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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for tenth day

Three questions raised and answered, one proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept.—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 10th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 380 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session, three questions were raised and answered, one proposal submitted, Hluttaw Committee added with member, formation of the committee expanded, title of committee amended and members and lists of 19 committees, lists of secretaries, responsibilities, authority, rights and terms of committees explained.

In raising questions, U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency asked **whether there is a programme for extending retirement age of those who are in good health at 60 willing to continue their works due to basic needs.** Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied that Paragraph 458 of Civil Service Rules stipulates that a service personnel who has right to take retirement at the limited age shall enjoy the superannuation pension. Paragraph No. 14 of the rules states that the prescribed limited age of a service personnel shall be counted from the date to take retirement, and the personnel must be retired starting that day. The age for superannuation pension of State service personnel was prescribed at 55 years of age according to the paragraph No. 56 of 1922 Fundamental Rules. In the time of the Revolutionary Government,

the Home Affairs Department amended the age of retirement at 60 instead of 55 beginning 11 March 1969 according to the letter No. 314/6/A(1) dated 22 March 1969. Up to now, all are abiding by the rules. In studying the age of superannuation pension for the (See page 6)



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 10th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continues for tenth day

Queries raised and answered, proposals submitted and approved



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attending 10th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept.—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for tenth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am this morning.

Today's session was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko answered questions related to the internal affairs raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency (1) asked the question related to **"State-run and private media's airing of real-time coverage of actions taken by related institutions and ministries against bribery and corruption to make the public understand and cooperate"**. The Union Minister in his response said Sections 161 to 165 of 1861 Penal Code Chapter (9) of Offence by or relating to Public Servants are prescribed for curbing corruption, and 1948 Corruption Deterrence Act to stop and combat corruption; related institutions and ministries are taking measures for eliminating bribery (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 3 September, 2011

Urbanites' duty

Clean and pleasant environs of urban areas make all the people healthy and fresh physically and mentally. Creation of hygienic and disease free society plays an important role in fulfilling social requirements of the people.

Emphasis is being placed on hygiene and sanitation in populous cities bustling with trade. Priority is to be given to keeping urban areas of Yangon Region clean and pleasant due to high density of population. Indeed, Yangon is a very populous urban area bustling with trade and businesses of local and foreign entrepreneurs.

As it is an economic hub for the whole country, all-out efforts are being made for ensuring smooth and secure transport in the region. Authorities concerned and local people are joining hands for proper flow of drains in the urban areas, activities for health and sanitation in accordance with the urban characteristics, prevention against infectious diseases and environmental cleanliness.

They all grow shade trees and flowery plants for greening the urban areas. Parks, traffic islands, roundabouts and roads are being decorated with landscapes and seasonal flowery plants. As the State has planned to grow 30 million trees across the nation in the rainy season, over 54 million saplings have been planted in all regions and states including Yangon Region.

Development affairs committees are taking responsibility for hygienic and sanitation tasks of urban areas. The committees focus on supply of clean water, sanitation, proper flow of water at drains and neat traffics and pavements. People are also to participate in cleanliness of debris at residences, roads, schools and markets. Being good citizens, they must avoid malpractices of throwing litters and betel spitting.

Keeping urban clean and pleasant is everybody's concern. All the people are to dutifully participate in hygienic works of the urban areas observe rules so that we will be able to build neat and tidy human society.

Rice planting reaches 88.55 % of target so far

YANGON, 2 Sept — Altogether 15.07 million acres have been put under monsoon paddy across the country, reaching 88.55 per cent of this year's target.

Myanmar set its target of planting rice on 17.01 million acres this monsoon season as part of efforts for food sufficiency in the country.

Fields damaged by flood in regions and states are also being put under rice and the country will exceed its target of rice planning in monsoon season near future.

(Ohnma Thant, MNA)

Union A&I Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Economic & Commercial Counsellor Mr Jin Hounngen of Chinese Embassy and General Manager Mr Liu Young of Yunnan Provincial Overseas Investment Co Ltd at the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

They discussed boosting production of paddy and development of agriculture sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

MNA

Chief Minister comforts those who temporarily moved from current conflicts

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai on 30 August comforted those who temporarily stay at Baptist Church in Sitapu Ward in Myitkyina, the Baptist Church in Mankhein Ward and Christian Church in Shweset Ward due to current conflicts. He presented cash assistance, medicines from Health

Department, six supply aids from Relief and Resettlement Department, assistance from Myanmar Red Cross Society and books and stationery and school uniforms from education department to them.

He also comforted those who temporarily stay at Myoma Christian Church in Ward 2 of Waingmaw, Catholic

Church, Lawwaw Church, Mina AG Church, Original Baptist Church, Thayettaw monastery in Madein Ward and Ward 4 and Khatcho Village of Waingmaw Township. The Chief Minister presented cash assistance, medicines of Health Department, six supplies from RRD, aids of MRCS, books, stationery and school uniforms from

education department to them.

On 31 August, the Chief Minister visited Baptist Church in Dukahtaung Ward, the church in Janmaikaung Ward, Baptist Church in Tatkon Ward and Maliyang Church in Legon Ward of Myitkyina, and comforted those who temporarily stay there and gave supplies to them.

MNA

Agricultural trainees leave for Israel



Eleven trainees of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Producers Group seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Israel.—NLM

YANGON, 2 Sept—With the supervision of Myanmar Rice and

Paddy Industry Association and Myanmar Rice and Paddy Producers Group, 11 trainees of MRPPG left for Israel to take course which will last 11 months to be held at Ramat Negev Agro Research Center by air on 30 August. They were seen off at Yangon International Air Port by MRPIA Vice-Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing and the MRPPG chairman and officials. The subjects to be lectured at the course are growing of fruit trees and paddy, research and sales of products on the market.

MNA

Chelio Alkaline Coffee being showcased at Yangon Trade Fair



YANGON, 2 Sept—Yangon Trade Fair 2011 is being held at Tamadaw Convention Center on U Wisard Street, Dagon Township from 1 to 4 September.

Items to be staged at the show include Chelio Alkaline Coffee that provides strength, ensures anti-aging, digestion and anti-dehydration and others.

For further information, contact is to be made to centres, stores, and mini-markets or dial 565368 or 730 314435.—MNA

One dead, five missing while crossing bridge mined by KIA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—A passenger vehicle plunged down into a creek as the bridge collapsed while the car was crossing the river over the bridge in Phakant Township, Kachin State, leaving one dead and five missing on 30 August.

The passenger car driven by U Aye Naung was enroute from Moenyin to Phakant around 8 pm, 30 August when the accident happened.

The bridge over Indaw Creek which is 20 ft in depth near Kahtayan Village in Kamine Sub-township was blown up three times by KIA and it was no longer withstand traffic.

Drivers repaired the damaged bridge to cross the creek temporarily.

Out of 9 passengers on board, three managed to escape from the car in the creek, one dead and five are still missing.

MNA

Tony Tan sworn in as Singapore's 7th president

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept—Singapore's of six years as the seventh

The 71-year-old experience in finance Hsien Loong and Chief witnessed by Cabinet senior civil servants. NewsAsia said. "I will with civil society and all Singaporeans, who used to defence, education and chief executive

"I believe that the private sector will relationship with in office," he said. Tan



Tony Tan Keng Yam

was most recently deputy chairman and executive director of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) and chairman of Singapore Press Holdings.—MNA/Xinhua

president-elect Tony Tan Keng Yam was sworn in for a term president of the republic on Thursday.

former deputy prime minister with a formidable took his oath in the presence of Prime Minister Lee Justic Chan Sek Keong. The ceremony at the Istana was ministers, members of the judiciary, lawmakers and Tan's wife Mary was also present, local Channel seek to work not only with the government, but also community groups to advance the interests of whatever their political persuasions," Tan said. Tan, head ministries such as trade and industry, finance, and health, as well as local bank OCBC as chairman officer, said his experience might be helpful.

my years in Parliament, as a Cabinet minister and in offer a useful perspective. I aim to forge a constructive the prime minister and his ministers during my term

At least 10 dead in Pakistan violence

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept—Separate incidents of violence Thursday claimed the lives of at least 10 people in Pakistan, authorities said.

In the first, which occurred near a police station in Lakki Marwat District in the northwest Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province, a suicide bomber driving a vehicle killed at least three people and injured 15 more.

The blast damaged the police station and several shops, Pakistan's Nation newspaper reported. Those injured included two children and seven policemen.

No group had yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

In the other incident, which occurred in the Parachinar District in the Kurram tribal agency, Dawn, quoting government sources, reported seven passengers in a vehicle were shot and killed by gunmen who opened fire on their vehicle. Six of the victims were all members of one family.

The vehicle was travelling from the Alizai area to Parachinar when it was attacked. The report said four died at the scene and the other three at a hospital.

Another passenger was reported in critical condition. Other details of the attack, including the reason for the attack, were not immediately known.

Internet



A boy injured by a suicide bomb attack at a mosque awaits treatment at Khyber Teaching Hospital in Peshawar on 19 Aug, 2011. A suspected suicide bomber killed at least 34 people in a mosque during Friday prayers in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region of Khyber on the Afghan border, a top government official said.—INTERNET



Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a suicide car bomber plowed his vehicle into a checkpoint outside a police building just outside the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on 15 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Three killed in Pakistan car bomb attack

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept—At least three people were killed and 15 policemen were injured Thursday night when a suicide car bomb hit a police check-post in northwest Pakistan, a media report said.

The attack took place at about 8.30 pm when the car packed with explosives hit the check-post in front of a police station in Lakki Marwat, some 180 km from Peshawar, Capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Xinhua reported citing local TV channels.

