did not mortgage a belonging. Now, related laws have guaranteed loans. So, microfinance industry is worth it to invest in as it keeps good balance between the interests of the lenders and borrowers.

In conclusion, the new government is implementing the tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation in all seriousness as a national duty. The Millennium Development Goal—to alleviate poverty by 2015 is expected to pick up momentum soon, when good governance goes faster.

In the near future, people of ordinary class will have easy access to microfinance. Only with development of microfinance industry will it be possible for farmers and workers who are of ordinary class to enjoy high socioeconomic status of resulting from, and it will bring credit to the nation.

Translation: MS

Selected Myanmar athletes leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 10 July — Selected Myanmar Martial Arts Athletes Team left for Malaysia this morning, to contest Third Pencak Silat Competition to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 10 to 15 July.

Myanmar Martial Arts Federation President Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni and officials saw off the athletes at Yangon International Airport.

Team leader Daw Yuan Sai Ein, three coaches, five sportsmen and three sportswomen departed with the group.—MNA

President Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni and officials of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation see off selected Myanmar athletes at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Censuses and citizenship scrutiny cards to be issued within fixed period

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met departmental personnel, community elders and staff at Myothit Immigration and National Registration Department in Magway Region on 8 July.

The Union Minister explained guidelines on issuing censuses and citizenship scrutiny cards within fixed period with fixed charges, and programmes to be coordinated with other departments. He gave instructions and looked round the archive of the department. The Union Minister, in the afternoon, met villagers of Phonegyi Village in Myothit Township and explained programmers for easily issuing of censuses and citizenship scrutiny cards and replied the queries of the villagers.—MNA



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi meets departmental personnel, townsenders and staff at Myothit Township Immigration and National Registration Department.—MNA



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addresses ceremony to present agricultural loans and inputs to farmers by Zalun Ayeya Paddy Company.—MNA

Regional development work in Zalun Township inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July – Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung visited Zalun Station on 8 July and left instructions on timely completion of Hinthada-Satkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad section and worksite safety.

Next, the chief minister and party attended the opening of Zalun Ayeya modern rice mill and a cash donation ceremony for the medicine funds for Zalun

Hospital (25-bed). The donation totalled K 6,100,000.

Then, the chief minister attended a ceremony to provide agricultural loans and inputs by Zalun Ayeya Rice Company.

Later, he proceeded to Hsantan embankment in Hsantan Ward in Zalun, inspected maintenance of Zalun bank of Ayeyawady River and watercourse and left instructions.

MNA

First round of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued for the first round matches today.

At No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Rail Transportation beat Union Supreme Court 4-2; Construction Ministry routed Commerce Ministry 5-1 at

No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground; and Industry-1 Ministry won over Energy Ministry 2-1 at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu enjoyed the first round match at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.

Tomorrow fixtures are Transport Ministry vs Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Labour vs Ministry of Mines at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and Science and Technology Ministry vs Industry-2 at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—MNA



Players of Industry-1 Ministry and Energy Ministry controlling the football at first round of 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.—MNA



Five economists of Harvard Economics Team led by Mr Thomas J Vallely meet Vice-Chairman U Hla Maung Shwe and party of Myanmar Rice Industry Association.—MNA

MRIA meets Harvard's economists

YANGON, 10 July — Vice-Chairman U Hla Maung Shwe, General Secretary U Ye Min Aung, Joint Secretary U Aung Zaw Oo and Treasurer U Thadde Hein of the Myanmar Rice Industry Association received

five economists led by Mr Thomas J Vallely of Harvard Economics Team at the federation head office here on 22 June.

They held discussions on development of rice production in Myanmar.—MNA



Local and foreign gem merchants bidding for jade lots at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.
(News on page 16)—MNA

Micro-credit scheme discussed in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win yesterday afternoon attended the meeting on micro-credit scheme at the hall of Bago Region Government.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister stressed the need to alleviate poverty rate while carrying out rural development. Those implement-

ing the micro-credit scheme must be admirable with good characteristics and philanthropic spirit. He called for compilation of accounts correctly.

Chairman of Central Cooperative Ltd U Khin Maung Aye explained cooperative micro-credit scheme and replied to queries raised by those present.

MNA

Construction Ministry concludes three training courses

YANGON, 10 July — Altogether 84 trainees of the Ministry of Construction finished training courses at the central training school here yesterday.

