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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives China Railway Engineering Corporation (CREC) President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received delegation led by President of China Railway Engineering Corporation (CREC) of the People's Republic of China Mr. Zhao Deyi at the Hall of the President Office here at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-

President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Director-General of the President Office U Min Zaw

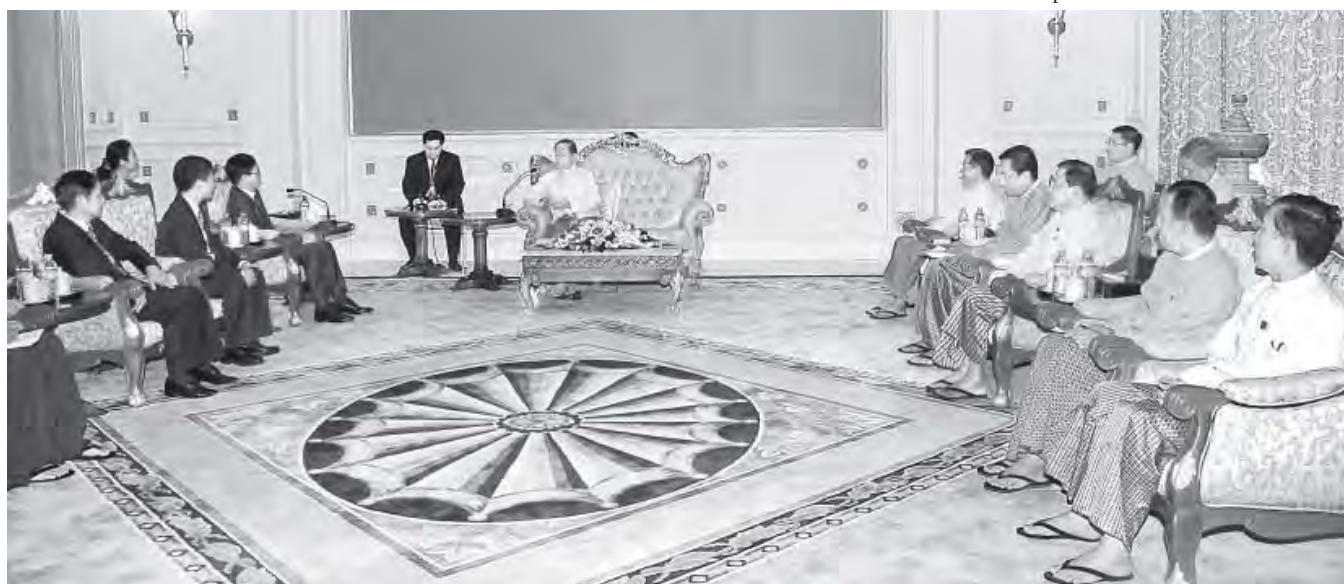
Our Three Main National Causes

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

and officials.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials.

They exchanged views on mutual cooperation in rail transportation.—MNA



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Promote democratic practices

Justice, freedom, equality, transparency, accountability, and constitution with diversified views and opinions, etc are basics of democracy. Prevalence of law and order and protection of human rights provide a solid foundation for democracy promotion.

Myanmar is building a modern, developed, and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Democratic reforms have been a top priority for Myanmar. As the Hluttaw is a democratic institution which has to take people's voices into consideration widely, representatives, on behalf of people, are expressing their wills by enacting laws, submitting proposals and asking questions.

The government which is vested with executive power is pushing democratization process forward with firm belief for peace and development and striving for emergence of good governance and clean government. Moreover, the judiciary is also striving for rule of law in democratization process free from corruption.

Democracy allows freedom of expression and press, peaceful gathering, rally, and constitution of organizations and associations. It includes rights to vote, rights to run for election, and rights to establish political parties but also needs a society that respects rights and responsibility.

The harmonious combination of democracy system and society will lead to internal peace and national development. As democracy and human rights are inseparably linked, every citizen and organization may need to abide by enacted laws to enjoy such rights. Even UN Charter has acknowledged the interrelationship of human rights, rule of law and democratic practices.

Democracy has emerged in response to the demand of humans and society. It is a practice that can protect and promote dignity and basic needs of individuals. Each and every citizen, together with the government, has to promote democratic practices with high standards of morality, discipline and capabilities for evolution of fine democratic environment and compatible democratic culture.

8th Medical Conference of Ayeyawady Region 3-4 Nov

YANGON, 16 Sept—The 8th Medical Conference of Ayeyawady Region will be held in conjunction with the medicines and medical equipment exhibition at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Patheingyi) on 3 and 4 November 2011.

Professors and specialists will give medical talks. The exhibition will display latest medicines and medical equipment.

Those wishing to open medical booths may contact Chairman of the association orthopaedist Dr Kyi Pe (042-24292), Secretary surgical specialist Dr U Saw Aung (042-23390) and (042-21297).

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Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and wife being welcomed by Charge d' Affaires of Malaysian Embassy Mr Azril Abdul Aziz at the reception to mark 54th National Day and 78th Armed Forces Day of Malaysia at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 16 September.—MNA

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer observed



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun addresses International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer commemorative ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Organized by Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed at Forest Department Headquarters of the ministry here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that the theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2011 is "HCFCs phase-out: a unique opportunity"; that production and use of hydrochlorofluorocarbons was to be phased out from 2013 to 2030; that Myanmar had established National Ozone Unit in 2004 with the assistance of UNEP and a bill on management of compounds that leads to ozone depletion was drafted according to ozone rules adoption project; that Myanmar neither produces nor exports compounds that lead to depletion of ozone layer and it had ceased importing of CFC in

2007; that the ministry in coordination with Myanmar Engineering Society had made domestic observation and submitted the first report under the guidance of the UNIDO in October 2010; that the ministry held discussions with representatives on reduction of HCFCs project from UNEP from 17 to 22 July and other related ministries. He urged those present to actively take part in activities to mark International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

Next, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP Dr Min Htut Yin read out the message sent by the UN Secretary-General and video clips on ozone layer protection was presented. Those present then observed the booths exhibited in commemoration of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

ECC Vice-Chairman Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, committee members deputy ministers, representatives of non-governmental organizations and personnel were present.—MNA

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Mandalay Region held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The 18th prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition of Mandalay region was held at National Theatre in Aungmye-thazan Township this afternoon, with an address by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

The Chief Minister said in his address that officials and artistes are to do their best to hand

down traditional cultural heritages to new generations and called on them to strive for success in the gala competitions.

Next, the chief minister and officials presented prizes to winners of the competitions.

The chief minister and participants enjoyed the entertainment of prize winners and gave away gifts to members of the panel of judges.—MNA

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

NATO, Afghan forces capture Kabul attacks suspects

KABUL, 16 Sept—NATO and Afghan forces have captured at least two suspects linked to a dramatic Taliban assault on the US embassy and NATO headquarters in Kabul, the transatlantic alliance said Thursday.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said a Taliban suspect and a member of the Pakistan-based Haqqani network were held in the wake of the attacks in the Afghan Capital that left 15 dead. The Taliban suspect "and his associates coordinated multiple attacks in Kabul against Afghan and coalition forces to include the 13 Sept, 2011 attacks at NATO Headquarters and the US embassy," an ISAF operational update read.

He had also planned vehicle-bomb attacks and was captured in eastern Paktiya Province, it added. Afghan and coalition security forces captured the Haqqani member, described as a "network facilitator," along with

his associate during an operation in eastern Khost Province. ISAF linked the man to Tuesday's assault. The brazen assault raged for 19 hours amid a hail of rockets, grenades and suicide blasts as Afghan and foreign troops battled militants.



Afghan security personnel stand alert in front of a building in Kabul on 14 Sept. NATO and Afghan forces have captured at least two suspects linked to a dramatic Taliban assault on the US embassy and NATO headquarters in Kabul, the transatlantic alliance said Thursday.—INTERNET

Before the Kabul attack, the US military blamed the Haqqani militants for a truck bombing on Saturday against a NATO base in Wardak province that wounded 77 American troops.—Internet

31 killed, 60 injured in Pakistan suicide blast

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept— At least 31 people were killed and some 60 others injured when a suicide bomber hit a pro-government elder's funeral in Pakistan's northwest District of Lower Dir on Thursday, reported local Urdu TV channel DAWN. Pakistan Taliban claimed Thursday evening responsibility for the attack. Taliban militants have in the past carried out similar suicide attacks on funerals for pro-government tribal elders and police officers.

In April, a Taliban suicide bomber attacked a funeral for the wife of a pro-government tribal leader near Peshawar and it killed over 30 people and injured many others. The report quoted police sources as saying that a suicide bomber blew himself up among hundreds of people attending the funeral in the Sadberg Village in the Jandol area of Lower Dir District in northwest Pakistan on Thursday afternoon.

The funeral was held for an elder named Malik Sultan in the village which is located close to the Afghanistan border. The people living in the village belong to Mashwani tribe who have always been supporting the government in the fight against the militants.

MNA/Xinhua

Intense fire on Norwegian cruise ship kills two crew

OSLO (Norway), 16 Sept—An intense fire in a cruise ship's engine room killed two crewmen Thursday, injured nine others and forced more than 200 passengers to evacuate a popular cruise off Norway's craggy western coast. Three rescue workers were hospitalized with minor injuries. Police said they suspected an explosion in the engine room.