Half of the police station building was destroyed, while at least 18 nearby shops were damaged. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

This was the second major attack in Pakistan during the Eid festivities.

On Wednesday morning, a suicide car bomb hit the parking lot of a mosque in Quetta, killing at least 11 people and wounding more than 20.

Internet

Afghan militants abduct 40 kids

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept—Forty Pakistani children, who accidentally entered Afghanistan while celebrating Eid, were kidnapped by militants, a media report said Friday. Afghan militants kidnapped the 40 children who crossed the border into Afghanistan's Kunar Province from Bajaur Agency, Geo News reported. Sources said these children were celebrating Eid when they crossed the border by mistake. The media report said that the children have been moved to an unknown location.—Internet



People inspect the scene of a suicide bomber in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles (550 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 Aug, 2011. A suicide bomber blew up his vehicle near a Shiite mosque late Thursday night, killing and wounding scores of people, officials said. INTERNET

One killed, one injured in Sydney light plane crash

SYDNEY, 2 Sept—One person has died and another has been injured after a light plane crashed into the ocean near Sydney's northern beaches on Friday, Australia's New South Wales Police said.

Emergency services were responding to reports of a plane crash on Sydney's northern beaches on Friday morning, police said.

The plane hit the water off Curl Curl Beach about 10:15 am (

local time) on Friday in Sydney's north.

Police said there were two people on board the plane.

A man managed to swim to the shore and he was treated at the scene for suspected spinal injuries before being taken to the Royal North Shore Hospital.

Police believe the second person on the plane has died.

Stephen Leahy from the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter service told Australian Broadcasting Corporation a rescue diver was examining the crash site.

Xinhua

An Afghan policeman removes a destroyed bicycle from the site of a suicide blast in Helmand Province on 27 August, 2011. INTERNET



Health Tip: Coping with inflammatory bowel disease

* People who have inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) have flares when symptoms worsen, and periods of remission when symptoms ease up.

The American Gastroenterological Association offers these suggestions to help you cope with the disease, especially during flares:

- * Learn how IBD affects your body.
- * While foods don't cause IBD symptoms, certain foods can exacerbate symptoms. Recognize which foods make your symptoms worse, and avoid them.
- * Take control over the factors that you are able to control.
- * Build a support system, including support groups, friends and family.
- * Always follow instructions given by your medical team.—Internet



The vegetarian diet is a healthy lifestyle followed by more than 4 million Americans. Compared to the general population, the typical vegetarian diet is lower in cholesterol and total and saturated fats, which helps reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and coronary artery disease. Sound promising? Let WebMD point you toward some of the most nutritious and satisfying vegetarian foods.—INTERNET



In this 20 Dec, 2010 photo, a sign in a Starbucks is displayed in New York's Times Square. Starbucks Corp. said Tuesday, on 30 Aug, 2011, that it will have packages of its Keurig coffeepods available at US grocery stores and specialty retailers beginning in November.—INTERNET

Oil hovers below \$89 ahead of key US jobs report

Business

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept—Oil prices hovered below \$89 a barrel Friday in Asia as investors awaited a key jobs report later in the day for evidence about the strength of the US economy.

Benchmark oil for October delivery was down 25 cents to \$88.68 at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude rose 12 cents to settle at \$88.93

on Thursday.

In London, Brent crude for October delivery was down 11 cents at \$114.18 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Crude was bolstered by signs industrial production in the US continues to expand. The Institute for Supply Management said Thursday that US manufacturing grew for the 25th straight month while analysts had

expected a contraction.

Investors will be closely watching the latest data later Friday from the Labour Department on the US jobs market. Analysts are expecting employers added 93,000 jobs last month. "Non-farm payrolls report will likely determine how the oil complex finishes this week," energy consultant Ritterbusch and Associates said in a report. "The flow of economic data during the past week or so has been encouraging and has contributed to the upswing in both the equities and the oil market."—Internet

Toyota August US sales fall 13 pct

Business

TORRANCE, 2 Sept — Toyota says its August US sales fell 13 percent because of supply shortages caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The Japanese automaker has struggled to stock its dealerships with enough vehicles in the months since the disaster, which struck in March.

Toyota's sales totaled 129,483 cars and trucks last month, down from 148,388 a year earlier.

Sales of its popular Prius hybrid fell 20 percent, while Corolla sales dropped 19 percent.

Camry sales declined nearly 2 percent. New versions of the Camry go on sale next month.

Toyota says its supply situation continues to improve and North American production is expected to return to 100 percent this month.—Internet



In this 30 Aug, 2011 photo, Toyota Camry's are parked at a car dealership in San Jose, Calif. Toyota Division passenger cars recorded sales of 63,250 units, a decrease of 15.8 percent from last August. The Camry and Camry Hybrid led passenger cars with combined monthly sales of 30,185 units.

INTERNET

Health Photo



A Singaporean tourist floats in the Dead Sea in 2008. Floating in the Dead Sea for just 20 minutes may help diabetics lower blood sugar levels, according to a study by Israeli researchers highlighted in the Haaretz newspaper.

INTERNET

Gut bacteria picky about what we eat

Health

CHICAGO, 2 Sept—, Gut bacteria — colonies of bacteria that live in the human digestive tract — appear to have fairly picky dining habits, with one type preferring high-fat, fast-food fare, and another preferring a high-fiber feast, US researchers said on Thursday. Researchers are increasingly trying to understand the interplay of bacteria and their human hosts.

"We know our human bodies are colonized with tons and tons of bacteria and other organisms. In your colon alone, you have more bacterial cells than you have human cells in your whole body," said Dr James Lewis, a researcher at the University of Pennsylvania, who worked on the study published in the journal *Science*.

Last April, German researchers reported that gut bacteria fall into three distinct types. Lewis' team wanted to see how these different types of gut bacteria affect human health.

"The unique feature of the intestines is that they are constantly bathed in what we eat.—Internet

Unexplained encephalitis may be rabies

Health

ATLANTA, 2 Spt— Rabies exposure can vary and physicians should consider a diagnosis of rabies for any patient with unexplained progressive encephalitis, US officials say.

Encephalitis is acute inflammation of the brain. Human rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease that is almost always fatal in unimmunized persons, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta say.

Prompt and thorough wound cleaning and administration of post-exposure prophylaxis as soon as possible after rabies virus exposure can eliminate the risk for rabies in nearly all cases, CDC officials say. "Obtaining information regarding exposure to animals in the United States and during foreign travel is a crucial component of the medical history," the report says. "Continued public education regarding the risk for rabies after exposures to wildlife, particularly to bats, is needed.—Internet

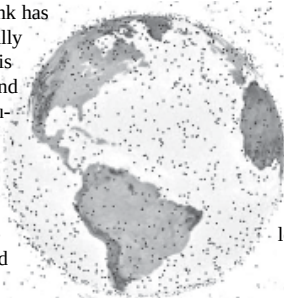
Space junk littering orbit; might need cleaning up

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—Space junk has that experts say we may need to finally That may mean vacuuming up debris cosmic versions of nets, magnets and chairman of an expert panel that issued Thursday. There are 22,000 objects officials on the ground to track that could do damage to human-satellites. The International Space of debris from time to time. “We’ve retired NASA senior scientist Donald Academy of Sciences report.

Since the space age civilization has littered the atmosphere with leftover that come off during launch-satellites. When scientists noticed that this could be a problem, they came up with agreements to limit new space junk and those plans had been working.

Those agreements are intended to make sure what is sent into orbit eventually falls back to Earth and burns up. But two events in the past four years — a 2007 Chinese anti-satellite weapon test and a 2009 crash-in-orbit of two satellites — put so much new junk in space that everything changed, the report said. The widely criticized Chinese test used a missile to smash an aging weather satellite into 150,000 pieces of debris larger than four-tenths of an inch (1 centimetre) and 3,118 pieces can be tracked by radar on the ground, the report said.—Internet

This computer generated graphic provided by NASA shows images of objects in Earth orbit that are currently being tracked.—INTERNET



made such a mess of Earth’s orbit think about cleaning it up. with weird space technology — giant umbrellas, according to the ed a new report on the problem in orbit that are big enough for and countless more smaller ones carrying spaceships and valuable Station has to move out of the way lost control of the environment,” said Kessler, who headed the National

began 54 years ago, area just above Earth’s boosters and other parts ches, as well as old



This artist's rendering shows a woolly rhino using its flattened horn to sweep snow away in order to find vegetation for food. A 3.6-million-year-old woolly rhinoceros fossil discovered in Tibet indicates that some giant mammoths, sloths and saber-tooth cats may have evolved in highlands before the Ice Age, experts say.

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Science

Woolly rhino fossil hints at origins of Ice Age giants

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept—A 3.6-million-year-old woolly rhinoceros fossil discovered in Tibet indicates that some giant mammoths, sloths and saber-tooth cats may have evolved in highlands before the Ice Age, experts say.

Paleontologists from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who found the rhino’s complete skull and lower jaw in 2007, argue that it adapted to the global cooling before it happened.

In a paper to be published Friday in the journal “Science,” they will argue that the rhinos evolved in the cold and snowy Tibetan highlands while the rest of the world was warmer.

The animal developed special adaptations — including a flat horn useful for sweeping snow away to find vegetation — and then was able to spread to northern Asia and Europe once the Ice Age set in 2.6 million years ago.

“The extinction of Ice Age giants such as woolly mammoths and rhinos, giant sloths, and saber-tooth cats has been widely studied, but much less is known about where these giants came from,” the researchers said in a statement.