The 6-week three refresher courses concluded with address by Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint. Forty-nine trainees attended the

refresher course for junior engineers (civil), 20 trainees participated in the housing management course and 15 trainees in the other course. — MNA



Chin State holds tree-planting ceremony for sixth time this monsoon on 9 July at Yone Hill where Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai planted a sapling. State ministers, state/township level departmental officials, staff, members of social organizations and local people planted 2282 trees at the ceremony. Falam and Mindat Districts also held similar ceremonies the same day, planting 1820 trees.—MNA

Kanhtooma station Hospital put into service in Taze Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye inspected cultivation of land for growing monsoon paddy in Khabaungkyaing village on YeU-Taze road

on 9 July.

The Union Ministers and the Chief Minister attended opening of Kanhtooma station Hospital and Basic Education High School.

Union Minister U Win Myint, the Chief Minister and wellwishers donated K 3.9

million for fund of station hospital and Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye, 300 dozens of books for BEHS.

The Chief Minister looked into extension of motor road near Kanthit village on YeU-KhinU.

MNA



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win addresses meeting on micro-creditscheme.

MNA

Schools filled with greening activities

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July — Teachers and students volunteered to grow and nurture plants at schools nation-wide today to mark the school environment greening day today.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu today visited No.2 Basic

Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri and planted a tree to mark the school environment greening day which falls on 10 July this academic year.

The deputy minister also encouraged the activities at No 13 BEHS, No. 3 BEHS in Nay Pyi

Taw Pobbathiri, No.1 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana and No. 14 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri townships.

The green activities were carried out at schools and education colleges across the country today.

MNA

Inter state/region basketball tourney kicks off

YANGON, 10 July — The 42nd inter state and region men and women's basketball tournament was opened at the gymnasium of Aung San Stadium here this morning.

Defending champions Sagaing Region women's team and Shan State men's team presented their trophies to Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department.

Next, Director-General U Thaung Htaik delivered an opening speech and formally opened the tourney.

Defending champion Shan State men's

team played against Rakhine State team. Eleven men's teams and eight women's teams are participating in the tournament that lasts from 9 to 15 July. — MNA

**The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.**

A glass of milk could contain painkillers, antibiotics

LONDON, 10 July —Scientists have found that a glass of milk may contain up to 20 painkillers, antibiotics and growth hormones.

Through a highly sensitive test, scientists found a host of chemicals used to treat illnesses in animals and people in samples of cow, goat and human breast milk, Daily Mail reported.

Though the doses of drugs were far too little to create an effect on anyone drinking them, the results highlight how man-made chemicals were now found throughout the food chain.

The highest quantities of medicines were found in cow's milk. Researchers believe some of the drugs and growth promoters were given to the cattle, or got into milk through cattle feed or contamination on the farm.

A Spanish-Moroccan team analysed 20 samples of cow's milk bought in Spain and Morocco, along with samples of goat and breast milk.

Their breakdown, published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, revealed that cow's milk contained traces of anti-inflammatory drugs niflumic acid, mefenamic acid and ketoprofen - commonly used as painkillers in animals and people.

It also contained the hormone 17-beta-estradiol, a form of the sex hormone oestrogen. The researchers claim their new 30-minute test is the most sensitive of its kind. If the findings are true for Spanish and Moroccan milk, they could equally be true for milk produced in Britain and northern Europe.

Internet



A visitor poses with a staff member dressed like a cartoon figure at the seventh Chinese International Cartoons and Games Exposition (CCG Expo) in the China pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo, in Shanghai, east China, 7 July, 2011. The 7th CCG Expo kicked off here on Thursday.—XINHUA



Citizens walk past the Tianjin World Financial Center (TWFC) in Tianjin, north China, on 7 July, 2011. The commerce experience zone of TWFC opened on Thursday, marking the trial operation of the 336.9-meter-high skyscraper. The 79-floor building is the highest one in Tianjin. XINHUA

New electronic musical instrument called 'AlphaSphere' unveiled

LONDON, 10 July —A brand new electronic musical instrument called the AlphaSphere, which was invented by a team of Bristol sound engineers, has been unveiled.

Adam Place came up with the idea at his university after growing bored with conventional keyboards to play synthesized music.

"On a keyboard, the keys are just controllers, they're not really like notes on a piano," the BBC quoted Place as saying.

"But with the AlphaSphere, the notes change as you press harder and harder, you really engage with the instrument, and you can perform with it," he said.

Forty-eight pressure pads are arranged round a sphere, like a large football, and when one pad is pressed the sphere plays a drumbeat. But press a little harder and the beat accelerates.