"Nothing indicates

sabotage or points to terror," said Trygve Oedegaard, head of operations at the Aalesund police. "But, of course, we have to investigate all options."

Thick black smoke billowed from the stern of the boat, the MS Nordlys, of Norway's Hurtigruten line even before it pulled into the dock at Aalesund, 230 miles (375 kilometres) northwest of the capital of Oslo. Police sealed off parts of the town as the smoke engulfed nearby buildings. The ship's emergency evacuation began after the fire started at 9 am (0700 GMT), with more than

Smoke rises from the Norwegian cruise ship, MS Nordlys, one of the classic Hurtigruten ships alongside in Alesund in western Norway, on 15 Sept, 2011 as firefighters and police attend.—INTERNET



100 passengers piling into lifeboats in the frigid waters.

The rest of the ship's 207 passengers and 55 crew were evacuated at the dock at Aalesund. Hurtigruten said all the passengers were unharmed but that nine crew members were admitted to Aalesund hospital, two with serious burns and smoke inhalation.—Internet

Iraq arrests eight over slaying of Shiite pilgrims

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—Police arrested at least eight people on Thursday in connection with the murder of 22 Shiite Muslim pilgrims en route to Syria from a holy city in south Iraq, officials said.

The victims had been passengers on a bus on Monday evening from the shrine City of Karbala

passing through Anbar Province, long a stronghold of Sunni militants and Al-Qaeda's front group in Iraq, when their vehicle was stopped by gunmen and they were killed.

"Elite police from Karbala arrested eight suspects over the crime in Nukhaib," said Nusaif Jassim al-Khitabi, deputy chief of Karbala provincial council, referring to the area where the attack took place. "They are still being held. They were all arrested in Anbar."

Internet

Two killed, two injured in sticky bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—Two people were killed and two others wounded in attacks by three sticky bombs in and around Baghdad, the police said Thursday. A taxi driver was killed as a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in Baghdad's western District of Ghazaliyah, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A sticky bomb attached to the car of a traffic police officer went off and killed him late Wednesday in New Baghdad District in southeastern Baghdad, the source said.

A third sticky bomb exploded Thursday morning in a civilian car in downtown Fallujah City, some 50 km west of Baghdad, wounding two people aboard, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The attacks are part of a wave of assassinations by militants and gangs against Iraqi security members, officials and civilians.—Xinhua



An Iraqi police officer watches cars at a checkpoint in July 2011 in Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET



A disabled boy practices walking with an artificial leg at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Orthopaedic Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, established in 1988, offers not only artificial limbs and rehabilitation trainings, but also job opportunities to the disabled. Now, about 300 staff members work in the Orthopaedic Centre and most of them are disabled. They provide services to other disabled and pass the faith that through their own efforts, the disabled could live a happy life too.—XINHUA

Goldman to close Global Alpha fund after losses



"The volatility has been so high; if you're wrong, especially if you're using margin or leverage, your returns are going to be extremely poor," said Schneider.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 16 Sept—Goldman Sachs Group Inc is shuttering a well-known hedge fund that relies on computer-driven trading strategies after the portfolio rang up a hefty loss this year.

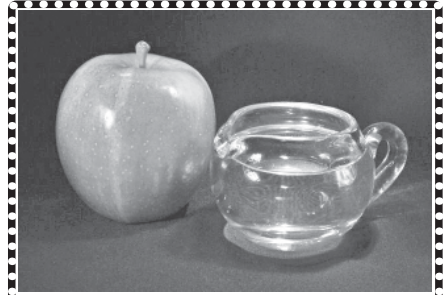
Goldman told investors in the roughly \$1.6 billion

Business

Global Alpha fund the news on Thursday, one day after it announced a management shake-up at the fund that had been the crown jewel of its quantitative trading business. The fund will be closed in the next few weeks. Global Alpha had tumbled 13 percent by early September, delivering a far worse performance than other hedge funds that rely on computer programmes to quickly take advantage of opportunities in the market, people familiar with the number said.

This is the second time in four years the Global Alpha fund — once one of Goldman's biggest with \$12 billion in assets — has suffered big losses and its performance raises questions about the ability of Goldman Sachs to manage quantitative strategies for its wealthy clients.

What may have hit the Goldman fund especially hard were the unexpected stock market sell offs in early August and recent currency market fluctuations in the wake of the Swiss National Bank's decision to halt the rise of the Swiss franc, people familiar with the fund's models said.—Reuters



An apple and a pitcher of apple juice are posed together in Moreland Hills, Ohio on Thursday, 15 Sept, 2011.

The federal Food and Drug Administration and a leading doctor are disputing suggestions by television show host Dr. Mehmet Oz that trace amounts of arsenic in many apple juice products pose a health concern.

INTERNET

Asian markets rally after European bank decision

TOKYO, 16 Sept—A decision by European central banks to support the region's financial system helped calm Asian markets, setting off a rally in early Friday trading. The focus is now shifting to talks in Poland between US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and his European counterparts, which run through Saturday, about coordinating efforts to prevent Europe's debt crisis from derailing a global recovery.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose 1.7 percent to 8,819.69 while South Korea's Kospi advanced 3.5 percent to 1,835.31. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 2.1 percent to 19,585.10. The news also set off a rally in US stocks overnight, with the Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.7 percent to close at 11,433.18. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 1.7 percent to 1,209.11.

Worries about European banks' borrowing problems, a key element in the region's debt crisis, have been hanging over global markets in recent weeks, especially about the cash-strapped governments in Greece and Italy. But the European Central Bank, the US Federal Reserve and three other central banks said Thursday they would provide European banks with unlimited dollar loans. In currencies, the dollar strengthened to 76.78 yen from 76.64 Japanese late in New York on Thursday. The euro fell to \$1.3866 from \$1.3889.



A man walks past an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Japan, on 16 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Benchmark oil for October delivery was up 1 cent at \$89.41 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added 49 cents to finish Thursday at \$89.40 per barrel.—Internet

Business

Anti-nausea drug may pose risk to heart rhythm:FDA

BANGALORE, 16 Sept—US health regulators said they are reviewing the safety of GlaxoSmithKline's anti-nausea drug Zofran to ascertain whether there is a potential risk of abnormal heart rhythm.

The drug may increase the risk of developing abnormal changes in the electric activity of the heart, leading to a potentially fatal heart rhythm, the US Food and Drug Administration said in a statement.

GSK will be required

to conduct a study on whether Zofran could prolong a patient's QT interval, a measure of heart rhythm. The results of the study are expected in summer of 2012.

In the meanwhile, the FDA said it was making interim changes to the drug's labels to include a warning that Zofran be avoided in patients with congenital long QT syndrome.

Health

Reuters

New test may better diagnose African sleeping sickness

GENEVA, 16 sept—Researchers announced on Thursday the development of a new test to diagnose Trypanosomiasis, an often deadly parasitic disease commonly known as sleeping sickness.

The LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification) test is "designed to be suitable for use in rural African settings where the disease is most common," the Geneva-based Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) and Japanese diagnostics company Eiken said in a Press release. The new test "promises to dramatically improve the ability to confirm a diagnosis of sleeping sickness - even when parasites are present in low numbers - through detection of the parasite's DNA in patient samples."

Sleeping sickness needs to be caught and treated early to prevent parasites from entering the brain, which makes treatment more difficult and the likelihood of irreversible neurological damage more likely. The LAMP test will be entering field trials in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, and

if all goes well will be ready for use in 2012.

Researchers are also exploring possibilities the test could be used to confirm a patient has been cured, which could reduce the follow-up period and do away with the need for repeated lumbar punctures.

"The LAMP test has tremendous public health potential. As a sophisticated yet practical diagnostic tool, it can be used outside of traditional laboratories by technicians without training in molecular biology and can be brought closer to the remote areas where patients live," said Eiken head Tetsuya Teramoto.

Sleeping sickness is transmitted by the bite of the tsetse fly throughout poor rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa where 60 million people in 36 countries are thought to be at risk.

It is difficult to diagnose, and if the infected go untreated, they die.

Currently diagnosis relies on trained health workers using a screening test to identify suspects, and then using microscopes to detect parasites in the blood and other body fluids.—Internet

Health



A nurse walks among patients at a hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Researchers announced on Thursday the development of a new test to diagnose Trypanosomiasis, an often deadly parasitic disease commonly known as sleeping sickness.—INTERNET

Frankfurt Motor Show 2011 kicks off



A model stands by an Alfa Romeo 4C Concept car at the international Frankfurt motor show IAA (Internationale Automobil-Ausstellung) in Frankfurt, western Germany, on 15 Sept, 2011. The world's biggest motor show, the IAA, is running from 15 to 25 Sept, 2011.

XINHUA

FRANKFURT, 16 on Thursday formally Sept—The Frankfurt opened to public visitors, Motor Show 2011 (IAA) with a series of novel

Warming Atlantic affecting fish populations

Science

BRISTOL, 16 Sept—A study of the effects of rapidly rising temperatures in the northeast Atlantic Ocean shows a major shift in fish stocks is under way, British researchers say.

Bristol University scientists joined with researchers from eight other institutions to analyze 28 years of fisheries agency data from 11 independent surveys covering more than 380 million square miles of the European continental shelf, a university release reported Thursday.

It's not all bad news, they said, as some fishes' losses are other fishes' gains.