“The Tibetan Plateau may have been another cradle of the Ice Age giants.”

In addition to the woolly rhino, the team also uncovered extinct species of three-toed horse, Tibetan bharal — also known as blue sheep — and some 25 other kinds of mammals. “Cold places, such as Tibet, Arctic, and Antarctic, are where the most unexpected discoveries will be made in the future,” said Xiaoming Wang, from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. “These are the remaining frontiers that are still largely unexplored.”

Science

Internet



In this on 13 July, 2011 file photo, one of the pages of “Today’s Deals,” appears on the screen of an iPhone, in New York. As the number of people who use iPhones and other smartphones grows, companies selling everything from hardware to high fashion are touting all the new applications they’re rolling out that enable shoppers to do anything from check a store’s inventory while in the dressing room to order prescriptions.

INTERNET

Tech

HTC announces two new Windows Phone 7 devices the Titan and Radar

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—HTC unveiled a pair of Windows Phone 7 devices in Berlin. We heard rumours about these phones with different names, and without much information about what each phone offered. The phones have been dubbed the Titan and Radar. The Radar appears to be a mid-ranged phone for smartphone shoppers, and the Titan is a high-end flagship device. Both phones will come with WP7 Mango pre-installed, but no release date was given.

Let’s start with the Titan which is more exciting in most every way. The most notable feature of the Titan is the massive 4.7-inch super LCD screen. Granted it is smaller than Samsung’s new Galaxy Note, but it will have one of the largest screens available on a phone ever. HTC also packed in a 1.5gigahertz single core processor, 8megapixel rear camera, and 1.3megapixel front facing camera. On paper the biggest possible issue we can see will be the screen’s resolution, which is VGA quality at 800×480.



The Radar is still a large device measuring in at 3.8 inches of glass wrapped in aluminum. The specs are also reduced compared to the Titan with a 1gigahertz processor, 5 megapixel rear camera, and no specs released for the front camera but we know there is one.

The Radar shares the same screen resolution since all WP7 devices have to be at 800×480 resolution.—Internet

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Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa of Pyithu Hluttaw makes clarification.—MNA

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service personnel in global countries, some neighbouring countries of Myanmar prescribed retirement age at 55 and 60 years and some European countries at 65. In general, most of the global countries prescribed 60 years old for retirement of service personnel.

As a plan in France is under way to raise the age limit to take superannuation pension from 60 to 62 years of age, personnel and workers joined the demonstrations for many days. Indeed, France intended to solve problem of inadequate of pension funds by extending the age limit. India has planned to reduce age limit of superannuation pension from 65 to 60 years of age, and all the workers and social security boards welcome it. Prescribing the superannuation pension depends on lifespan of the people of respective countries. In Myanmar, men of urban areas are in 65.1 years of lifespan on average and women, 70.5 years. In the rural areas, men enjoy 63.9 years of lifespan and women, 67.4 years on average. Central Statistical Organization shows its survey on lifespan of men at 64.5 years, women at 69 years and average of men and women at 66.8 years. As such, if compared with 66 years old of lifespan for men and women in Myanmar, prescription of age limit at 60 years for existing superannuation pension is still reasonable. Therefore, he replied that there is no plan to raise the age limit of State service personnel for superannuation pension.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency raised a question. **As AFTA will be practiced in 2015, he asked how the State will make preparations to protect its products especially industries and agricultural produce, and he would like to know possible pros and cons.** Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein said that the ASEAN initiated to establish AFTA beginning 1992. The association will practise ASEAN Economic Community (AEC 2015) in 2015. As Myanmar needs to protect its products like other ASEAN member countries, departments concerned, local authorities and commerce and industry associations are continuously holding the educative talks and making preparations. It is necessary to protect producers of the nation against impacts from imported commodities. In the time of previous government, the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 led formation of the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee for development of small- and medium-scale businesses so as to manufacture domestic products like that of other countries, saving production cost and ensuring better quality. In the private sector, efforts were made to

seek investments and technology in connection with international community. Entrepreneurs of Yangon industrial zones and departments concerned held seminars for AFTA severally as well as coordination in detail on seeking the ways for protection against impacts on factories and workshops individually. Moreover, encouragement was given to declining production cost and uplifting quality for agricultural produce.

The government held the National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development and is striving for implementation of the reformation process of the State. The workshop discussed are cooperation between the government and private sectors to protect Myanmar products in the AFTA. The government departments and associations are cooperating to seek investment and technology. The State forms companies, associations and brokerages for competitive production cost, transport cost, packaging and quality, and production chain to be able to compete in foreign markets. Both advantages and disadvantages will be seen after emergence of AFTA in the nation. The weak country may suffer loss; and



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency raising questions.

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the strong country may enjoy benefit. Hence, high capability of traders is very important. It is necessary to establish safe guard mechanism for domestic products against the imported cheaper products with low quality. Hence, filter group is scrutinizing import licences at the Ministry of Commerce. However, as opportunity will be created for flow of free trade in ASEAN region beginning 2015. According to the National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development held recently, scrutiny of licence will be relieved in the future. Although the government will scrutinize and protect productions and businesses of the people in all aspects in the future, the entrepreneurs and traders are also to lead the associations for abiding by the economic ethics to be able to serve the interests of the people and the nation.

Only when national entrepreneurs invest more at home, will preparation and protection be carried out. Not to harm the national interest, action was taken against some investments for incorrect submission of foreigner investors under the names of citizen and incorrect amount of investment. Scrutiny process is not intended to delay economic activities assumed by some local entrepreneurs but it focuses on the national interest. All entrepreneurs are not to follow the malpractices of foreigner investors working in partnership with them, but dutifully participate in scrutiny process for serving the national interest. In 2015 when the AFTA will emerge, Myanmar will make efforts for seeking markets for its products by reducing production cost, uplifting production quality, adjusting tax rates after reviews and reclining unacceptable transactional costs not to harm industrial and agricultural products. Relevant ministries, private

associations and entrepreneurs are to join hands in carrying out the above mentioned tasks.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency asked **whether the government has a plan to provide loans with crops in storage as**

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint replies to questions.

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pledge pointing out that such measures of the government would benefit not only farmers but also traders.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint in his reply said that the Ministry of Finance and Revenue had already taking such measures by issuing Directives No. BAKA-1/ 274 (2317/2010) dated 31 August, 2010, allowing banks to loan crop exporters with pledge in order to provide capitals necessary for trade activities and contribute businesses of crop exporters.

U Shwe Maung (a) U Abdul Rawzak of Buthidaung Constituency proposed that **taking exam with carrot learning, traditional education system which is still practiced in universities, colleges and sciences should be replaced with more up-to-date education system.**

The Hluttaw accepted to table the proposal and said that it would later fix a date to discuss it and any representative wishing to participate in the discussion may register this evening.

It was followed by adding of members to Hluttaw Committees. Public Accounts Committee member U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency will be reshuffled as member of Bill Committee, U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency as member of Public Accounts Committee, members of Hluttaw Rights Committee U Aye Pe of Cocogyun Constituency and U Thein Lwin of Chauk Constituency will be reshuffled to an extended committee, U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency, U Kyaw Naing Htay of Intaw Constituency and Defence Services Personnel representative BC 27271 Col Soe Thein Htut will be reshuffled to Hluttaw Rights Committee member position.

In addition to 18 extended committees which are formed in accordance with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 79 to observe and report other affairs to the Hluttaw, Water Transportation Development Committee chaired by U Kyi Min of Dawei Constituency will be formed.

Culture and Public Relations Development Committee formed on 22 August will be changed as **Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee.**

The Hluttaw confirmed the reorganizing of original Hluttaw committees, formation of Water Transportation Development Committee, and changing of the name of the CPRDC into the SCPRDC.

A total of 18 committees were restructured, one new committee was formed, and chairpersons were appointed at the second regular session of the Hluttaw held on 22 August.

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The deputy speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw suggested number of committee members, nominees to the committee member position and committee secretary position, responsibilities, authority, rights and terms of the committees concerning formation of 19 committees.

U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency was appointed as chairperson of **Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy Affairs and Human Rights Affairs Committee**, U Thein Zaw of Myitkyina Constituency as chairperson of **National Races Affairs and Internal**

Peace Ensuring Committee, U Aung Thuang of Taungtha Constituency as chairperson of **Banks and Monetary Affairs Development Committee**, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency as chairperson of **Projects and Financial Development Committee**, U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency as chairperson of **Farmers, Workers and Youth Affairs Committee**, U Hla Myint Oo of Pyinmana Constituency as chairperson of **International Relations Committee**, U Maung Muang Thein of Kayan Constituency as chairperson of **Economic and Trade Development Committee**, U Thein Swe of An Constituency as chairperson of **Transportation and Construction Committee**, Thura U Aye Myint of Wetlet Constituency as chairperson of **Sports, Culture and Public Relations**

Development Committee, U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency as chairperson of **Agriculture and Livestock Development Committee**, U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency as chairperson of **Investment and Industrial Development Committee**, U Lun Thi of Kungyangon Constituency as chairperson of **Resources and Natural Environment Conservation Committee**, Dr Kyaw Myint of Chanayethazan Constituency as chairperson of **Health Promotion Committee**, Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency as chairperson of **Education Promotion Committee**, Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency as chairperson of **Judicial Affairs Committee**, U Maung Oo of Tatkon Constituency as chairperson of **Public Affairs Management Committee**, U Maung Maung Swe of Namhsan

Constituency as chairperson of **Women and Child Protection Committee**, U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Township Constituency as chairperson of **Reform and Modernization Assessment Committee**, U Kyi Min of Dawei Constituency as chairperson of **Water Transportation Development Committee** and each committee includes 15 members.