Another might be programmed with a chord with added harmonics coming in when you press the pad harder.

The Alphasphere may or may not take off with musicians but as a business idea it is already winning approval.

Adam and his friends will be showing off their invention at a garden party in Bristol, which brings hi-tech entrepreneurs and inventors together with investors and big firms.—Internet

Meet the world's best singing parrot

LONDON, 10 July—A parrot at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida, is attracting crowds with his amazing singing skills.

The animal, called Groucho, knows seven songs, including 'Jingle Bells' and 'How Much Is That Doggy In The Window'. "I was impressed. That is

probably one of the highlights of the kids' day," the Sun quoted one viewer as saying.

Groucho has been named the World's Best Singing Parrot by US chat show host Jay Leno and has performed with a symphony orchestra.—Internet



Artists perform during celebrations at the main square in Cuzco, 7 July, 2011. Peru celebrates on Thursday 100 years of the scientific discovery of Machu Picchu by US adventurer and archaeologist Hiram Bingham. Machu Picchu, "The Lost City of the Incas", was elected as one of the 7 New Wonders of the World in July 2007.—XINHUA

Palestinian popular dancers perform a folklore dance "Dabka" during Palestine International Festival in the West Bank city of Nablus on 7 July, 2011. XINHUA



"Priceless" 12th-century book stolen in Spain

MADRID, 10 July—The Codex Calixtino, an illustrated manuscript in twelfth century, has disappeared from the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, local authority said Thursday.

The Codex Calixtino used to work as a guide to pilgrims making the journey to the city of Santiago de Compostela in the middle age.

The beautifully illustrated book included introduction and advice, as well as sermons, miracles and associated religious writings.

The Codex Calixtino is made up of five books and two appendices and is widely considered as one of the most important works of Spain's

religious and artistic heritage with an incalculable value.

The book was kept in a sealed chamber and protected by an alarm system in the Cathedral.

Its disappearance was first noticed by one of the workers responsible for the Cathedral archives at 8 PM Tuesday. After three hours of searching he notified the police of the disappearance.

Early indications were that the book had been stolen, possibly by an organized band who could be working under orders of a specialized collector, but as yet no further details have emerged.

Internet



Tourists play in a park in central Moscow, capital of Russia, 9 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Second small plane intercepted near Obama's weekend getaway

WASHINGTON, 10 July—US Military on Saturday evening said a second small plane was intercepted near Camp David, where President Barack Obama is spending the night.

A Cessna 210 was intercepted at 6:56 pm near the Presidential retreat in Maryland. Two F-15 fighter jets were sent to escort the plane out of the restricted area, said the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

Earlier in the afternoon, another civilian aircraft was escorted out of the Camp David area. It was out of radio communication, and flew into the area just after noon. Fighter jets intercepted the plane and directed it out of Camp David airspace. The plane landed without incident.

Obama is spending part of the weekend at the presidential retreat. According to the White House, he left Washington D.C. earlier in the day, and is to head back Sunday to broker a deficit deal with congressional budget negotiators.—Internet

Tsunami warning issued after quake hits Japan

TOKYO, 10 July —A powerful earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck off the eastern Japan coast Sunday, prompting the authorities to issue a tsunami warning.

The quake occurred at 9:57 am (0057 GMT), Xinhua reported. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage to property.

The epicentre was some 200 km from the coast of Miyagi Prefecture and occurred at a depth of 10 km under the seabed, said Japan's meteorological agency.

The temblor was felt in Tokyo and many eastern cities. The bullet train service was temporarily halted in northeastern Japan, media reports said.

A tsunami warning was issued for Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures. A small tsunami of up to 50 cm was expected along the affected region.

No abnormalities were reported by the Tokyo Electric Power Co at the Fukushima nuclear power plant following the quake, said Kyodo news agency.



This still image taken from NHK footage shows the geographic location of the epicenter of the earthquake that happened near east coast of Japan, 10 July, 2011.

XINHUA

On 11 March, a massive earthquake and an ensuing tsunami devastated Japan's northeast coastline, leaving around 14,000 dead and crippling the nuclear facility in Fukushima.—Internet



Policemen take over the site where Argentine songwriter and singer Facundo Cabral was killed in Guatemala City, capital of Guatemala, 9 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Suspicious package in Chicago turns out to be false alarm

CHICAGO, 10 July—Authorities said a suspicious package which led to an evacuation in the Millennium Park in downtown Chicago turned out to be a false alarm, *Chicago Sun-times* reported on Saturday.