"We see many more southerly warm-water species faring well on the European shelf than northerly cold-adapted species," Bristol biological scientist Steve Simpson said.

"This means more small-bodied, faster growing species with shorter generation times, and potentially more diversity." The vast majority of common fish species have shown a change in abundance linked to the rising sea temperatures, with three out of every four species increasing in numbers, researchers said.

"We may see a further decline in cold-adapted species, many of which were the staple for our grandparents," Simpson said. The flip side is a likely increase in species such as red mullet and John Dory, he said. "Over time, with effective management and an appropriate response in consumer demand, European seas have the potential to yield productive and sustainable fisheries into the future," Simpson said.

Internet

The onboard computer of a Mercedes-Benz B-class displays the name "Comand online", which is the name for Mercedes-Benz's internet connection system for onboard computers, at the international motor show IAA.—INTERNET

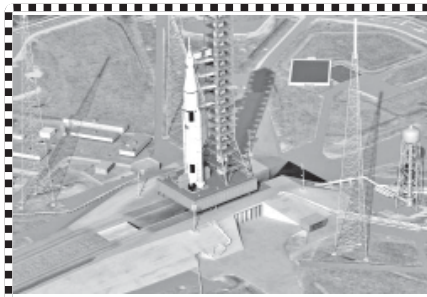
small, fuel-efficient, intelligent and electric-powered cars striking

the limelight.

Unfazed by the lingering eurozone debts crisis, automobile elites are seeking to take advantage of the world's biggest motor show to showcase a dense collection of new models and auto technologies with future-concept, in a bid to demonstrate the sector's potential vitality in order to boost the manufacturing industry.

The 10-day pageant, featuring novel devices and concepts from over 1,000 auto- and accessories makers from 32 countries around the globe, is expected to draw some 800,000 visitors.

Xinhua



This artist's conception released by NASA shows the Space Launch System — an advanced heavy-lift launch vehicle that will provide an entirely new national capability for human exploration beyond Earth's orbit.

INTERNET

'Connected' cars new buzzword at IAA fair

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Sept—Following smartphones and tablet computers, motorists look set to be the next big market for connected devices as automakers wow crowds with the latest Internet-enabled models at the IAA motor show. The times are long past when car shows reeked of motor oil and fans were obsessed with engine power and sleek designs.

With the aid of cloud computing, automobile makers believe the car of the future will no longer be just a vehicle, but an extension of the home or workplace,



Shares in Research In Motion fell sharply in after-hours trading Thursday after the BlackBerry maker said it shipped fewer smartphones and tablet computers than expected in the quarter.

INTERNET

RIM shares fall on disappointing results

Tech

ONTARIO, 16 Sept—Shares in Research In Motion (RIM) fell sharply in after-hours trading on Thursday after the BlackBerry maker said it shipped fewer smartphones and tablet computers than expected in the quarter.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based RIM said net profit fell to \$329 million, or 63 cents per share, in its fiscal second quarter from \$797 million, or \$1.46 per share, in the same quarter a year ago. Revenue declined to \$4.2 billion in the quarter which ended on 27 August from \$4.6 billion a year ago.

Analysts had expected BlackBerry shipments of 11.9 million units and 700,000 PlayBooks.

RIM shipped 13.2 million BlackBerrys the previous quarter and 500,000 PlayBooks. RIM

said it expected BlackBerry shipments to grow between 27 percent and 33 percent in the third fiscal quarter over the second quarter to between 13.5 million units and 14.5 million units.

RIM did not provide a forecast for PlayBook shipments.

The company said it expected revenue of between \$5.3 billion and \$5.6 billion for the current quarter. "We understand that the past few quarters have been challenging and we are confident that we are on track to return to growth in the third quarter and beyond," said RIM co-chief executive Mike Lazaridis.

"We believe we are well positioned to take advantage of the upcoming holiday season," Balsillie added.

Internet

where drivers will have access to emails and keep up-to-date on their social networks even on the road.

In its new concept car on show unveiled at the IAA this week, the Evos, Ford claims it can fine-tune the car to personal preferences, even down to the cabin temperature, and access to the driver's home entertainment systems for listening to favourite news and music programmes.

According to BITKOM, the German industry association for IT, telecoms and new media, one out of every two drivers in Germany would already like Internet access in the car.

Navigation systems have long become more than just fancy accessories.

And automotive part makers such as Bosch in Germany and Valeo in France are busily investing in state-of-the-art onboard computer technologies, with the French group, for example, unveiling a new system which parks a vehicle without the driver in the car.

Navigation systems have long become more than just fancy accessories.

Internet

Tech

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Cambodia to attend 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—A 14-member Hluttaw representative delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left here for Cambodia this afternoon, to attend 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The delegation was seen off by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of the Committees, Director-General of Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein and personnel at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.

MNA

Hluttaw representatives led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint who will attend 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Phnom Penh in Cambodia seen off by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and officials at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.—MNA

Union Minister attends Tourism Investment Conference, International Tourism Exhibition-2011 in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan on 13 and 14 September attended the Tourism Investment Conference and the 7th International Tourism Exhibition-2011 held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam with the aim of developing tourism of four countries—Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

On 13 September morning, the Union Minister delivered an address at Tourism Investment Conference held at Rex Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, citing ongoing tasks for the development of tourism industry of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar including cooperation with foreign countries, encouragement for appearance of Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Route.

The Union Minister together with the Hotels and Tourism Ministers of four countries and special guests in the evening was present in the International Tourism Exhibition in addition to Vietnam Night ceremony, an award-giving ceremony for the best tour companies throughout the four countries, collectively held at Intercontinental Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, with performance of Rakhine traditional dance of

Myanmar Cultural Troupes.

On 14 September, with the ministers of the four countries, the Union Minister attended the 7th International Tourism Exhibition-2011 held at Saigon Exhibition and Convention Centre (SECC) in Ho Chi Minh City.

The Union Minister viewed the booths on approaching key markets in tourism industry, respectively displayed by the four countries including Myanmar whose three booths displayed in the exhibition from 14 to 17 September.—MNA



Union Minister U Tint Hsan delivering an address at Tourism Investment Conference held at Rex Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye gave an opening speech at the paper reading session on research and management of Universities in South-East Asian countries under supervision of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SEAMEO RIHED, taken place at the Convocation Hall of Mandalay University this morning.

Rector in charge Dr Khin Swe Myint of Mandalay University delivered an address and then Dr Sauwakon Ratanawijitrasin, Director of Administration Group of SEAMEO RIHED, arranged to show SEAMEO RIHED Video.

The paper reading session was divided into three sub-sessions, chaired by Deputy Director of Administration and Communication of SEAMEO Secretariat Dr Tinsiri Siribodhi, with Readers Dr Zohrah Hj Sulaiman of Brunei Darussalam and Dr Nith Bunlay of Cambodia and Dr Illah Sailah of Indonesia, chaired by Dr Ninnat Olanvoravuth of ASA/H1 with Readers Dr Phonephet Boupaha of Laos, Dr Morshidi bin Sirat of Malaysia, Rector in charge of Mandalay University Dr Khin Swe Myint and Dr Nenaln Palma Defensor of Philippines, and chaired by Director Dr Sauwakon Ratanawijitrasin

Paper reading session on research, management of Universities in South-East Asian countries held



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye delivers an address at paper reading session on research and management of Universities in South-East Asian countries.—MNA

of SEAMEO RIHED with Readers Liu Woon Chia of Singapore, Miss Aporn Kanvong of Thailand and Dr Nguyen Thi Le Huong of Vietnam.

Likewise, the 19th Meeting of Administration Group of SEAMEO RIHED and Discussion on exchange views on regional issues on 15 September

morning took place at the Convocation Hall of Mandalay University in the presence of Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Rector in charge Dr Khin Swe Myint of Mandalay University and Director of SEAMEO RIHED Dr Sauwakon Ratanawijitrasin.—MNA

New government has so far facilitated the nation with five bridges

By Aung Theinga



The opening ceremony of Nagapauk Bridge in progress.

According to the Ministry of Construction, the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in its time has inaugurated five bridges so far. All of them were over 180 feet long facilities. The 190-foot Ma Mya Creek Bridge was opened for the first time of its kind on 24 April this year. After that, the 350-foot Nankhwin Bridge, the 466-foot Auknat Creek Bridge, the 270-foot Myo Creek Bridge and the 240-foot Nagapauk Creek were commissioned into service one after another. All these facilities were built by Bridge Construction Special Groups under Public Works.

Ma Mya Creek Bridge is located on Hinthada-Hsongon-Myanaung Road in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region. It

is of reinforced concrete type with 24 feet wide motor way flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads. The past facility was a 150 feet long wooden bridge. Due to high current rate of the creek, the bridge collapsed for many times. The 12 feet wide old bridge could not give smooth transport service that when one vehicle passed it, another one in the opposite way had to wait. Dangerous traffic and narrow motor way delayed the transportation for the local people. At present, the two-way new reinforced concrete bridge has emerged, and the facility contributes much to smoother and speedier flow of passenger and commodities.