The Hluttaw confirmed that if the Hluttaw needs to form commissions and groups necessary to study other affairs outside the scope of the Hluttaw committees, the speaker of the Hluttaw has the rights to form such commissions and groups in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Law 29 and Rules 81, 82 and may seek approval at the nearest Hluttaw meeting.

The meeting came to an end at 2.10 pm.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives visit model plantations in Nay Pyi Taw

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who are attending second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw views systematic reclamation of farmlands, ploughing at Bonigyi plantation in Chai village of Dekkhinathiri Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Chairmen and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasant, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee and Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Development Committee and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives visited model plantations, here, this afternoon.

In Pobbathiri Township, they viewed 20-acre high yield paddy farm, harvesting with modern

machinery, Hmawby glutinous rice and Nay Pyi Taw Hsanhmway plantations.

The Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation and departmental heads explained reclamation of modern farmlands and thriving of plantations.

They viewed systematic reclamation of farmlands, ploughing in Dekkhinathiri Township and five-acre sugarcane plantations that can produce

60-ton of sugarcane per acre in Zeyathiri Township.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explained cultivation of high yield sugarcane, paddy and sunflower plantations.

The Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in the evening visited production of hybrid paddy seeds at Yezin University of Agriculture and seed bank of Agricultural Research Department.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who are attending second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw views production of 100-acre hybrid strain paddy seeds at research farm of Yezin University of Agriculture.

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UEC scrutinizes, grants permission for competent parties

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing the applications and granted permission for the parties to set up as political party. The UEC today granted permission

for Party for Unity and Peace comprising 16 members inclusive of U Ohn Lwin to set up as a political party, which is within competence of laws and rules.

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CBM Governor meets Chairman of Maruhan Japan Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue received Chairman Mr Han Chang Woo of

Maruhan Japan Bank at the ministry here today. They discussed banking services in a cordial manner. It was also attended by vice-governor and departmental heads.—MNA

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

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and corruption; offence and penalties for obtaining any gratification whatever, other than legal remuneration, to do an official act are prescribed in Section 161 of 1861 Penal Code, those for obtaining any gratification for inducing any public servant to do any official act in Section 162, those for obtaining any gratification, by the exercise of personnel influence, for inducing any public servant to do an official act in Section 163, those for public servants who abets the offences in Sections 162 and 163 in Section 164, and those for public servant for obtaining any valuable things without consideration from any person who is transacted by public servant in Section 165; on 8 November, 1948, Act No 67 1948 Corruption Deterrence Act was prescribed for effective prevention against obtaining gratification and corruption; Section 4-A (1) of the act suggests that any public servant who is suspected to have committed or be committing offences shall be arrested



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency (1) raising question.—MNA

with no warrant; Section 4-A (2) of the same act says that the arrest shall be reported to the President, the officer shall put the detainee under custody in the cell stated in ordinary or special order by the President; the organizations and ministries are taking actions under those laws to fight bribery and corruption; Myanmar signed the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 2 December, 2005; still validated 1948 Corruption Deterrence Act contains provisions for investigation and for taking charges; the UN convention includes prevention, informing, training, news exchange which make the fight against corruption more effective; the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a statement in Myanmar Alin Daily on 9 November, 2006, calling for public cooperation as the statements have been made in media; the newspaper statement suggests that "the victim can raise complaint if any public servant under the Ministry of Home

Affairs extracts bribes, corrupts or bullies others in economic, social and administration fields through misapplication of power invested, breaching existing rules and regulations; the investigation court legally formed by the ministry will conduct investigation in accord with the law, which guarantee justice; the public is to help the process by raising factual complaints"; stories of corruption are published in crime journal, crime news journal; and so the public is informed of actions against corruption taken within international standards through government-run and private media in realizing Good Governance and Clean Government as guided by the President.

U Zayad Rawmam (a) U Htay Win of Rakhine State Constituency (7) asked about **"enjoying equal rights in social, marriage and residence matters by local people of Buthidaung, Maungdaw District"**. The Union Minister answered that, regarding the fact that outstanding students in the region do not have the right to join vocational institutes, University Entrance Manual for 2011 Matriculation published by the Ministry



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constituency (4) participates in discussion.—MNA

of Education of the Union government prescribes that those who apply for vocational university, college or institutes shall be citizen who satisfy conditions in Citizenship Law; he/she shall submit the full registration number of national registration card or citizenship scrutiny card or citizenship card with photocopies of the card; the recommendation letter of police station shall be submitted; he/she shall pass medical examination; those from any region who meet the said conditions are valid to enter the schools; the marriage in Maungdaw and Buthidaung Townships of Rakhine State is judged under Notification No (1/2009) of Border Immigration Headquarters dated 11 August 2009; the notification includes monogamy and adult marriage; in regard to building house; repairing and building houses in or outside respective township development affairs committee are supervised under Section

**Union Minister
for Agriculture
and Irrigation
U Myint Hlaing
answers
questions.**

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9, Sub-section(t), Section 18, Sub-section (a) and Section 60, Sub-Section (a) of Development Affairs Committees Law; Section 9, Sub-section (t) of the law prescribes building and supervising private house shall be implemented under existing laws; Section 18, Sub-section (a) prescribes that the committee can order building owner or land owner or current resident to suspend, repair and destroy buildings in respective municipality without permission or which do not meet conditions to ensure respective laws, procedures and disciplines are followed; Section 60, Sub-section (a) of the law prescribes the construction or repairing or upgrading of a building shall not be undertaken without permission of respective committee or if it does not satisfy terms and conditions in the permission; the construction of house can be done in accord with said laws; as prescribed in Section 348 of the Constitution that "The Union shall not discriminate any citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth", the equity among the people in the entire nation is being translated into reality; being a border region, the administration of Maungdaw district is undertaken by the General Administration Department; as Myanmar Police Force cannot solely undertake the security and rule of law, Border Region Immigration Inspection Headquarters constituted with Inspection Tatmadaw, MPF, Immigration and National Registration Department and Customs Department help tackle the situation; for being a border region, measures security and rule of law have to be taken in public interest to safeguard the sovereignty of the State.

Next, U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 12 asked if **the ministry has a plan to compile a concise history of the success and failure of peace negotiations for public knowledge although such negotiations have been compiled in details.**

Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan replied that internal armed conflicts were born along with independence which was regained in 1948

due to ism, racism and sectarianism; that successive governments that took responsibilities of the State had striven to cease those internal insurgencies in other words internal armed conflicts and to build peace and stability; that the measures of those governments for peace-building, their success and failures, and history of internal armed insurgencies in other words internal armed conflicts were already compiled and published, for example, in the reign of Prime Minister U Nu, 14-point Nuprinciples were adopted and efforts were made to bring about internal peace and analysis of those principles' success and failure were published in black and white; that likewise, Thakhin Kodaw Hmaing, who can be said as father of peace, has also struggled for peace and records on his efforts were also published; internal peace-building records in the time of 1962 Revolutionary Council and assessment of its policies were publicized too and records of government's efforts for national reconsolidation in the time of Tatmadaw government were also published; that in addition, "History of Internal Insurgency" compiled by Yebaw Thit Maung, "Solving with Political Approach" by Yekaung Kyawswa, "Prosperity—Not Far Away" compiled by Sithu Aung and Maung Hmat were also printed; that however, those publications were published a long time ago and they may probably be not in the market now; that most of today's youth may not have a chance to read those publications; that the Ministry of Information is preparing to reproduce those publications and "History of Internal Insurgency" compiled by Yebaw Thit Maung is in the process of printing and in the near future, those publications will come out within the reach of people.

Likewise, a press conference was held on 12, August, 2011 to inform the public about armed conflicts between the Tatmadaw and KIO, KIA, and peace negotiations process which were also aired and printed in newspapers, added the Union Minister.

The Union Minister also said that government's continued negotiations with armed national races in border regions, and armed national races which still cannot accept transformation in accordance with the constitution for (See page 9)

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peace will be publicized at opportune time and will be informed through electronic and printed media.

Next, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing replied to four questions raised by four representatives.

U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No. 4 asked the Union Minister **if his ministry has a plan to asset farmers by providing them with necessary equipment and capitals in transformation into mechanized farming from traditional farming.**

Agriculture Mechanization Department is providing land-preparing service, the most fundamental work in cultivation by lending stated-owned tractors to farmers; that Agriculture Mechanization Department was first established in 1962 with 2000 tractors for transformation of mechanized farming system and the number of tractors was doubled later; that the department sells tractors to farmers on installments but it currently has only 2350 units of tractors because it could not refill the gap left by old damaged tractors; that it is still fulfilling land-preparing needs of farmers with 2350 tractors based in 101 tractor-stations.

The Union Minister added that his ministry on the other hand is disseminating farm equipment usage techniques to end-user farmers wishing to purchase tractors, providing training to them by organizing tractor operation and mechanics courses, and making researches on farming equipment suitable to environment and crops of Myanmar in its drive for development of mechanized farming.

The Union Minister added that mechanization of cultivation process starting from land preparation to harvest, winnowing and storage is of vitally importance and it is the objective to be accomplished by the government and the private sector in concert; that in the time of the new government, the President has urged Union Ministers to fulfill any need of people with benevolence and his ministry also is making all-out efforts to fulfill the requirements of people; that his ministry is preparing to provide farming equipment through formation of cultivation and production organizations constituted by farmers themselves.

In his reply to question of U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12 about **completion of remaining works according to list of priorities for prevention against floods caused by Wundwin Diversion Weir**, the Union Minister said that Wundwin Diversion Weir is situated at mile post No. 359/2 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region and the facility was constructed in 1931 with a bridge on Yangon-Mandalay as its

spillway and the motor road on either side of the bridge as embankment.