Police said in a statement issued on Saturday that the package they found near the Cloud Gate sculpture turned out to be two bricks. The bricks were wrapped in duct tape, said a police officer at the scene.

"Further investigation revealed the device apparently had been left behind by subjects participating in a role-playing event," the statement said.

Three suspects were questioned in

connection with the incident. Two were released late on Saturday, but one remained in custody, an officer on the scene said.

The incident caused a huge response from local police and fire departments. The Bomb and Arson Unit was called to investigate, and a Level 1 Hazmat was called by the Chicago Fire Department.

The area surrounding the sculpture and a restaurant in the Millennium Park had been evacuated as fire and police officials investigated the suspicious package. Besides, part of the Michigan Avenue had also been closed to northbound traffic.—Xinhua

5.7-magnitude quake hits Kermadec Islands region — USGS

HONG KONG, 10 July—An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted Kermadec Islands region at 19:35:20 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 21.70 km, was initially determined to be at 29.3593 degrees south latitude and 176.9830 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua



Actors offer performances during the third Mongolian folk art festival held in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, 9 July, 2011.—XINHUA

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 15th July 2011 (Full Moon Day of Waso) and 19th July 2011 (Martyr's Day). Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.



City moved from Maine Road after the 2002 Commonwealth Games.—INTERNET

Manchester City strike deal to rename Eastlands

MANCHESTER, 10 July—Manchester City have confirmed the City of Manchester Stadium will be renamed the Etihad Stadium after signing a 10-year deal with the airline. The Abu Dhabi-based company is already the club's shirt sponsor. "We are delighted to be expanding our relationship with Etihad Airways through this partnership agreement," said City chief executive Garry Cook. City, who won the FA Cup in May, were taken over by a consortium from Abu Dhabi in 2008.

In total, owner Sheikh Mansour has ploughed over £1 billion into the club, helping City to win their first trophy since 1976 and finish third in last season's Premier League, earning a place in the Champions League. However, last season City posted losses of £123.3m. This sum would cause City to fall foul of Uefa's new financial fair play regulations, which come into force this summer but will

A player climbs from under the net in mud during the triathlon of Mud Games held on the beach of Xiushan Island in Daishan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 7 July, 2011. Over 400 players attended the games including handball, triathlon and fish carrying race on the muddy beach.—XINHUA

not take full effect until 2013.

Any side unable to match the criteria would be barred from playing in European competition - the Champions League and the Europa League.

Internet

New solution can help 'permanently get rid of germs'

NEW YORK, 10 July—A new anti-microbial treatment that can make clothing — including smelly socks — permanently germ-free has been developed by US scientists. The spray-on solution can be applied to existing garments, according to the team from the University of Georgia. It is designed to offer low



The solution does not wash away even after multiple hot laundry cycles, according to its inventor Dr Jason Locklin.—INTERNET

cost protection for healthcare facilities, such as hospitals. Chemical impregnated materials already exist, but have to be added during the manufacturing process.

The new solution can be applied to natural and synthetic textiles including clothes, home carpets, shoes and even plastics. In a paper published in the American Chemical Society journal *Applied Materials and Interfaces*, Dr Jason Locklin and his colleagues state that the treatment kills a wide range of dangerous pathogens, including staph, strep, E. coli, pseudomonas and acinetobacter.

Internet



Correction

Invitation for bids advertised by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy, appeared in The New Light of Myanmar on 7.7.2011, 8.7.2011 and 9.7.2011, please read the correct Fax No. 067-411178 instead of 067-411078. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

Clue to pain of sunburn discovered by UK researchers

LONDON, 10 July—A chemical in the body that triggers pain from sunburn has been pinpointed by UK experts in a discovery that could lead to new painkillers. Scientists hope one day to be able to knock out the substance with drugs, helping people who suffer from chronic pain.

Tests on volunteers showed CXCL5, as it is called, is produced when skin is burnt by UV rays from the sun. The research is published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Exposure to ultraviolet light from sunlight causes premature skin ageing, cancer and other skin changes. UVB affects the outer layer of

skin, and is the main agent responsible for sunburn. In the study, scientists at King's College London exposed small patches of the 10 volunteers' skin to UVB. Areas of sunburn were produced which became increasingly tender over a few days.

Internet



The molecule triggers pain and tenderness.