The secondly opened facility was Nankhwin Bridge

located on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Hopin Township of Kachin State. It was opened on 21 May. The facility is of RC type at both lower and upper structure. The bridge has 24 feet wide motor way. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads. The bridge was built within three years beginning 2008. As the old bridge was built of iron frame and wooden

floors, the facility could withstand 13-ton loads. The vehicle with larger weighs than 13 tons had to cross the creek depending on the water volume in the creek. At present, the trucks with loads heading for Myitkyina, Mogaung and Phakant of Kachin State can safely pass the bridge.

Auknat Creek Bridge, the third one, is located on Bogale-Setsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar Road of Ayeyawady Region Road Network in Bogale Township. The facility is of RC at the lower structure and of bailey frame type at the upper structure. The bridge is 13.5 feet wide and can withstand 13-ton loads. Five of 16 bridges on the No. 6 road of the road network are under construction. In the past, the local people relied on water way transport. On completion, the local

people will have easy access to Ahmar from Bogale. The new road will be 32 miles and five furlongs shorter than Pyapon-Kyonkadun-Daw Nyein-Ahmar road.

As the fourth one, Myo Creek Bridge was inaugurated on Mingla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Pado-Peinzalok Road in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago District. The facility was built of RC structures. It was opened on 23 July. The bridge has 24 feet wide motor way and can withstand 75-ton loads. Minhla-Peinzalok Road is the second facility passing through Yoma mountain ranges, linking eastern and western parts of Bago mountain ranges. In the past, the local people could cross the creek only in summer as there was no bridge at the place. Now, they can pass through the bridge.

As the latest one, Nagapauk Bridge was opened on 27 August. It is located on DaikU-Sittoung Road in Waw Township of Bago District. The RC type facility has 24 feet wide motor way and it can withstand 60-ton loads. The old wooden bridge was drifted in the creek due to overflow of Sittoung River in 2008. The new bridge was built beginning 1 June 2008. The DaikU-Sittoung Road is 46 miles long. Thanks to the bridge, the journey was shrunk to 21 miles and six furlongs long.

Including five bridges opened in the time of the new government, the whole nation has so far been facilitated with 6248 bridges of under 180 feet long and 268 bridges of above 180 feet long, totaling 6516.

Translation: TTA



Photo shows already-inaugurated Myo Creek Bridge.



Pakistan PM cancels trip to UN because of floods

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept—Pakistan's prime minister canceled his attendance at next week's UN General Assembly session in New York, saying Friday he needed to coordinate flood relief efforts at home.

Displaced Pakistani flood effected villagers move to safer places in Hyderabad, Pakistan on 15 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Monsoon rains have flooded large parts of the southern Sindh province over the last six weeks, leaving more than 200,000 people homeless. Pakistan's leaders came under criticism last year for failing to deal with floods that affected more than a quarter of the country's territory.

Local authorities, the United Nations, and foreign and local aid groups are distributing water, medicine and food, while the army is rescuing people from communities trapped by the waters. But many thousands have received little or no help and are living in the open under rainy skies or scorching sun.—Internet

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Regarding the proposal to substitute the phrase, **persons stated in the list was scrutinized**, with the phrase, **the elected person**, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko raised an objection to the proposal while the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union Government.

As U Khin Maung Yi asked the decision of the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw decided not to approve the proposal as the majority was not in favour of approving the proposal.

U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute the word, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw stated in original provision of the paragraph 9 with Pyithu Hluttaw as of the Bill Committee and to



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substitute the word, three times with two times and Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Zaw Win Naing, to substitute the original provision of paragraph-9 with the **term and the period set for election and appointment of Ward or Village-tract Administrator are as follow:- (a) The term of Ward or Village-tract Administrator is the same as of the Pyithu Hluttaw. The term must not be more than three times. (b) The process of election and appointment shall start on 30th-day from the day of holding general election. The election has to be finished within 45 days from the day of holding general elections.**

Regarding the three amendments for the Paragraph-9, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko raised no objection to the proposal of Bill Committee and an objection to the proposals of U Aung Tun Tha and Maj Zaw Win Naing while the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government.

As U Aung Tun Tha asked the decision of the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw decided not to approve the proposal as the majority was not in favour of approving the proposal.

Maj Zaw Win Naing accepted the reply of the Union minister and said he wanted to withdraw the proposal.

Thus the amendment of the Bill Committee that paragraph 9 is the part of the bill was approved.

Regarding the proposal that paragraph-13, sub-paragraph (g) should be the part of the bill, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted a proposal to amend the proposal.

While the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government for the proposal to substitute the sentence, **allowing the visitors from other wards or village-tracts without taking any charge for the process of informing authorities concerned of their visits, inspecting the guest list in accord with the prescribed rules and taking actions against those who failed to inform authorities concerned of their visits** in the place of original provision of paragraph-13, sub-paragraph (g), Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied that honorarium in Chapter (14) and office expenditures in Chapter (15) are

included in Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill, and inspecting the guest list and case of failure to inform have already been stated in Chapter (9) and duty and responsibility of the person residing in the ward or village-tract in Section 17 and Section 25 said action to be taken against those who failed the duty stated in Section 17 and they will be liable to fine in accord with the way of management, and raised an objection to the proposal.

As U Thein Nyunt asked the decision of the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw decided not to approve the proposal as the majority was not in favour of approving the proposal.

So the Hluttaw approved that paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (g) shall be part of the bill as original provision.

U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute the original provision of paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (k) with the phrase, **making an arrest on the gambling at any place in the territorial boundary of ward or village-tract and informing of gambling to be taken action**, U Maung Oo of Phaungpyin Constituency, the original provision of paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (k) with the phrase, **making an arrest on the gambling and informing of gambling to be taken action**, and Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Lay Naing, the original provision of paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (k) with the phrase, **making an arrest on the gambling in wards or village-tracts concerned and informing of gambling to be taken action**.

While the Hluttaw asked the decision of the Union Government regarding the three amendments to paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (k), Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko raised no objection as there was no difference in meaning.

As U Thaug Han and U Maung Oo asked the decision of the Hluttaw and Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Lay Naing accepted the reply of the Union minister.

While seeking the approval of the Hluttaw on the three amendments separately, the proposal of U Thaug Han won majority vote.

So the amendment to paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (k) that it shall be part of the bill was approved in accord with the amendment of U Thaug Han.

While the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union Government about the report of the Bill Committee, saying that the phrase, to take action, should be placed before the phrase, informing, stated at the end of the original provision of paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (t), Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko raised no objection.

As there was no objection to the proposal that paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (t) should be part of the bill in accord with the amendment, it was approved.

U Maung Oo of Phaungpyin Constituency sub-

mitted a proposal to amend the proposal that paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (u) should be the part of the bill.

While the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union Government regarding the proposal to substitute the sentence, **the village-tract administrator is to report cases of land encroachment that can create dispute among the villages/village-tracts to the township** in the place of the original provision of paragraph 13, sub-paragraph (u), Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied that the Ministry of Home Affairs is to manage state-owned land, town land, pasture land and village land. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is to manage the matters of farmland and alluvial land. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is to manage the forest land. The Development Affairs Committee is to manage road area and graveyard. Village-owned firewood plantation and village-owned common land are the land under the preservation the village. He



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would like to inform that there are differences in accord with the laws exercised by the departments concerned. So it is not necessary to make additions.

U Maung Oo submitted that he would like to seek decision of the Hluttaw. Due to the majority of objection, the proposal of U Maung Oo was not approved.

Therefore, the Hluttaw approved that sub-paragraph (u), paragraph 13 in the original provision could be part of the bill.

The Bill Committee submitted that it should add the phrase **"to take action"** before the phrase "informing" at the end of original provision sub-paragraph (v), paragraph 13. As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that there was no specific submission.

As there was no objection, the Hluttaw decided to approve the proposal "sub-paragraph (v), paragraph 13 shall be part of the bill."

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The Bill Committee submitted that it should add a word **"to"** after the phrase **"unusual situation"** in the provision sub-paragraph (w), paragraph 13. As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that he has no comments as it is a comprehensive amendment. As there was no objection, the Hluttaw decided to approve that "sub-paragraph (w), paragraph 13 in the amendment shall be part of the bill".

The Bill Committee submitted the proposal to substitute original provision at sub-paragraph (x), Paragraph 13 states **"farmland management and inspection and decision on farmland disputes"** with **"farmland management in accord with the existing law and bestowed authority,"** and U Maung Oo of Phaungpyin Constituency submitted a proposal of amendment **"to form committee for inspection and decision"** to be substituted in the place of original provisions."

With regard to the proposal of amendment submitted by the Bill Committee, the Hluttaw sought the attitude of the Union government. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said as it was a better complete proposal of amendment, the Union government had no comment.

The Hluttaw decided to approve "the sub-paragraph (x), Paragraph 13 shall be part of the bill in accord with the amendment of the Bill Committee".

As the Bill Committee submitted a proposal to insert a phrase **to take action** before the word informing in the original provision sub-paragraph (aa), paragraph 13, the Hluttaw sought the attitude of the Union government. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that there was no separate submission.

As there was no objection, the Hluttaw approved that "sub-paragraph (aa), paragraph 13 with amendment shall be part of the bill."

Despite wishing to submit the proposal of amendment, U Thauang Han of Yinnabin Constituency submitted that he would like to withdraw his proposal regarding "sub-paragraph (dd), paragraph 13 shall be part of the bill."

Therefore, the Hluttaw approved that sub-paragraph (dd), paragraph 13 in line with the original provision shall be part of the bill.