The Union Minister pointed out that floods in Wundwin was not caused by Wundwin Diversion Weir but constant piling of silt in Shawbin Creek, which leads top rising of creek bed, and insufficient number of conduits on bridges on inter-village roads,

He added that in preventing against floods in Wundwin, works are to be prioritized according to survey carried out by Irrigation Department; that dredging of sand land above Wundwin Diversion Weir, dredging of silt in the creek on Wundwin-Leinpin street; deepening and widening of ditches, expanding of current water way, constructing embankments, constructing of sluice gates will be done depending on the allocation of the State and in coordination with local authorities concerned and township development affairs committee.

Regarding the question raised by U Win Thein of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 9 **"whether there is a plan to renovate Kawthalaing embankment and take measure for better water flow in the creeks nearby the dam in Pantanaw-Kyonpyaw Township"**, Construction of Kawthalaing embankment started in Kyonpyaw Township of Ayeyawady Region in 1994 and completed in 1995. The embankment which is 3 miles length and 10 feet in height, and its upper surface is 12 feet wide is under the control of farmers. The embankment ranges from Khayaykan village to Danaw village and prevents 27,000 acres of monsoon and summer paddy plantations from flooding.

Kawthalaing embankment had three breaches in 2009. Under the leadership of the Danaw Village administrator, villagers carried out repair works with the assistance of Irrigation Department. According to allocation of State fund, measures will be taken for durability of the embankment when open season comes in. For long-term durability of the embankment, there has been a plan for extension of Khayaykan-Ganein-Jonejonekya creek, Kyonkayin and Mwayhtayan creeks, Kyonpataw-Kyontama creek, and Kyonpataw-Garatgyi creek near the embankment.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Htay Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 5 **"whether there is a plan to generate power from Nankathu Dam in Ingapu Township of Hinthada District"**, Nankathu Dam opened on 19 October 2000 sits in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region. The Irrigation Department is taking measures to install small power generator to supply electricity to the station hospital ten miles away from Kwinkauk Village and immediate villages.

Works on construction of power intake structure and laying down steel pipeline have been finished. Three generators with the capacity of 200

kilowatts will be installed to generate hydropower of 600 kilowatts. Turbines and generators have been ordered. The remaining tasks to be implemented are construction of hydropower building and switch yard which will be according to allocation of the State fund. The Irrigation Department will undertake construction and installation projects so as to let the power reach the switch yard. Measures will be taken to extend cable from the switch yard to Kwinkauk Village as a regional plan.

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein replied the question of Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1) **"whether there is a plan for amendment to Freshwater Fisheries Law and Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law"** that Freshwater Fisheries Law (1991) and Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law (1990) are not agreeable to present situation. So, those two laws are combined as Comprehensive Union Fisheries Law and amendment bill was submitted to Attorney-General's Office to get remarks.

Tender fishing areas were set up in freshwater areas of Rakhine State since 1989-90. In practical, management authority was vested in the state depending on pragmatic situation of the people. Selling tender fishing areas is to prevent disputes among fishermen fishing abundant fishes in common area, prevent fish extinction due to disorderly fishing, manage systematic measures for fishing and levy deserved tax.

According to Paragraph 2 (e) of Chapter 1 mentioned in Freshwater Fisheries Law, tender fishing areas in 14 townships in Rakhine State were tendered. Thandwe, Taungup and Gwa townships remained as common fishing areas as they are offshore fishing waters according to Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law.

According to Article 256 (a) and (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries transferred management authority to the Rakhine State Government with letter number 1/200 (Nya)/5100/1 (1564/2011) dated 20-4-2011. With it, arrangements for selling tender fishing areas were carried out under the supervision of the Rakhine State Government. The Rakhine State Government set reverse price for tender fishing area.

Most of fishermen have known about price list of licence as the offices of township have informed local fishermen of the price list as of 1989-1990. But the state dealt with complaints about tender taken and asking for more money for licence.

Fisheries Department has issued licence charges list for fishing equipment with letter No. 5/2003 and posted the lists at the offices of Fisheries Department to let fishermen know. Related township Fisheries Departments in Rakhine State have given educative talks on resource conservation to villages and made field

trips to disseminate knowledge of tender fishing firms, common fishing firms, fisheries laws, rules and regulations, restrictions, punishments and manageable fishing. In addition, the department let fishermen know about rules of the tender system before tender and explained unclear facts. It is found that there are those finding fishes on a manageable scale and rural people finding for cooking as well as fishermen every nook and cranny in Rakhine State without paying tax.

There were no any problems during fishing season from 1989-1990 to 2010. With today's growing population, fishing business is popular for many people. It is needed to take measures to deal with problems reasonably arising from business competition between businessmen and locals and oddjobbers. And regional authorities, entrepreneurs and locals needed to retake account of weak and strong points of common fishing system and tender fishing area for decent earning and regional development.

As the question about designating the period of common fishing area raised by U Aye Maung is now within the reach of the state government level according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, he just needs to submit that question to the state government and to review regional economy, regional fish resource, use of fishing equipment and number of fishing boats, needs of local people. Cooperative group comprising administrators, entrepreneurs, scholars, responsible persons from Fisheries Department and departmental officials needs to review every matter case by case and then submit to related state government. The Union Minister will coordinate and attend to the needs.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Zaw Myint Pe read out the report of the committee on bill of Private School Registration. After four Hluttaw representatives approved and discussed, the Bill Committee decided to second it again.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye read out report of the committee on bill of Amyotha Hluttaw Office. U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 11 presented proposal to seek approval and then a representative approved it. Hluttaw decided to approve the bill.

U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency No. 8 discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. 9 **"urging the Union Government to create the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as a country developed in jade and gems sector"**, in addition to jade and gems exploration, only when and value-added items export to foreign countries, will economic sector develop that help create job opportunities and alleviate poverty.

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U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No. 2 in his discussion said that it is required for the State to extend jade and gems sector more in order to stand as a jade and gems producing country and marketplace for lighting up glory of the country.

U Poe Yal Aung Thein of Kayah State Constituency No. 8 in his discussion said that as the people are enjoying handsome earning by producing jade and gems at blocks on their own laying under the own country, they would not continue to practice illegal money-making way and enjoy fruitful results.

U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constituency No. 4 discussed that the people can embrace opportunity of running jade and gems exploration business because blocks are designated as one acre ones. So, they do not need a large amount of money to invest in it.

U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No. 12 in his discussion said that as gems blocks are fertile, perennial and short-term trees can be grown after exploration to help earn more money from agriculture. As growing trees means environmental conservation, they will benefit from growing trees.

U Khat Htain Nan of Kachin State Constituency No. 1 discussed that economic status of the State and social life the people will be relatively higher by taking steps through modern technology in a systematic way.

Concerning the proposal, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik said that in order to prevent those who own huge capital from taking over the jade and gems business and to encourage those who has less capital to play a part in the business, 15,266 conducting blocks, 5030 designated blocks, 1727 vacant blocks and 221 joint venturing blocks were designated. Out of them, there are 221 blocks which are running joint venture with the State and 20,29 private blocks. Joint venture blocks are designated ranging from 1 to 50 acres, and private blocks are set as one acre.

International-level Jade, Gems and Pearl Sales is held in Nay Pyi Taw, capital of Myanmar, three times a year—March, June/July and October. Tender for Utility jade (c) and (d) is conducted once a year at which local gems entrepreneurs can purchase in Myanmar currency. Such tender show will be held for local and foreign gems entrepreneurs in foreign currency for once. At present, as there is no potential demand for jade, holding sales once a month will not be possible. So, efforts are being made to hold international-standard sales on a grand scale year on year.

Under the guideline on Jade, Gems and Pearl Sales of the Union Government, Ministry of Mines will cooperate with Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association to gain achievement in works, and take measure with added momentum with international-standard to strengthen the already achieved market.

It is found that violation of agreement, and failing to pay money as mentioned in the agreement by merchants who get permission for purchase after signing. So, it is required to take deposit from purchaser more and more and other necessary measures.

In currently paying system, 10 per cent are to be paid in advance within 30 days and full payment is to be within 60 days. Other required steps will be taken according to time and circumstance.

In order to produce jade, gems, high-price jewelry and value-added wares, Jade Zone will be set up in Nay Pyi Taw, and project is now under way. Efforts are being made to build infrastructural buildings for local and foreign gems merchants and sculpture artists.

In jade and gems exploration sector, entrepreneurs after paying tax for blocks will be able to

sell their products at Jade, Gems and Pearl Sales organized by the State and in other areas except border areas. The joint-venture companies are permitted to sell only at the jade sales organized by the State. After paying 10 % of the income from sales as tax to the State, they can share 40 % by 60 % of the remaining income from sales with the State.

As part of efforts for environmental conservation in the jade and gems lands, trees are planted and forest reserves are established in accordance with the rules and regulations. The Pyithu Hluttaw made decision to change the proposal to the question.

Afterwards, four representatives seconded the proposal that **"the Union Government is urged to reclaim more vacant and virgin land for farmland"** submitted by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10.

In his discussion, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said not to lose and decrease the number of farmland, the ministry has been making efforts in accordance with the provisions of the existing law related to farmland. Besides, the ministry has been encouraging the agricultural mechanization and irrigation systems. The ministry has reclaimed vacant and virgin land for farmland with the use of machinery as much as possible.