INTERNET

Visitors view lotus flowers during the 25th National Lotus Flowers Exhibition at Dazu County, southeast China's Chongqing Municipality, on 8 July, 2011. More than 500 different strains of lotus are put on display during the lotus exhibition which is held here from 8 July to 8 September.—XINHUA



Kestrels nest on site of M25 road-widening in Essex

ESSEX, 10 July—A family of kestrels have made their home alongside major motorway widening works in Essex. Two adult birds have reared six chicks after taking up residence at a site compound next to junction 29 of the M25, the interchange with the A127. After seeing the birds roosting nearby, workers at the site made a nesting box, which has been fixed to the side of a concrete silo. A webcam has also been installed to keep track of the birds.

The kestrels were first spotted by Brent Erwin, a plant supervisor for concrete suppliers, Lafarge. He said: "I think the kestrels were attracted to the batching plant by the warmth from the heaters that are used in the concrete production process. "It looked like they were searching for somewhere to nest and I thought that maybe I could help." The nest box will be moved to a

nearby tree in the winter in the hope the birds will use them in future years.

There are estimated to be 38,000 breeding pairs of kestrels in the UK and the species are on the RPSB's amber list of protected species. Mr Erwin explained a webcam was put inside the box in April to monitor the progress of the birds. He said: "It was really interesting to see the bird settling in. "The female would sit on the six eggs while the male went hunting.

Internet



A webcam has been monitoring the progress of the kestrel family.

INTERNET



Troupers dressed up as classic Disney characters perform in the Disney stage drama "Mickey Music Carnival" in Xi'an City, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 8 July, 2011. —XINHUA

Smokers, less joint replacement surgery

ADELAIDE, 10 July—Men who smoke have less risk than those who never smoked of undergoing total joint replacement surgery, researchers in Australia found.

However, George Mnataganian, a Ph.D. student from the University of Adelaide in Australia, and colleagues, also found men who were overweight or who engaged in vigorous physical activity were more likely to need arthroplasty.

The researchers examined clinical data for 11,388 male study participants and integrated it with hospital

morbidity data and mortality records from baseline through March 2007, identifying 857 men who had joint replacement surgery. Of those having surgery, 59 percent had total knee replacement and 41 percent had total hip replacement.

Men who smoked 48 years or more were as much as 51 percent less likely to undergo total joint replacements than those who never smoked, and vigorous exercise increased risk of joint replacement in men ages 70-74.

The study, published in the *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, showed being overweight independently increased total joint replacement risk, while smoking lowered the risk, which was most evident after 23 years of smoking exposure.

Internet



A vet prepares to administer an injection to Julau, a 9-year old male Proboscis monkey, after it was sedated for a routine health inspection in the operating room at the Singapore Zoo in Singapore on 5 July, 2011. Three Proboscis monkeys are undergoing checkups ahead of being sent to Apeneul Primate Park in the Netherlands as part of an animal exchange to kick start a captive breeding programme. The zoo in Singapore is the first wildlife reserve to successfully breed Proboscis monkeys in a captive environment, according to an official.

Bank robber leaves with nothing

Employees at an Atlanta bank say a would-be robber left with no money.

The man allegedly approached a teller at a Wells Fargo branch Friday afternoon, showed her a note demanding money and said he had a gun, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported. He then left.

There was no explanation of why he walked away empty-handed.

CBS used fake footage for 4 July fireworks

The CBS broadcast of Boston's Fourth of July fireworks showed rockets bursting over Boston landmarks that viewers say were clearly faked.

The fireworks were set off from a barge in the Charles River after the traditional Boston Pops outdoor concert. One viewer e-mailed *The Boston Globe*, pointing out that footage of fireworks with the Quincy Market in the foreground would be impossible in real life since Beacon Hill is in the way. Other shots used the State House and Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox.

David Mugar, the businessman who has been the show's executive producer for almost a decade, told *the Globe* this was the first time altered footage was used for the broadcast. He argued the fireworks show is entertainment, not news.

Police: Man broke pumps to give free gas

Authorities said they arrested a Miami man accused of damaging pumps at several gas stations to dispense free fuel and selling access to the pumps.

Fort Pierce police said Elton Carter, 27, manipulated, damaged or altered pumps at three St. Lucie County gas stations to dispense free gas in incidents beginning 29 April and would charge people to fill up their cars at the pumps, *TCPalm.com* reported Friday.

Workers at the gas stations identified a photo of Carter as the man "running the fuel theft operation," police said. Carter was arrested Tuesday and charged with robbery, organized dealing in stolen property, communication fraud of \$300 or more and third-degree grand theft.