Defence Services personnel representative Major Thein Aung submitted the proposal of amendment to the paragraph 15.

The Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government on the proposal "to cancel the phrase **if necessary** after the phrase **if occurred** in the second sentence in paragraph 15 of the original provision". Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that as ward/village administrator is to be appointed under the law, township administrator has authority to appoint the person. If those who do not satisfy about the ward/village administrator, they may complain to township administrator. It is not necessary to inspect all factors. If necessary, the inspection should be carried out. Therefore, the phrase submitted should not be omitted.

Major Thein Aung said that he accepted the answer of the Union Minister and he would like to withdraw his proposal.

The Hluttaw approved that the paragraph 15 in the original provision shall be part of the bill.

Despite wishing to submit proposals of amendment, sub-paragraph (e), Paragraph 15, U Tin Tun of Shwegyin Constituency and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thaw Zin withdrew their proposals.

As such, the sub-paragraph (e), Paragraph 15 in the original provision shall be part of the bill.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thein Aung submitted a proposal of amendment to add one sub-paragraph as paragraph (f), after the sub-paragraph (a) to (e), paragraph 15 of the original provision **"disqualification of ward or village administrator prescribed in the chapter (III) of this bill"**.

As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that there was no separate submission.

As such, the Hluttaw approved paragraph 15 shall be pass

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of the bill as amended.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Tin Maung Lwin submitted a proposal of amendment to substitute the phrase **"Sections 5, 6 and 7"** in the original provision with **Section 5, 6, 7 and 8**, and to replace a phrase to **substitute appointment with to newly elect and appoint** at the end of the phrase.

As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that those are to be substituted as it is before ending the term, and it is not to newly select and appoint them.

Major Tin Maung Lwin asked the decision of the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw decided the proposal was not approved as the majority is not in favour of approving the proposal.

As such, the Hluttaw approved sub-paragraph (1), paragraph 16 shall be part of the bill.

Despite wishing to submit the proposal of amendment to cancel sub-paragraph (c), paragraph 16, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency withdrew his proposal.

Therefore, the sub-paragraph (c), paragraph 16 in the original provision shall be part of the bill.

U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency submitted the proposal of amendment that "paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 including the title of Chapter (XI) and paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 including the title of Chapter (XII) shall be part of the bill".

Regarding the proposal to **cancel paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 including the title of Chapter (XI) and paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 including the title of Chapter (XII)**, the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that action is to be taken in accord with the administration law. Only when members of administrative bodies have authority to take action against subordinates under the administrative methods, can they maintain peace and tranquility of the community and supervise duty and functions of the people residing in the wards and village-tracts. As such, they can accomplish duty and functions of ward or village administrator as prescribed in paragraph 13 of Chapter (VII). Therefore, taking action through management and administrative methods should not be cancelled.

U Saw Hla Tun submitted he would like to have decision of the Hluttaw. Due to majority vote, the Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Saw Hla Tun.

Next, he submitted a proposal of amendment "paragraphs 35 and 36 in the original provision shall be part of the bill".

The proposal stated that the phrase the **judge concerned** in paragraphs 35 and 36 of the original provision or amended paragraphs 25 and 26 is to be substituted with the phrase the **court concerned**. As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that there was no separate submission.

Therefore, the Hluttaw decided to approve his proposal of amendment.

As such, the Hluttaw approved the resolution to substitute the phrase the **judge concerned** with the **court concerned** in paragraphs 35 and 36 of the original provision or amended paragraphs 25 and 26.

With regard to the proposal "sub-paragraph (c), paragraph 38 of the original provision shall be part of the bill", Defence Services Personnel Representative Officiating Major Kaung Htet San submitted a proposal of amendment.

As the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government about "to cancel the sub-paragraph (c), paragraph (38)", Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that the provision should not be cancelled.

Officiating Major Kaung Htet San submitted that he would like to take resolution of the Hluttaw. Due to majority vote, the Hluttaw decided to approve the proposal of Officiating Major Kaung Htet San.

As such, the Hluttaw approved to cancel sub-paragraph (c), paragraph (38) in the provision.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Officiating Major Kaung Htet San then submitted a proposal of amendment regarding "sub-paragraph (b), paragraph (39) in the provision shall be part of the bill".

With regard to the phrase **sub-sections (a), (b) and (c)** to be substituted with **sub-section (a)** in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph (39) of the original provision", the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that it should reconsider matter related to sub-section (a).

Officiating Major Kaung Htet San reported that he had no separate submission.

As such, the Hluttaw decided to approve the phrase **sub-section (a)** instead of **sub-sections (a), (b) and (c)** in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 39 of the original provision.

Despite wishing to submit the proposal regarding "paragraph 40 of original provision shall be part of the bill", U Thauang Han of Yinnabin Constituency withdrew his proposal of amendment. The Hluttaw approved that the provision is to be kept as original.

U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency submitted a proposal of amendment regarding "paragraph 43 of original provision shall be part of the bill".

With regard to the proposal "to substitute the phrase **undertaking in accord with ward or village-tract security and defence measures without undermining fundamental rights and duties of citizens** with sub-paragraph (d), paragraph 43", the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that the phrase "in accord with the rules" is inappropriate phrase. As a separate provision has been prescribed that it shall protect the rights of those residing in ward or village-tract, it is not necessary to prescribe more separate provision, and he said that he disagreed the proposal of amendment.

U Tun Myint Oo accepted the reply of the Union Minister and he would like to withdraw his proposal. Therefore, the Hluttaw decided to keep the provision as original.

As the Hluttaw agreed the proposal "the preamble and title of the bill shall be part of the bill", the proposal was approved.

The 19th day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was adjourned at 4.05 pm, and the 20th day session will continue at 10 am on 19 September.—MNA

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farmlands with proper rain and water, farmers will be able to earn more incomes by growing winter crops and flood will be prevented in Bago Region; field surveys will be conducted for prevention against inundation and for reclaiming lands; those measures will be implemented, depending upon the allotment of budget of the State.

Regarding the question raised by U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10) **“whether there is a plan to return nationalized lands which are not suitable for farming after the rubber plantations are grown with the permission of respective authority and whether there is a plan to pay compensation if the plantations are not returned”**, the Union Minister said that there are 33,876 acres of rubber plantations in Rakhine State; 2,667 acres of rubber plantations in Thandwe District are state-owned plantations implemented by Myanma General and Maintenance Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1; there are no plots owned by farmers in these rubber plantation plots; 1,400 acres of these rubber plantations in Thandwe, Taungup and Gwa Townships were handed over by Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise in 2004; 1267 acres were extended in Thandwe Township, Gwa Township and Taungnyo Forest Reserve; plots in Thandwe managed by farmers were not included when the permissions were granted to the Ministry of Industry-1 in 2010; according to records, there is no nationalized rubber plantations; if the State needs centralizing private rubber plantations for National Project implemented in national interest, respective organizations will pay compensation for his/her investment evaluated with current price to owners in the light of field survey of respective Region/State governments; now, the rubber plantations of his ministry have been handed over to the Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2; if there is still issues to be resolved, respective ministries can be contacted; there is no rubber plantation in Rakhine State managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Regarding the question raised by U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency (5) **“whether there is a plan to repair damaged dams and build new dams in Mohnyin and Bhamo Districts to help succeed in realizing the objective that Kachin State will be the fourth granary of the country”**, the Union Minister answered that there is one dam built by Irrigation Department in Mohnyin and Bhamo Districts in Kachin State irrigating 1,540 acres of farmland; there are 16 rural irrigation facilities in Mohnyin District and five in Bhamo District, totaling 21, irrigating 15,196 acres of farmland; annual repair works and major repair works are carried out; feasibility tests have been completed and plans have been drafted to rebuild Tadwin Diversion Weir which will contribute 4000 acres of farmland in Monhyin Township; and feasibility tests are being taken to implement Watein

Diversion Weir which will contribute 1200 acres of farmland in Bhamo.

Regarding the question raised by U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) that **“local farmers in Kyaukme, Nawngkhio and Namtu Townships of Shan State (North) are losing inherited farmlands on which they rely for living because of encroachment of cantonment, failed government projects and some companies; similar cases can happen in other regions; how the issues will be tackled and when the measures will start”**, the Union Minister said permits for vacant and virgin lands in the region were systematically applied and paddy, maize and groundnut were grown on these lands to provide Tatmadawmen and their families of local battalions and regiments in Kyaukme and Nawngkhio Townships of Kyaukme District in Shan State; entrepreneurs also applied for permits for vacant and virgin lands in Kyaukme, Nawngkhio and Namtu Townships and reclaimed lands for growing seasonal crops such as paddy, maize and



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sugarcane and perennial crops such as rubber, coffee and mango; permits for vacant and virgin lands were applied in accord rules and regulations, and directives; permits were granted with the permission of local authority after respective township, district and state level departments and enterprises passed it; regarding the farms of local farmers, local battalion, departments and State government work in coordination with each others on reports of regional administration groups, and enterprises/departments concerned; investments from outside on vacant and virgin lands which local farmers cannot reclaim by their own capabilities will contribute towards regional development through better incomes and new job opportunities of the local people; with Notification No (67/2011) of the President Office dated 12-7-2011, new Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Central Committee has been formed; newly-formed central committee drafted bills and submitted them to the government which is amending and checking the bills; if the government passes the bills, the bills will be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with rules and regulations to be able to prescribe as Law; the Law to be approved soon



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing answers questions.
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will resolve the issues of farmers who lost inherited farmlands.