To create job opportunities for people, the State has charged farmers just 100 kyats per acre for insurance. However, it is found that because of some opportunists who own a lot of farmland without doing farming, those at home and abroad who want to invest in the agricultural sector miss the opportunities to do business, causing job opportunity losses for the people, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation said.

Therefore, the notification No. 67/2011 was issued on 12 August, 2011, announcing formation of the central committee for managing vacant and virgin land. The central committee has been drawing the draft of new rules and regulations which are agreeable to the current time and has planned to introduce the draft to the hluttaw.

The State has increased the agricultural loans for farmers from K20000 to K 40000 per care.

Therefore, farmers should use the loans effectively and to avoid improper practices including gambling. Besides, micro-credit syndicates have been established to lend cash to farmers with the aim of boosting production and agricultural produce.

The Union Minister also stressed the need for cooperation among the people to achieve success in the micro-credit schemes across the country.

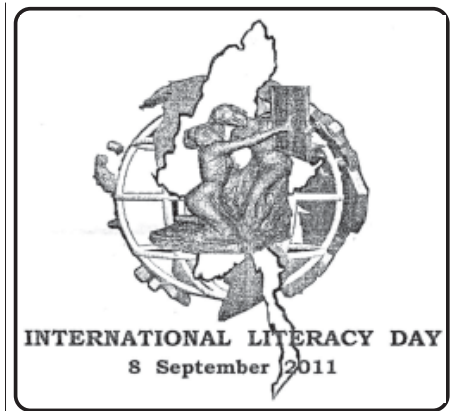
Managers of the Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank has taken responsibilities for bringing loans to the hands of farmers in time, and anyone can complain to the ministry or the authorities in regions and states about corruptions or bribery related to the granting loans so that the ministry can take actions against those who commit malpractices.

He also urged the farmers to spend the loans on farming effectively with the aim of boosting agricultural products and urged representatives to lend the helping hands to the ministry in an attempt to fight the corruption and bribery.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has educated farmers to know the scientific agricultural methods, he said.

Moreover, to be able to effectively disseminate the farmers, the ministry has a plan to expand the programme for educating farmers through the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) apart from the ministry's news journal which is published every two weeks.

The ministry has carried out its five tasks set for agricultural development. They are using high quality strains, applying scientific agricultural methods, right use inputs including irrigation and fertilizer, taking



measures for minimizing wastages from growing to harvest and finding ways for making strong market for crops, he said. The Amyotha Hluttaw made decision to withdraw the proposal.

Afterwards, U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (12) submitted a proposal that **"the Union Government is urged to choose way of peace negotiations not to damage Our Three Main National Causes in making efforts to solve the armed conflicts and to make peace and ceasefire."** A representative seconded the proposal.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan said armed conflicts broke out after gaining independence due to dogmatism, sectarianism and racism and instigation of imperialists. The successive governments have tried to solve the problem. However, they did not have much success in it. During the time of the Tatmadaw Government, ways based on understanding and good-will were practiced to make peace with the armed groups and peace and tranquility prevailed across the country. However, when the transition process for making eternal peace have carried out according to the constitution, some ethnic armed groups have not accepted the transition process and still, there are some ethnic armed groups at border areas.

Still, there are disputes and armed conflicts in the time of the current government of the Republic for the Union Myanmar. But, the government does not want to see conflicts and bloodshed, but peace. The government has understood that all the people want peace. Therefore, **the President said that the government would show its benevolent attitude to those who still do not accept the Seven-Step Road Map and the State constitution until they cooperate with the government in the national interests. The President also invited those who have different views from the government to work for common goals in the national interests. He also said that the government have opened the door to peace for the armed groups who still do not accept the constitution in the interests of the State and people.**

Today, to show the benevolent attitude, the government has carried out tasks for easing tax reforming macro-economic policies, implementing eight tasks for macro-economy, amendment, addition and revoke in the legislation sector, raising pension rates, reforms in education and health sectors, reforming and improvement of international relations, cooperation in political arena in accordance with the constitution and reforming in other sectors.

Besides, the government will make peace talks with the armed groups to solve the problem of armed conflicts and with this end in view the government has also already issued the announcement No. 1/2011 on 18 August, 2011, offering olive branch to armed groups.

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The announcement said the Government firmly believes that the State hand in hand with the entire people, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, need to pursue regional development by putting an end to armed insurrection to make internal peace in order to build a peaceful, developed nation.

As the first phase, those national race armed groups wishing to make peace through solutions to armed conflicts may contact the State or Region government concerned group-wise to launch preliminary programmes.

Upon completion of the preliminary programmes, the government will form a team for peace talks. It is announced that the

government invites national race armed groups to peace talks, the announcement said.

Therefore, the minister continued to say that, in accordance with the announcement No. 1/ 2011, the government will conduct peace negotiations with those groups who offer peace to the government and will try to make temporary ceasefire first, and then to make eternal peace with the armed groups.

The government will conduct the peace negotiations in accordance with the guidance of the president, the minister said. He continued to say that the President has already said that Our Three Main National Causes— Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of

National solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty — are the national duties that should be followed not only in the time of the government but also in the time of future generations, and the new government has brought Our Three Main National Causes to the fore and will continue to carry out the tasks, he said.

Myanmar lies between the two countries which are larger in the number of population and areas than it. Meanwhile, Myanmar shares border with a country which has a small area and large population. Therefore, it is found that Our Three Main National Causes plays a critical role in perpetuation of the sovereignty, the minister said.

Moreover, it is found that Our Three Main National Causes is very important for the perpetuation of the



sovereignty of Myanmar which is home to over 100 national races.

Therefore, the government will conduct peace negotiations with armed groups in accordance with the 2008 constitution to make peace with them, maintaining balance of the both sides, he said.

Therefore, the proposal submitted by U Swe Aung of Yangon

Region Constituency No. (12) is agreeable to the policies of the government and is within the framework of tasks of the government, he said. The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal.

Afterwards, the tenth-day second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw was concluded at 4.45 pm and it continues at 10 am 5, September, 2011.

In today's session,

eight questions were answered by respective Union ministers, one bill, out of two bills, was decided by the Amyotha Hluttaw to discuss again, one bill was approved, out of two proposals, one proposal was recorded as a question as two respective Union ministers answered fully, one proposal was withdrawn and one new proposal was submitted.

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Firefighter teaches students of the Central Academy of Drama to use fire extinguishers during a fire drill in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Sept, 2011. New students in the Central Academy of Drama participated in a fire drill on the first day of their college life.—XINHUA

Woman may have been killed by pit bulls

PHILADELPHIA, 2 Sept—A woman found dead in her home Tuesday in Philadelphia may have been killed by the five pit bulls she and her husband owned, police said.

Chief Inspector Scott Smalls said an autopsy would be done to determine the cause of death, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported. He said the 50-year-old woman was evidently killed by "severe head and face injuries," but it was not immediately obvious whether they were

caused by the dogs or a human agent.

The husband, who reported finding his wife's body on the living room floor when he returned home at about 6:30 pm, was taken in for questioning. Several neighbours said the dogs had a reputation for viciousness. Gus Castro, 25, who lives across the street, said he was bitten Friday when the five dogs got out.

The dogs have been removed from the house.

Internet

Steps foil courthouse truck-crash attempt

EDWARDSVILLE, 2 Sept—Police in Illinois said a man whose attempt to ram a big truck into a courthouse was foiled by steps to the building complained about child-support issues.

Edwardsville Police Chief James Bedell said officers responded at about 4:15 am Monday and found Roy Conger, 42,

had tried to back a 2010 International tractor-trailer into the south entrance of the St Louis Street courthouse but the vehicle got stuck on the outside steps, the *Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat* reported Tuesday.

Bedell said Conger had left the scene but soon turned himself in at the Madison County Jail. The

chief said Conger told officers he had attempted to crash into the courthouse because he was upset about child-support issues stemming from his divorce.

A judge ruled against Conger earlier this month when he sought to have his child-support payments reduced because he had lost his job.—Xinhua

Chance of cyclone near Halifax at 60 percent

HALIFAX, 2 Sept—A low pressure system located about 450 miles south of Halifax, Nova Scotia has a high 60 percent chance of forming into a cyclone in the next 48 hours, the US National Hurricane Centre said early Friday.

The NHC said the system was becoming more concentrated during the past several hours, and that it was moving northeast at 10 to 15 miles per hour (16-24 km/h).

"This system is producing winds of tropical storm force and only a slight increase in organization

could result in the formation of a tropical storm," the NHC said.

If the system develops into a storm, it would be named Lee.—Reuters



Photo taken on 1 Sept, 2011 shows a construction site of the Lhasa-Xigaze Railway in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. The 253-kilometre Lhasa-Xigaze Railway, to come on line in 2014, is expected to improve transportation situation for the southwestern part of Tibet.—XINHUA

Photo News



A staff member shows a recently discovered bronze wine vessel in Luoyang of central China's Henan Province, on 29 Aug, 2011. An ancient tomb has been discovered in a construction area of a local hospital. Evidence shows the owner of the tomb lived in the Zhou Dynasty (1046 BC-771 BC), which means it enjoys some 3,000 years of history. The tomb was remain unrobbed, and some bronze wares have been found in the tomb.

XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (311)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (311) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV CORAL HERO VOY NO (111)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CORAL HERO VOY NO (111) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 7 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER
(SINGAPORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV PLATINUM EMERALD VOY NO (02/11)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM EMERALD VOY NO (02/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HUB SHIPPING SDN BND**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Fragrant Hills attract tourists with German performances

BEIJING, 2 Sept — The first German Fresh Beer Garden Festival opened at Villa Castanea at the foot of the Fragrant Hills in Beijing on 26 August. The festival hopes to attract visitors with its delicious food, drinks and traditional German performances.