Contestants eat hot dogs during a charitable hot dog eating competition in Houston, the United States, on 9 July, 2011.

News Album

James Franco's acting surprised Freida Pinto

LONDON, 10 July —Actress Freida Pinto was surprised by James Franco's unique acting style but learnt a lot from him when they worked together on "Rise of the Planet of the Apes".

"He's got his own unique and distinctive style of acting. It's not conventional at all. It does take you by surprise initially, but it's all about being flexible and trying to understand



James Franco.—INTERNET

how another actor works," *contactmusic.com* quoted Freida as saying. "I found a lot of things in his acting style that I could pick up and learn from," she added.—*Internet*

I am not a natural actor: Daniel Radcliffe

LONDON, 10 July—Actor Daniel Radcliffe admits acting doesn't come as naturally to him as it comes to other young actors.

The 21-year-old star was cast in the "Harry Potter" franchise when he was just 11 years old and he admits one of the main reasons why he and co-stars Rupert Grint and Emma Watson were cast was because of their appearances,

rather than their talent, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"I think there's a perception that we got the parts because we looked right. I think that's probably quite fair," he said.

"Also, acting is something that I don't necessarily think comes naturally to me. Certainly not as natural as it does to, say, Haley Joel Osment or Dakota Fanning, who were just giving full-



Daniel Radcliffe. INTERNET

blown adult performances at the age of 10," he said.

Internet

Robbie Williams has fatherhood dreams

LONDON, 10 July—Singer Robbie Williams wants to become a dad soon.

The "Take That" star, who is married to the US actress Ayda Field, is hopeful of starting a family in the near future and says impending parenthood is the reason he has taken control of his life and become more comfortable with appearing on stage and socialising with others, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"I'm going to be a dad... maybe next year or the year after and I don't want their dad to be emotionally inept, for my own well-being as well as theirs," he said.—*Internet*

Lindsay Lohan's prison protest

LONDON, 10 July—Actress Lindsay Lohan says she should never have been sent to prison.

The 25-year-old was jailed for violating her probation after a



Lindsay Lohan.—INTERNET

drink-driving arrest, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

"Unless you're a killer, I don't see any reason to stay there. I never hurt anyone but myself," she said.

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Black Eyed Peas to take hiatus

LONDON, 10 July —American hip hop band Black Eyed Peas will take a break after they wrap up their current tour.

The band is on the road in Europe with its "The Beginning" shows, but Will.I.Am has now confirmed they will step away from the music industry once they play their final show in

Madrid, Spain on 14 July, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

"The Bep (Black Eyed Peas) will take a break after The Beginning... just like we did from Monkey Business to The E.N.D (albums)... but it doesn't mean we stop creating," posted rapper on his Twitter page.

Internet



Mainland actress Tang Wei poses for photo during a promotional event in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, 9 July, 2011. A press conference was held here Saturday to promote the romance film "Late Autumn", which stars Tang Wei and South Korean actor Hyeon Bin, during the ongoing Taipei Film Festival.—INTERNET

Chinese young pianist Zhang Haochen performs during a solo concert at the Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli, a suburban town of Rome, Italy, 9 July, 2011.

INTERNET





France teammates celebrate their side's first goal during the quarterfinal match between England and France at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Leverkusen, Germany.—INTERNET

France reaches Women's WCup semis after shootout

LEVERKUSEN, 10 July—France edged England 4-3 on penalties in the Women's World Cup quarterfinals when England captain Faye White missed the decisive kick on Saturday.

White's effort — after Eugenie Le Sommer tied the scores for France — hit the crossbar to send France through to a semifinal against Brazil or the United States on Wednesday.

The game ended 1-1 after extra time. "It's very beautiful. Life is great. We worked so hard for this," said an emotional France coach Bruno Bini. "There's a certain magic to football." Elise Bussaglia equalized in the 88th minute following Jill Scott's 59th-minute goal for England before 26,395 fans at Bay Arena.

Internet

Wambach, Solo key dramatic US win over Brazil

DRESDEN, 10 July—The Americans are moving on to the semifinals after one of the most riveting games in the history of the Women's World Cup — beating Brazil 5-3 on penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie.



United States goalkeeper Hope Solo makes a save during the penalty shootout of the quarterfinal match.—INTERNET

Abby Wambach scored to tie it in the 122nd minute, and goalkeeper Hope Solo denied the Brazilians again. That was all the time Wambach and the Americans needed.