Regarding the question raised by U Khet Htain Nan of Kachin State Constituency (1) that **“the grass roots who earn living from agricultural and forestry works constituted 75 per cent of the population of Kachin State; so, whether there is a plan to open agricultural high school and forestry schools in Myitkyina in order to nurture agricultural and forestry experts”**, the Union Minister answered that the ministry opens Yezin University of Agriculture and seven agricultural institutes and constantly nurturing agricultural experts; all nationals from various States and Regions including nationals from Kachin State are learning technologies for agricultural development; students from Myitkyina can pursue education in Agricultural Institute of Shwebo, a familiar town within short distance; the opening of Agricultural Institute or Agricultural High School will be undertaken, depending on budget of the State and formation permit.

Myanmar Forestry Training School in PyinOoLwin is a place that trains about 200 trainees annually, providing knowledge about forestry to staff members across the country of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. So, there is no plan to open forestry training schools in every region and every state.

Hluttaw decided to approve the proposal **“urging the Union Government to take steps as necessary in accord with laws, bylaws, rules and regulations and directives to avoid accidental danger in State-, cooperatives- and private-owned businesses”** that changed from the proposal **“assignment of safety officer to avoid accidental dangers”** submitted by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3.

Hluttaw also put on record the departure of Hluttaw representatives led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint to attend ASEAN Inter Parliament Assembly to be held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

In the evening, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein administered the session.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied the questions raised by five Hluttaw representatives about electric power sector.

U Tin Shen of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 6 in his question said that **electricity is being supplied to the towns of Taninthayi Region by self-reliant diesel-run generators and electricity bills are charged depending on diesel price. So, the people cannot use the electricity in abundance considering their income. He asked whether there is a plan that the State will supply electricity from natural-gas power plants at cheap price.** In response, the Union Minister said that region electric engineer office with 21 district offices is based in Dawei of Taninthayi Region to supply electricity. Malikyun is enjoying hydroelectricity. Remaining 17 towns are being supplied with electricity by diesel- and husk-powered generators of town

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electrification committees and companies. Of them, round-the-clock electricity is being supplied to Dawei, Myeik, Kawthoung, Kyunsu and Pulaw; Thayetchaung and Maungmakan 12 hours a day; Malikyun and Bokpyin six hours a day; Taninthayi and Pulaw five hours a day; Yebyu, Launglon, Mitta, Kaleinaung, Khamaukkyi and Kayathuri four hours a day; and Pyigyimandaing three hours a day.

The ministry is carrying out maintenance and extension works, allowing the town electrification committee and electricity supply companies to use ministry-owned power lines, transformers and generators.

In combination with the electricity of hydropower plants, the electricity run by natural gas of Taninthayi offshore sites are being supplied nationwide. The State electricity is being delivered to Thanbyuzayat through Mawlamyine of Mon State.

If 230 KV national grid reaches Mawlamyine, plans will be drawn to stretch national grid thence to Dawei, Myeik, Bokpyin and Kawthoung, the Union Minister replied.

In response to the question of Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6 about the situation of unit losses in Yangon Region, the Union Minister said that situation of unit losses in Yangon Region stood at 24.26 per cent in 2007, 22.98 per cent in 2008, 22.18 per cent in 2009, 20.41 per cent in 2010 and 19 per cent in 2011. It is found that the unit losses are due to technical losses and non technical losses.

Technical losses involve size and distance of power cable, and catching of tree branches. Although the cables do not touch tree branches, there are 7 per cent of unit losses from server to receiver, and also in foreign countries. Power demand was agreeable to electricity capacity in the past. But, due to increasing power demand, measures are being taken for cable substitution, construction of sub-power stations and installation of more transformers asking for budget allocation. With growing number of buildings in Yangon, it is found that there is inappropriate ratio between demand and strength of power cables in Yangon that leads to technical losses. In order not to see unit losses, arrangements are being carried out for chopping trees during which power is cut off and extension of power cables and transformers in townships. From 2006 to August of 2011, a total of 212,276 unreliable meter boxes have been changed.

Non technical losses involve illegal use of power and faults in reading meter rates. From 2006 to July of 2011, a total of 11,344 cases could be exposed and K 2989.98 million and US\$ 26843.87 were collected. Monthly field trips are being made to prevent illegal use of electricity.

In supplying electricity to the public, one unit costs 25 kyats for household use and 50 kyats for industrial use. But the

actual cost of a unit is 60 kyats. So, the State has been supplying electricity at a loss. In the fiscal year across the country, 10,884.095 million units were supplied that caused loss K 261.324 billion to the State. A total of 4921.282 million power units were supplied to Yangon City Electric Supply Board for Yangon Region that made a loss of K 118.16 billion.

In order to reduce unit losses and offset use of power, arrangements are being made for installation of 5182 transformers with 2593.2 MVA, 3949.73-mile long cable stretching and construction of 364 power stations from 2006 to 2011 across the country as system improvement measures. Measures are being taken to decrease unit losses from 24.26 per cent in 2006-2007 fiscal year to 19 per cent in this June.

U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 11 in his question said that **arrangements are being taken to use electricity for domestic weaving firm in Htanaungkan model village in Meiktila Township on a self-reliant basis in order to realize rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, asking whether there is a plan to take steps for electrification vital of the village and when the plan will be implemented if there is.** In response, the Union Minister said that there are 206 households in Htanaungkan model village, Kantha Village-tract of Meiktila Township. Local residents have applied for permission of the use of electricity forming self-reliant village electrification committee.

For electricity supply to Htanaungkan model village, it is needed to stretch 3000-foot long 11 KV power line from Meiktila-Wundwin 11 KV power line, and to install an 11/0.4 KV, 315 KVA transformer and stretch 4100-foot long power cable in the village. The ministry is providing necessary technical assistance and the permission for electricity supply will be granted after construction works are completed.

Regarding the question of Dr Sai Hsai Kyauk Hsem of Shan State Constituency No. 6 that **in the townships in Shan State (East), electricity is being generated by diesel-powered generators and small-scale hydropower plant. As there are only two hydropower plants in Kengtung Township, town cannot enjoy enough electricity, and whether there is a plan to build a large-scale hydropower plant or a coal-run power plant to supply electricity to entire eastern Shan State including Kengtung,** the Union Minister said at present, as Shan State (East) is located in remote area from State power supplying system, electricity is being supplied to towns and villages through ways of small-scale hydropower generators, diesel generators, purchase of electricity from neighbouring country. Arrangements are being made to provide electricity for 18 towns including four district-level towns and adjoining 35 villages.

The Union minister continued that Namwok small-scale hydropower plant with total installed capacity of 3000 Kilowatts and Namluk small-scale hydropower plant with total installed capacity of 480 Kilowatts in Kengtung District are



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providing electricity to Kengtung and its surroundings. Meipan small-scale hydropower plant with total installed capacity of 1200 Kilowatts in Monghsat is providing electricity to Monghsat and surrounding villages; that the ministry is providing electricity to towns and villages in eastern Shan State with 53 diesel generators installed with 4415.8 Kilowatts in total.

He went on that the ministry had signed MoU with Yunnan Power Grid Corporation (YNPG) to observe feasibility of Kengtung, Wantapin, Solu, Mengwa, Kengyang, Higu and Namkha hydropower plants in the region under JV/BOT systems, on 25-9-2007 and the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) was still assessing the feasibility study report (FSR) of the corporation.

He added that the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) had laid down projects for construction of power grid, main power stations, power lines and power stations to distribute potential electric power to eastern Shan State generated by those projects, and to share surplus electric power to national grid.

In his response to the question raised by U Salai Kwe Yan of Shan State Constituency No (12) about **“whether there is a plan to establish hydropower plant at Pe Creek (Khawe) for power sufficiency in Paletwa,”** the Union Minister said that Paletwa not within the reach of the national grid and electric power is being provided to it with Thinh Creek small-scale hydropower plant with total installed capacity of 50 Kilowatts and two 120-kilowatt diesel generators and 58.4-kilowatt diesel generator.

He went on that in 2002, initial observations were made on feasibility of hydropower from Pe Creek, near Kawe Village, 15 miles from Paletwa; that further steps will be taken for implementation of the power plant after assessment of feasibility, impact on environmental conservation, and socio-economy and commercial viability.

He added that when ongoing Laymyo hydropower project and Saidin hydropower project in Rakhine can generate electricity, a power station will be constructed in Kyauktaw of Rakhine State and electric power will be distributed to Paletwa of Chin State through the Kyauktaw

power station.

Next, Deputy Minister for Health Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin replied to questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Toe Win of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (12) asked the Ministry of Health **whether there is a plan for urgent assignment of a midwife to Yadanabon Village, Pyigyimandaing Sub-township, Bokpyin Township of Taninthayi Region, which is a border village 32 miles from Pyigyimandaing town and nine miles from Thailand and there is a plan to build rural health centre of village level.**

The Union minister replied that Yadanabon sub rural health care centre has been set up under Chaungkafé rural health care centre in Pyigyimandaing Sub-township in Bokpyin of Taninthayi region; that previously a midwife was assigned to there but she failed to discharge the duty for social reasons and another one was then dispatched, who also refused to go and thus the ministry is arranging to send another one.