The one-month-long festival has designed a number of different programs, catering for all types of customers. For instance, every Monday and Tuesday until September 24th is "Corporate Day", during which time

enterprises can invite their employees or clients to join the 'happy hour'. Each Wednesday and Thursday, visitors can compete in the 'Queen of Beer' Competition.

The winner will become the festival's ambassador, and will be given round-trip tickets from Beijing to Munich to participate in the Munich Beer Festival in Germany in October. Special programs are also planned for the Mid-Autumn Festival which falls on September 12th this year

Internet



The first German Fresh Beer Garden Festival was held at Villa Castanea, a holiday resort at the foot of Fragrant Hills in Beijing.—INTERNET



Photo taken by Brazilian Photographer Isac Goulart shows the breathtaking sunset view on beach.—XINHUA

Man admits blackmailing Rooney's wife

MANCHESTER, 2 Sept — A man has pleaded guilty to blackmailing Coleen Rooney in a case involving her son, a lost mobile phone and a gang intent on profiting from a series of family photographs. Lee Platt (28) pleaded guilty to blackmailing the wife of Manchester United and England footballer Wayne Rooney at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Platt, from Manchester, also entered a guilty plea to handling stolen goods. He was arrested after the striker's celebrity wife lost her mobile phone while attending a Black Eyed Peas concert at the MEN arena in Manchester in May. The phone apparently contained family snaps of the couple's son which was taken on the phone camera.—Internet

9/11 firefighters more likely to get cancer

NEW YORK, 2 Sept — Firefighters exposed to the World Trade Center attacks are more likely to get cancer, while 9/11 rescue workers still suffer high illness rates generally, according to studies published Friday.

In a 10th anniversary edition of medical journal *The Lancet*, scientists said however that death rates among emergency staff and civilians who survived the disaster were lower than those of the wider New York City

population. "The events of that day changed the historical trajectory of America and the world. They have had — and continue to have — profound consequences for health," *the Lancet* journal said in an editorial.

One study showed that New York City firefighters who rushed to the doomed Twin Towers a decade ago are 19 percent more likely to have cancer than their non-exposed colleagues and a comparable section of the city's population.—Internet



Firemen arrive on the scene after the collapse of the first World Trade Center Tower in New York on 11 September, 2001.—INTERNET

Jewelry robbery linked to ex-NBA player

ATLANTA, 2 Sept — A former NBA player who is accused of shooting an Atlanta woman to death appeared to be retaliating for being robbed of \$55,000 worth of jewelry, police said. Javaris Crittenton, who was suspended from the NBA along with his ex-teammate Gilbert Arenas for having guns in a locker room, was arrested late Monday at a Southern California airport. He has been charged with murder in the 19 Aug shooting death of Jullian Jones outside her house in Atlanta, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Crittenton's attorneys have said he will exonerated. He told police he and a friend were leaving a barbershop around 10:50 pm 21 April when two teenagers surprised them as they returned to their car, according to police report released to *The Associated Press*.

Internet

Combined heart pills 'doing more harm than good'

LONDON, 2 Sept — Giving patients a combined pill containing statins, aspirin and drugs that lower blood pressure to everybody over 55 to protect against heart attacks and strokes would do more harm than good and be a waste of money, a leading doctor said on Tuesday.

The side effects of giving combined pills to millions of people outweighed potential benefits, it was warned.

Allen Taylor, a professor of medicine at Georgetown University in Washington, recommended instead that those at higher risk of coronary

disease should be given a computerised tomography (CT) scan.

Plans to give polypills to everybody over a set age have been discussed for more than 15 years and are now beginning to be used in countries such as India.

Internet



Joey Chestnut competes at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island, NY on 4 July, 2011. Joey Chestnut wins by eating a total of 62 hot dogs. UPI/John Angelillo.

Hot dog stand calls rivals copycats

A Chicago hot dog stand owner's lawsuits against two rival businesses alleges they are trying to confuse customers by using similar names.

Jim Christopoulos, owner of the 70-year-old Jim's Original Polish stand on Maxwell Street, accused the nearby Jim's Original Chicago and Jim's Original of Joliet, Ill, of trying to confuse customers by using similar names and promotional signs, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported Tuesday.

The lawsuit against Jim's Original Chicago states the business offers similar products and uses "confusingly similar" signs reading "Original Maxwell Street Polish" and "Original Maxwell Street Pork Chops," indicating to customers that "there is a connection, affiliation or association" with Jim's Original Polish.

Jim's Original Polish registered the logo "Jim's Original" and the phrase "The original Maxwell Street Polish Sausage Stand" with the state in 2007.

"One thing is we don't want people to be deceived into thinking they are actually receiving products that originate from our company," plaintiff attorney Jin Kim said.

Man dines, then robs to pay bill

Mounties in Vancouver, British Columbia, said a man, apparently with a guilty conscience, held up a gas station to pay a bill in a restaurant next door.

The 21-year-old suspect had a burger and at least two mugs of beer Friday night and then walked out of the restaurant without paying, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl

Richard De Jong said.

The man's behavior then took some odd turns, *Postmedia News* said.

Soon after his dine-and-dash was discovered, a gas station next door reported a man had held a screwdriver to a cashier's neck and stole cash.

As police were responding, the hostess at the restaurant said the

man who had left without paying showed up and paid his bill. When he saw police cars arriving for the holdup next door, he ran out, the report said.

De Jong said for some reason, the man returned to the restaurant again an hour later and ordered another beer.

News Album

Airline searches for missing cat



Jack the cat, via Facebook.

American Airlines said it is searching for a cat lost at a New York Airport while employees were scrambling to prepare for Hurricane Irene.

The airline apologized Monday to Karen Pascoe, 42, after her cat, Jack, was lost by airline workers before her Thursday flight to California from John F Kennedy International Airport, the *New York Daily News* reported Tuesday.



Muratbek Imanaliev, secretary-general of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), addresses the opening ceremony of SCO Business Day in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, 2 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

US unemployment rate unchanged at 9.1% in August

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—The US unemployment rate remained unchanged in August at 9.1 percent from July, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The nonfarm sector reported that no net jobs were added across the country last month, creating new jitters for investors as the U.S. economy grew at a slow pace this year.

Businesses added just 17,000 jobs across different sectors in August, while governments trimmed 17,000 jobs last month due to spending cuts. The US unemployment rate edged down to 9.1 percent in July from 9.2 percent in June, after ticking up for three consecutive months through June.—Xinhua

How our brains know what our tongues taste

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—A new study has shed light on how we perceive taste, showing that four of our basic tastes—sweet, bitter, salty, and "umami," or savory—are processed by distinct areas of the brain.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute and NIH scientists found that each taste, from sweet to salty, is sensed by a unique set of neurons in the brains of mice.

The findings demonstrate that neurons that respond to specific tastes are arranged discretely in what the scientists call a "gustotopic map."

This is the first map that shows how taste is represented in the mammalian brain.

"This work further reveals coding in the taste system via labelled lines, and it exposes the basic logic for the brain representation of the last of the classical five senses," said Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator Charles S Zuker.

Zuker and Nicholas J Ryba of the National

Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research observed that when a mouse is given something bitter to taste, or the receptors on its tongue that sense bitter are stimulated, many neurons in one small, specific area of the brain light up. When the mouse is given something salty, an area a few millimetres away is activated. Each taste corresponded to a different hotspot in the brain.

None of the areas overlapped, in fact, there was space between all of them.

Internet

Chinese student injured in robbery attack in Western Australia

SYDNEY, 2 Sept—The attack on Chinese student Oscar Tsang in Western Australia's Capital Perth was described by police as disgusting, local media reported on Friday.

Oscar Tsang, 22, was walking home from the Thornlie train station in southeast of Perth on Wednesday night when two men attacked him from behind around 10:00 pm local time.

Tsang was knocked unconscious in the attack, suffering a lacerated spleen and internal bleeding. The men stole his rucksack and wallet.

Tsang, who has only been in Perth for five months, told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that he was not aware of the attackers approaching him.

He said the men did not say anything and attacked him from behind.

Detective Justin Geary said Tsang had earphones in and was unaware of the attackers and what was about to happen.—Xinhua



A wildfire roars through dry trees near Graford, Texas, on 1 Sept, 2011.

XINHUA

Portugal boss brushes off Carvalho exit as Cyprus await

LISBON, 2 Sept—Portugal boss Paulo Bento says his side need to "move on" following the shock exit of Real Madrid defender Ricardo Carvalho just two days before his side take on Cyprus in a crucial Euro 2012 qualifier in Nicosia.

Portugal, on 10 points, currently top Norway and Denmark in Group H thanks to goal difference and need to secure maximum points against a Cyprus side who stunned them in a 4-4 draw when the two sides first met in

September last year.

But it was the walkout of Carvalho which dominated the news conference proceedings on Thursday night with Bento, a former Benfica and Sporting Lisbon midfielder, claiming "he didn't know" the reasons behind the veteran's defender's exit.

Carvalho, 33, had stormed out of training camp and announced he was quitting international football on the eve the game.—*Internet*



Portugal's coach, Paulo Bento (4th L), is talking to players during their training session at Praia del Rey.

INTERNET

Loew confirms Kroos to start ahead of Goetze

MUNICH, 2 Sept—Germany coach Joachim Loew confirmed on Thursday that Bayern Munich's Toni Kroos will start in Friday's Euro

2012 qualifier against Austria in Gelsenkirchen instead of Mario Goetze.

"He will get his chance in the coming games," Loew said of Goetze at a press conference in Dusseldorf, where the Germany squad have been preparing this week.