The Americans, shooting first, made their three penalty kicks only to have Cristiane and Marta easily match them. But then it was Daiane's turn — the same Daiane who'd given the US a 1-0 lead with an own goal in the second minute of the game. She took a hard shot, but Solo stretched out and batted it away.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Michelle Wie hits to the 16th hole during delayed second round in the US Women's Open golf tournament at the Broadmoor, on 9 July, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

INTERNET

3rd round of US Women's Open suspended by weather

COLORADO SPRINGS, 10 July—For months now, the battered country of Japan has been looking for a lift. By using her blossoming golf game as a tool for charity, 21-year-old Mika Miyazato could turn the US Women's Open into the feel-good story her country seeks — and back it with some cold, hard cash. Miyazato shot 67 to grab the lead at 5-under-par 137 at the halfway point at the Broadmoor on Saturday, where rain once again stopped play early and brought up the prospect of a grueling, 36-hole on Sunday.

She had a one-shot lead over Ai Miyazato — who is not related but is from the same city, Okinawa.

Internet



Japan beats Germany 1-0 to make Women's WCup semis

WOLFSBURG, 10 July—Japan knocked two-time defending champion Germany out of the Women's World Cup on Saturday, advancing to the semifinals with a 1-0 win when substitute Karina Maruyama outran the defence and scored on an angled shot in extra time. Japan absorbed relentless



pressure during the match, gaining its first World Cup semifinal and handing Germany its first loss in the tournament in a dozen years. Standout midfielder Homare Sawa spotted Maruyama's deep run in the 108th minute, served her perfectly and Maruyama slipped it past goalie Nadine Angerer to silence the sellout crowd of 26,067 and an expectant nation.—Internet

Japan's Karina Maruyama (18), celebrate with teammates after scoring the opening goal during extra time of the quarterfinal match between Germany and Japan at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany.—INTERNET

Sweden reach women's football W Cup semis after shootout

AUGSBURG, 10 July—Sweden took advantage of some sloppy Australia defending to claim a decisive 3-1 victory and book a semi-final clash with Japan in the Women's World Cup here on Sunday.

Therese Sjogran (11) and Lisa Dahlkvist (16) had given the Swedes an early lead in their quarter-final tie before World Cup debutante Ellyse Perry got one back five minutes before the break.

Player of the match

Lotta Schelin finished off the contest after 52 minutes in front of a crowd of nearly 25,000 who were vocally supporting Australia as Germany's ticket to the 2012 Olympic Games depended on a Swedish defeat.

Sweden, the 2003 runners-up, next play Japan, who sensationally knocked out two-time holders Germany, in the semi-finals in Frankfurt on Wednesday.

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Austalia's striker Lisa de Vanna (second-right), Sweden's defender Annica Svensson (centre) and Sweden's striker Linda Forsberg (right) vie for the ball during the quarter-final match of the FIFA women's football World Cup on 10 July, 2011 in Augsburg, southern Germany. Sweden beat Australia 3-1.

INTERNET



Tennis great Andre Agassi smiles during a news conference to discuss his induction to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RJ on 9 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Agassi thanks sport for life, wife at tennis hall

NEWPORT, 10 July—Andre Agassi used his induction speech at the International Tennis Hall of Fame to thank the sport for all it has given him — including his wife, fellow Hall of Famer Steffi Graf.

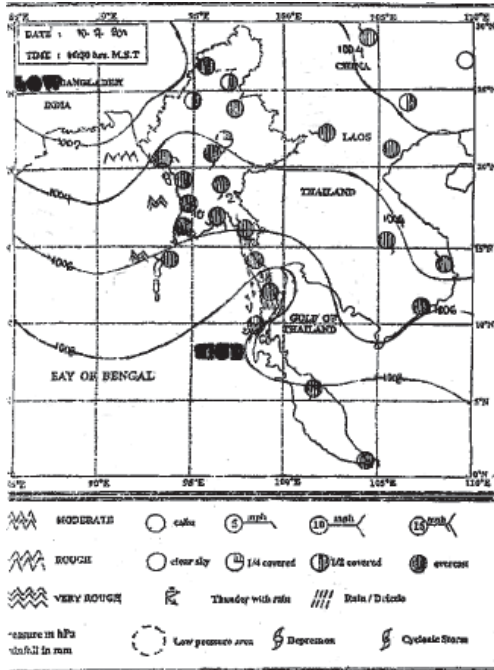
Agassi acknowledged there were times he resented the sport, which his father pushed him into as a small child.

But the 41-year-old, eight-time Grand Slam champion said on Saturday it was all part of the journey that brought him to the Newport shrine.