In her response to U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency (8) who asked to **designate Chin State as prioritized region and to assign local assistant doctors with Hsa Ma to vacant positions and to assign local nurses and midwives who have completed related courses and are seeking for jobs to vacant positions**, the deputy minister said that in assigning new health staff, doctors, nurses and midwives are assigned to their home regions as priority; that in doing so, the ministry has to follow departmental procedures and thus it was not able to specifically assign local doctors, nurses and midwives of Chin State to their home region, but it will assign locals when new doctors, nurses and midwives are assigned to Chin State.

She continued that there was a programme that trained midwives representing Maternal and Child Welfare Organizations, after five-year services at the MCWOs, can apply to Health Department for permanent appointment with the agreement of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) and they are appointed according to the decision of the meeting of management committee of the Ministry of Health.

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She went on that organizations concerned are not in a position to appoint those who have completed nursing and midwifery courses representing the border regions and national races development programme and that in response to the proposal of the region/state health departments, they are assigned according to the decision of the meeting of the management committee of the Ministry of Health with the coordination of the Health Department.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (6) asked "statistics of infant mortality rate, mortality rate of pregnant women during pregnancy and labour, mortality rate of child under five due to nutritional deficiency or diseases, which are among Millennium Development Goals MDGs", "health care programmes for rural folks in remote areas," and "potential assignment of school health doctor as school health doctors previously have to take responsibility of three or four surrounding townships in addition to the township they were assigned to as the government could not assign school health doctor to each township."

The deputy minister answered that the Health Ministry has targeted to reduce infant mortality rate by the two-third, mortality rate of children under five years by the two-third, and mortality rate of mother by 75 per

cent and underweight rate of child under five years by half by 2015 based on the statistics of 1990 health index included in Millennium Development Goals.

She went on that the ministry targets to reduce mortality rate of infant under one year which was 98 per 1000 born alive in 1990 to 32.7 in 2015; to reduce mortality rate of child under five years which was 130 per 1000 born alive to 43.3 in 2015, and according to 1997 statistics, 39 of 100 children under five years were underweight and in 2010, it was reduced to 32.

Such index has somewhat declined after 1990s and the ministry is speeding up works to meet Millennium Development Goals, added the deputy minister.

She went on that rural health development scheme was launched in 2001 to promote health standards of rural people and narrow health care services gap between the urban and rural areas; that from January to the end of July in 2011, 55 more rural health centres and 99 rural health branches were opened; that the ministry is providing major medicines required for general health care to rural health centres and rural health branches; that the ministry is taking steps to open at least 50 to 100 rural health centres per year for health coverage of the yearly increasing population, hitting the ratio of health centre to people at 1 to 20,000; that in addition 237 units of district and township-level traditional medicine clinic for rural people are giving mobile treatment and the State provides the required medicines.

The deputy minister continued that health staff in rural regions such as doctors of station hospitals, health

officers, traditional medicine practitioners and basic health staff are giving treatment with traditional medicines and educative programmes on health care in collaboration; that as a special programme, traditional medicines packages for emergency use have been provided to 5850 villages so far by the State and wellwishers, and plans are under way to provide to the remaining villages.

She continued that to give effective health care services to increasing number of schools and students, basic health staff, under the supervision of the respective township Health Department, are performing urban/rural school health care tasks in every township with the assistance of 80 school health care groups, 25 Maternal and Child Health Centres.

She added that currently there are maternal and child and school health care groups in 47 districts and the ministry has planned to expand such groups to all the remaining districts in 2012-2016 National Health Plan so as to provide more effective maternal and child and school health care services in district; that by assigning a doctor who has got master degree each in public health in district-level Health Departments, public health care services including school health care services can be effectively supervised even in rural regions.

The 19th day second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned at 2.45 pm and the 20th-day session continues at 10 am on 19 September.

At today's session, Union ministers replied to 15 questions and the change of the title of a proposal was approved.—MNA

Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencement date of course: 3-10-2011

Commencement date for : 27-9-2011

submission of applications

Closing date for applications : 30-9-2011

(For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)

Application to be submitted to: Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Days on which classes held : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Time : 5:20 - 7:00 p.m.

Documents required : Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)

Enquiry : Student's Affairs Section, YUFL
Phone : 514371 (Ext-202)

Application must be submitted in person.



The body of a 50 ton sperm whale explodes on the way to the National University of Tainan for research. Its blood and viscera spatter on the street. Analysts said the biogas inside the decayed animal caused the explosion.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (194)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (194) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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 REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (313)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (313) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.2011 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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BRIGHT RUBY VOY NO (033)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BRIGHT RUBY VOY NO (033) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MCI SHIPPING CO LTD,
KOREA

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ 05/11)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ 05/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.1 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

China arrests nearly 2,200 in latest gang crackdown

BEIJING, 16 Sept—Police have nabbed nearly 2,200 suspected gang members and destroyed 18 gangs in a nationwide crackdown that started on 1 September, the Ministry of Public Security said in a statement on its website on Friday.

A total of 270 triad gangs have been broken up since police from 11 provinces, which include Hebei, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Hunan and Guangdong, jointly started the crackdown, the statement said.—MNA/Xinhua

Man fined \$400 for python pants smuggle

A man who was caught with snakes and tortoises in his pants while preparing to board a plane from Florida to Brazil was fined \$400.

The US Attorney's Office said Simon Turola Borges, 30, pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal smuggling charges, reported Thurs-day.

WTVJ-TV, Miami,

The Transportation Security Administration said agents at Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale International Airport searched Borges 25 Aug, when he was preparing to board a plane to Brazil, and discovered he was concealing three baby

ball pythons, three carpet pythons, one children's python, and three baby tortoises wrapped in nylons and concealed in his pants.

A federal judge ruled the \$400 fine will be donated to the Miami Science Museum.

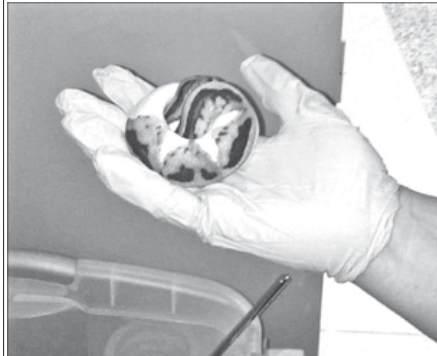
Baby gets gifts on hospital anniversary

A Minnesota hospital celebrated its 100th anniversary by awarding a gift basket to the parents of the 100th baby born at the facility this month.

St John's Hospital in Maplewood said Christina Albright, 19, mother of baby Tessa Peters, took home a gift basket alongside her newborn with items including a hand-knit sweater, blanket and booties, the *St Paul (Minn.) Pioneer-Press* reported Thursday.

Tessa Peters, who also received baby books, wipes and a plush giraffe in the gift basket, was the 100th baby born at the hospital's maternity ward this month, which marks the 100th anniversary of the facility's opening.

The hospital said all babies born this month will receive commemorative picture frames, but only the 100th infant received a gift basket.



TSA intercepted seven snakes and three tortoises concealed in the pants of Simon Turola Borges seeking to fly to Brazil.



Chris "Dutchess" Walton shows off her world-record holding finger-nails as part of the "Guinness World Record 2012" book launch at the New York Public Library on 14 September, 2011 in New York City.

Woman has 20 feet of nails on each hand



A Las Vegas woman who has been growing her fingernails out for 18 years was certified as a Guinness World Record holder in New York.

Chris "The Dutchess" Walton, 45, who has nearly 20 feet of fingernails on each hand, said during her visit to New York she started growing her nails out 18 years ago and never got around to cutting them, the *New York Daily News* reported Thursday.

"I'm pretty sure one day I will cut them, but I can't see it in my head

because I'm so used to having them," Walton said. "It's like a leg, I wouldn't just chop it off so it's gonna take some thinking."

Guinness said Walton will appear in the 2012 Book of World Records for having the world's longest nails.

The previous record holder, Lee Redmond, lost her 28 feet of nails in a 2009 car crash, Guinness said.

News Album

Ellen Barkin joins cast of play about Prop 8 case

NEW YORK, 16 Sept—Producers have revealed the glittering final cast list for a new Broadway play about the legal battle over same-sex marriage in California.

Ellen Barkin, Kate Shindle and Stephen Spinella have been added to "8," a play



Actress Ellen Barkin

about Proposition 8 by Oscar-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black.

The play is based on the trial transcript and interviews from last year's court fight over California's gay marriage ban. It will be performed as a reading at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre for one night only — Monday.

The new cast members join already announced Morgan Freeman, Anthony Edwards, John Lithgow, Cheyenne Jackson, Campbell Brown, Christine Lahti, Rob Reiner and Larry Kramer. Marisa Tomei had to withdraw from the reading because of a film scheduling conflict.

Internet



Actor Nicolas Cage arrives at the gala for the film "Trespass" during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, Canada on 14 Sept, 2011.
INTERNET

Brad Paisley to release first book on 1 Nov

NASHVILLE, 16 Sept—Country superstar Brad Paisley is set to release his first book on 1 Nov.

It's called "Diary of a Player" and shows how the guitar gods of country, blues and rock 'n' roll have shaped his life.

Paisley tells *The Associated Press* he can't imagine his life if he never learned to play the guitar. His grandfather gave him his first six-string at age 8.