"Toni (Kroos) has really impressed me with his enthusiasm and his commitment in recent Bundesliga games."—*Internet*



Germany coach Joachim Loew

Dramatic change of fortune for Briton Dougherty

CRANA-MONTANA, 2 Sept—While a host of leading world-ranked players fought it out in the European Masters opening round on Thursday, Briton Nick Dougherty came in under the radar to lead the field.

In a dramatic change in fortunes, Dougherty resuscitated his career after a miserable two years with a spectacular eight-under-par 63.

That earned him a two-shot lead over US Open champion Rory McIlroy,

2010 US PGA winner Martin Kaymer, Briton Gary Boyd and little-known Sung Lee of South Korea.

World number two Lee Westwood and British Open champion Darren Clarke were a further two strokes back.—*Internet*



Nick Dougherty

Wenger in deadline day dash for quartet



Owen Hargreaves

LONDON, 2 Sept—Arsene Wenger embarked on a last-ditch spending spree on transfer deadline day as the under-pressure Arsenal boss signed Mikel Arteta, Andre Santos, Per Mertesacker and Yossi Benayoun, while Manchester City completed their shock swoop for in-

jury-plagued midfielder Owen Hargreaves.

Wenger has been feeling the heat since his side's humiliating 8-2 defeat at Manchester United on Sunday and he reacted by splashing out around £24 million on a quartet of new faces on Wednesday.

He paid £10 million for Everton midfielder Arteta in an attempt to fill the void left by Cesc Fabregas's move to Barcelona.

The Frenchman also landed Brazilian full-back Santos from Fenerbahce for £6.2 million and Werder Bremen centre-back Mertesacker for around £8 million as he tries to shore up his leaky defence.—*Internet*

Mickelson leaning toward a belly butter

NORTON, 2 Sept—Phil Mickelson once carried two drivers at the Masters and no drivers at a US Open. Even more surprising was Thursday at the Deutsche Bank Championship when he tried using a belly putter.

The longer putters have been getting more attention this year, especially after Keegan Bradley became the first player to win a major using one at the PGA Championship.

Mickelson, renowned for a silky stroke, has been struggling for years on the shorter putts. He has said last week that he wouldn't rule out trying a

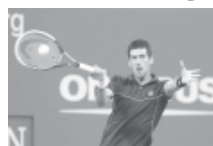
belly putter one day. Mickelson says he struggled in the pro-am at the TPC Boston but started to get the hang of it.

Asked if he would use it in the first round Friday, he says he's not opposed to trying something new.—*Internet*



Phil Mickelson

Djokovic sends ominous warning at US Open



Novak Djokovic

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—World number one Novak Djokovic sent an ominous warning to his rivals about his plans to complete one of the most dominant years in professional tennis by winning the US Open.

The Serbian, at the top of his powers and at ease with the world after win-

ning two grand slam titles already this season, produced a masterful display at Flushing Meadows on Thursday to defeat Carlos Berlocq of Argentina 6-0 6-0 6-2 and sail into the third round.

It was as one-sided as the scoreline suggested, with Djokovic completely overwhelming his opponent with power and accuracy. One spectator at the Arthur Ashe Stadium asked the Serbian for his money back.

Internet



English champions Manchester United posted record operating profits of £110.9million for the past financial year.—*INTERNET*

Manchester United post record profits

LONDON, 2 Sept—English champions Manchester United posted record operating profits of £110.9million (\$179.7million) for the past financial year, figures released Thursday showed.

The Old Trafford club have also recorded a record revenue of £334.1million—an increase of £45million from the previous year and passing £300million for the first time—according to figures for the year ended 30 June, 2011.

United, who won the Premier League title and reached the Champions League final during the period, have also recorded a commercial turnover of £103.4million—which

doesn't include a new £10million a year sponsorship deal with global delivery company DHL.

The figures were published as United considered a plan to raise more than £600million by selling shares on the Singapore Stock Exchange. That would help the Old Trafford club, owned by the US-based Glazer family, pay down a net debt that now stands at £308.3million—down from £376.9million according to the new figures.

The new results contrast markedly with last year's figures when losses hit a record £83.3million, primarily as a result of the cost of a bond issue

Internet

S P O R T S

Arteta eager for Arsenal 'challenge'

LONDON, 2 Sept—Mikel Arteta is looking forward to testing himself in the Champions League with Arsenal following his £10million deadline day move from Everton.

The 29-year-old Spaniard is reported to have taken a pay-cut to agree a four-year deal with the Gunners, who ensured their place in European club football's elite competition after a playoff win over Udinese.

"It is a big challenge, a different challenge, fresh for me and I want to see myself on the biggest stage, the Champions League," Arteta told Everton's website.

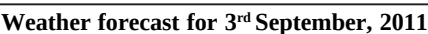
"I am 29 years old, so



Mikel Arteta is looking forward to testing himself in the Champions League with Arsenal following his £10million deadline day move from Everton.

INTERNET

I haven't got much time left to take a chance like this one." Arteta, who spent six-and-a-half years at Goodison Park, added: "I always try hard, I have been as professional as I could.—*Internet*



During past 24 (hours), rain or thunderbolts have been isolated in Sagaria Region, Scattered in Mandalay Region, Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Magway Region and Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining regions and States with generally heavy falls in Magway Region and Rakhine State. Isolated heavy falls in Bago, Ayeyarwady and Tanintharyi Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (6.96) inches, Taunggong (6.26) inches, Thandwe (5.24) inches, Sitmya and Kyaukpada (5.16) inches, Kawkawke (5.08) inches, Madon and Dawei (4.49) inches each, Kyeinthein and Ye (4.42) inches and Thabeikgyi (4.32) inches.
Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Delatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Continuation of increase of rains in the Lower Myanmar Areas.

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Kenya's Vivian Jepkemoi Cheruiyot, right, celebrates as she crosses the finish line to win the Women's 5000m final ahead of Kenya's Sylvia Jebiwott Kibet, left, and Ethiopia's Meseret Defar, centre, at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Friday, 2 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

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Tapo ca; ascetic practice; this is the way to auspiciousness

Amyotha Hluttaw donates cash to Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept — Amyotha Hluttaw donated cash to Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital today. The donation ceremony was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint presented K64.74 million to Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin at the 1000-bed hospital.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Deputy Minister for

Health Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads and officials.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative of Yangon Region Constituency (9) Dr. Khin Shwe explained the purpose of the donation.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Thet Khin presented a certificate of honour to Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Medical Superintendent Dr. Daw Phyu Phyu spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint presents cash donated for Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital to Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.
MNA



Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) announces its attitude

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) of Hpa-an in Kayin State announced its attitude today.

The translation of the announcement is as follows:-

Announcement on attitude of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) issued

1. The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar invited armed groups to hold peacetalks for building national unity for national development by issuing Announcement No. 1/2011 dated 18-8-2011. A news agency broadcast that with regard to the announcement, the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Army met leaders of Shan State Army and held discussions on cooperation and providing military assistance to each other; and DKBA showed its stance to hold discussion representing the combined forces, but not as a separate group.
2. As of 18-8-2011, DKBA has been formed as Border Guard Force with 12 battalions in accord with the constitution. Kayin State

Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) has officially been formed with officers and servicemen of above-50 years old to be able to participate in nation-building tasks. Units of Border Guard Force are discharging State duties. There is no DKBA any more.

3. Hence, the KSDDP declared that it does not recognize the organization under the name of DKBA undermining peace and stability of the State.

**Kayin State Democracy and Development Party
Kayin State
Hpa-an**

Date: 2-9-2011

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Hinthada 1387 cm has exceeded by 45 cm (about 1.5 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

Similarly, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Zalun 1203 cm has exceeded by 43 cm (about 1.4 feet) above its danger level. It may continue to rise about 10 cm (0.3 foot) during the next 48 hours commencing noon today and will remain

above its danger level 1160 cm.

The water level of Sittoung River in Madauk 1137 cm has exceeded by 67 cm (about 2.2 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

The water level of Ngawun River in Ngathaingyoung 1177 cm has exceeded by 47 cm (about 1.5 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

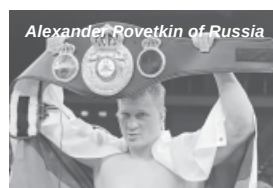
Povetkin beats Chagaev for vacant WBA heavy title

EFURT, 2 Sept—Alexander Povetkin of Russia defeated Ruslan Chagaev by unanimous decision Saturday to claim the vacant WBA heavyweight title.

The title was Wladimir Klitschko's following the Ukrainian's victory over David Haye by unanimous decision in Hamburg last month, but was declared vacant when the WBA elevated Klitschko to "super champion" status.

Povetkin, the 2004 Olympic heavyweight champion, remains undefeated after 22 fights (15 KOs), and becomes the mandatory challenger for Klitschko.

"I don't want to think about Klitschko," said Teddy Atlas, Povetkin's American trainer. "I want to think about Povetkin and this title ... we'll think about Klitschko some other time."



Povetkin won on the judges' cards 116-112, 117-113, 117-113.

Chagaev, of Uzbekistan, held the WBA title from 2007-09. His record fell to 27-2 (17 KOs), with one draw.

"I'm sorry, today was not my day. But that's boxing, that's sport,"

Chagaev said. "He's a good boxer, a real world champion now."

Chagaev, 32, recovered from a poor start to rattle Povetkin in the sixth round, catching him cleanly with left and right hooks to leave the 31-year-old unsteady on his feet.

Atlas called on Povetkin to fight for the honor of his father, who died last year, and the Russian regained the upper hand in the ninth as Chagaev appeared to tire.—*Internet*