Agassi was No. 1 in the world for 101 straight weeks before dropping to No 141. Only then did he really appreciate tennis.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 11th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayah	33/91	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	24/75	14/57	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
7	Taninthayi	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower (isolated heavy fall)	80%
8	Bago	34/93	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	40/104	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (isolated heavy fall)	80%
12	Yangon	34/93	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighboring NayPyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighboring Yangon	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, and Magway Regions, Chin State, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region scattered in Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States. Fairly widespread in Bago Region Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Kayah State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myittha (4.96) inches, Kyaukse (3.74) inches, Hpa-an (3.54) inches, Launglon (3.50) inches, Mawlamyein (3.35) inches, YeU and Kawthoung (3.15) inch each and Chaungzon (2.83) inches.

Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Moitama, off and along Maw-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Lille winger Hazard plays down transfer talk

LILLE, 10 July—Lille's sought-after Belgian winger Eden Hazard has dampened speculation that he could be on his way out of the French champions in declarations to the "Voix du Nord" newspaper on Sunday.

"For the moment I remain a Lille player. I have spoken with the coach and I know what I have at Lille. I also know that there is still an awful lot I can achieve with the club," the 20 year-old was quoted as saying. "There is a great atmosphere in the squad and I am surrounded by really good players."

Hazard was speaking in the wake of Lille's opening pre-season friendly, a 1-1 draw with Bordeaux in the resort of Saint-Jean-de-Luz in the French Basque Country.

Hazard, who scored his side's goal in the game, was named Ligue 1's player of the season in 2010/11 and has been linked with a whole host of clubs in recent times, including Bayern Munich, Inter Milan, Paris Saint-Germain, and even Real Madrid.

However, Hazard has four years still to run on his contract, and Lille president Michel Seydoux said late last month that he was determined to keep his man. "I have said it before

Condolences

Daw Ahmar (a) Daw Htwe Kyi (Sagaing Ahmarlay) 83 years

Our deepest condolences go to the family of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife Daw Lin Lin Tin, for the demise of their beloved mother Daw Ahmar (a) Daw Htwe Kyi (Sagaing Ahmarlay) (Independence Mawgun Award Winner-Second Class) at 00:26 am on 9-7-2011 in Yangon at the age of 83.

Union Minister U Ohn Myint-Daw Nu Nu Swe
Ministry of Cooperatives



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and I will repeat it: we want him to stay with us next season, and so that is what he will do. Talk of him leaving is pure speculation," he insisted.

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Monday, 11 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Cute Little Dancer

8:20 am

8. Songs Of National Races

8:30 am

9. Documentary

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:35 pm

5. University of

Distance Education (TV Lectures)-Third Year (Myanmar)

4:50 pm

6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:30 pm

9. Teleplay (Health)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

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

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Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST

Oversea Transmission - (11-7-11 09:30 am ~ 12-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 9th Day of 2011 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales

- * News
- * Welcome Monsoon
- * News
- * May All the Flowers Bloom!
- * News
- * Dissemination Knowledge for Scientific Cultivation

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * EFR Resort: Your Second Home at Ngwe Hsaung Beach
- * News
- * Welcome Monsoon
- * News

- * May All the Flowers Bloom!
- * News
- * Dissemination Knowledge for Scientific Cultivation
- * News
- * Typical Traditional Dress for Ladies
- * News
- * Myanmar Printing, Publishing & Media Show 2011
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Schedule for Tomorrow"
- * News
- * Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
- * Myanmar Movies "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"

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- ★ 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

Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011 continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Nay Pyi Taw Gems Museum today.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Patron of the Central Committee, looked into purchase of jade lots by gem merchants through competitive bidding system and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Gems Enterprise and officials supervised the sales.

Today, 26 lots of jade were sold.



The special sales will last up to 13 July, and the competitive bidding sales continue tomorrow. MNA

Local and foreign gem merchants examining jade lots to be sold through competitive bidding system at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2011.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (10-7-2011)

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Slight earthquake recorded

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released news today that a slight earthquake of magnitude 4.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, (about 12 miles southwest of Kanpetlet Township), about 150 miles southwest-west of Mandalay seismological observatory were recorded at 07 hrs 10 min 20 sec MST today.—MNA

Rural development at core of national development

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This artist's impression provided by the the Minister from the Department of Health and Ageing shows a proposed cigarette packaging stripped of all logos and replaced with graphic images that tobacco companies in Australia will be forced to use. INTERNET