Paisley is the reigning Country Music Association entertainer of the year. He has sold over 11 million albums and charted 20 on 1 No singles, including his most recent duet with Carrie Underwood, "Remind Me."

The book is co-written with Rolling Stone contributing editor David Wild and published by Howard Books, and imprint of CBS Corp's Simon &



Brad Paisley performs during the CMA Fan Festival in Nashville, Tenn.—INTERNET

Schuster.

Internet

Nicolas Cage awoken by naked man with Fudgesicle

TORONTO, 16 Sept—For actor Nicolas Cage, making the new thriller movie "Trespass" hit close to home.

Cage, at the Toronto film festival along with director Joel Schumacher promoting the film about a home invasion, said that he has actually lived through the nightmare in real life.

"It was two in the morning. I was living in Orange County at the time and was asleep with my wife. My two-year old at the time was in another room. I opened my eyes and there was a naked

man wearing my leather jacket eating a Fudgesicle in front of my bed," he told reporters on Wednesday. "I know it sounds funny but it was horrifying." A Fudgesicle is a frozen, ice cream-like snack.

Cage said the ordeal ended after he talked the man out of the house and police arrived. He did not press charges, as the man had mental problems, but Cage, who now lives in Nassau, Bahamas, said he could not stay in the house after that.

In "Trespass," which is scheduled for release

in October, thieves con their way into the opulent mansion where Cage's character lives with his unhappy wife (played by Nicole Kidman) and their daughter.

The family is held for ransom and the movie follows a path of twists and turns as negotiations with the intruders ensue.

Schumacher, who earlier cast Cage in his film "8MM," and Kidman in "Batman Forever," said "Trespass" is also about extremes between the rich and the poor in America.

Reuters



Radamel Falcao (C) of Atletico Madrid breaks through during the Europa League football Group I match between Atletico de Madrid of Spain and Celtic of Scotland in Madrid, Spain, on 15 Sept, 2011. Atletico Madrid won 2-0.—XINHUA

Weary Nadal opens against Gasquet in Davis Cup



Spain's Rafael Nadal

CORDOBA, 16 Sept — Weary Rafael Nadal will kick off Spain's Davis Cup semi-final bid when he takes on France's Richard Gasquet in Friday's opening rubber although the world number two is still recovering from his US Open final defeat.

The Spanish are favourites with two top five ranked players in Nadal and David Ferrer as they bid to reach the final for the third time in four years in Cordoba's bullring.

France, runners-up last year, are hoping to follow

on from their 5-0 white-wash over Spain in last year's World Group quarter-finals.

US Open runner-up Nadal and Gasquet have played nine times but the 15th-ranked Frenchman has never come out on top against the world number two. Fifth-ranked Ferrer takes on Simon, ranked 11, in Friday's second rubber.

Internet

Exhausted Djokovic could miss Davis Cup opener

BELGRADE, 16 Sept — Novak Djokovic is not certain to play Friday's opening singles rubber in Serbia's Davis Cup semi-final against Argentina in the Belgrade Arena, the

world number one said on Thursday. Djokovic, who won his first US Open title in New York on Monday, arrived in Belgrade

on Thursday and went straight to the venue to practice after missing the draw which pitted him against David Nalbandian

in the first match.

"It's no secret that I am physically and mentally exhausted but it's been a very successful US open tour for me winning the fourth grand slam in my career and the third this year," Djokovic told reporters. "I am happy to be back and to be able to celebrate this title with my family and my people and to play again in front of Serbians." — *Internet*



Novak Djokovic

SPORTS

East Kalimantan Province to host Indonesia Open

JAKARTA, 16 Sept—East Kalimantan Province will host its second 2011 Bank Kaltim Indonesia Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament at the end of this month, predicting a successful event like it was last year, local media reported on Friday. Main sponsor Bank Kaltim, which is owned by the local government, has allocated 4 billion rupiah (about 455,840 US dollars) to run the event, which takes place on 27 Sept-2 Oct at Palaran Stadium in Samarinda.

"The funding is sourced from Bank Kaltim's promotional budget, so don't worry, it won't affect the regional budget," Bank Kaltim president director Apriansyah said in Samarinda, East Kalimantan capital city on Thursday. About 16 countries and regions, including China, Denmark and Malaysia, will take part in the tournament, which features around 314 shuttlers including world No 1 Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia and No 2 Lin Dan of China as well as Indonesian hero Taufik Hidayat in the men's singles. — *Xinhua*

Arteta relishing trophy challenge

LONDON, 16 Sept — Recent signing Mikel Arteta believes Arsenal have the quality to end their trophy drought soon.

The 29-year-old joined the north Londoners on transfer deadline day from Everton, leaving for a reported fee of £10m and penning a four-year deal.

Arteta made his Ar-



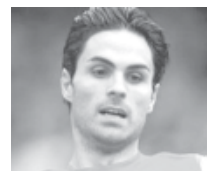
Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger signed Arteta on deadline day

senal debut in Saturday's victory against Swansea City and featured in the

hard-earned 1-1 draw at Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday.

Despite only making two appearances and spending little more than two weeks at the club, the Spaniard insists he has seen enough to convince him that Arsenal could soon end their six-year wait for a trophy. "We need to settle as quickly as possible and I

try to help the team in the areas I am able to," said Arteta. — *Internet*



Mikel Arteta believes Arsenal are not far away from a trophy

Argentina, Brazil play out goalless draw

CORDOBA, 16 Sept — Argentina and Brazil, both missing their Europe-based stars, played out a lacklustre goalless draw in the first leg of the Superclasico de las Americas here on Wednesday night.

The South American heavyweights are both looking to put disappointing performances in the Copa America behind them.

But Brazil's three-pronged strike force of Ronaldinho, Neymar and Damiao failed to live up to expectations, while hosts Argentina could not break through on front of 50,000 spectators despite weaknesses in their rivals' defence.

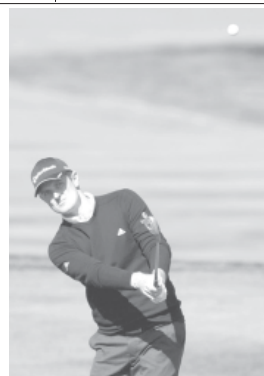
"We lost two strikers which influenced our game. Boselli had several chances and Martinez often had the upper hand against the defenders." — *Internet*

Internet

Rose rises to the occasion in chilly Chicago

LEMONT, 16 Sept — Feeling as though he had nothing to lose, Justin Rose put himself in position for a big gain with his best round of the year Thursday in the BMW championship. Rose made birdie on half of his holes at Cog Hill, a tough course that played even longer in chilly conditions, giving him an 8-under 63 and a two-shot lead over Webb Simpson and Mark Wilson.

"Didn't expect that going out there today," Rose said. "I looked to the weather, looked at the temperature, and I thought today was going to be a day to hang in there. Little did I know I was about to play so well — certainly my best round of the year by a long, long way. And could have been top five, top 10 rounds I've ever played for sure." There were other reasons he didn't see it coming.



Internet

Justin Rose

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 19th day

Amyotha Hluttaw-approved bill and another approved bill passed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — The 19th-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw was held at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

One Amyotha Hluttaw-endorsed bill was approved and the endorsement of a bill approved on 14 September was carried out at today's Hluttaw session.

Regarding the **Labour Organization Bill** approved by Amyotha Hluttaw and submitted on 30 August, the chairman of Bill Committee submitted the report of the committee.

As there was no amendment to the bill in the report of the committee and no proposal to amend the bill presented by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, the whole bill was sought for the approval of the Hluttaw in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule-159, sub-rule (d).

Pyithu Hluttaw decided to ap-



Representatives at 19th-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

prove the bill as the Amyotha Hluttaw did.

Ward or Village-tract administration Bill has been approved up to Subpara (c) of para(7) on 7 September. As paras and subparas without amendment are defined as approved matters, para-wise discussions were held only on the

amendment proposals.

Regarding the report of the Bill Committee, saying that the words, **voting result shall be declared after counting** should be added to original provision stated in paragraph-7, subparagraph (f) of the bill, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied that there was

no objection as it was appropriate and suitable while the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Union government. In accord with the amendment of the Bill Committee, paragraph-7, subparagraph (f), has been approved as a part of the Bill.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 19th day

Fifteen questions answered, change of title of a proposal approved



Representatives attending 19th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 19th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 208 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attended today's session.

Union Minister for Agriculture

and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing gave an answer to questions regarding agriculture sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constitu-

ency (4) that "there are thousands of acres of wetland along Sittoung River in Nyaunglebin and Kyaukdaga Townships; whether there is plan to distribute those lands to farmers who know about the wetland well as farmlands and how the State will assist in this process", the Union Minister answered that 171305 acres of farmlands in Nyaunglebin, DaikU and Waw Townships were put under monsoon paddy, including 113084 acres of wetland accounting for 66.01 per cent; in the years with heavy rain and inundation, monsoon paddy cannot be grown in those farmlands in time and late paddy was planted in later September and first week of October; if the farmlands are inundated longer, monsoon paddy cannot be grown, only cold season crops can be grown; to prevent inundation of farmlands in Bago Region, Yenwe Dam was built in order to reclaim lands in Kyaukdaga, Nyaunglebin and DaikU Townships; by transforming wetlands into the

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