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Our Three Main National Causes

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Sixth Meeting of Sixth SCWCSAG continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The Sixth Meeting of the Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar continued for the second day at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, at 8 am today.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the SCWCSAG Abbot of Myasikhon Monastery of Toungoo Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandavamsa presided over the meeting, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vijjodaya acted as master of ceremonies.

After reading the number of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas, the MC Sayadaw announced the validity of the meeting.

Five Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the Sixth Meeting were elected.

The MC Sayadaw supplicated on agenda of the meeting. Joint Secretary Sayadaws Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama and Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotika replied to the suggestions submitted by member Sayadaws of the SCWCSAG.

In the afternoon, representative Sayadaws from nine Sangha Ganas from regions and states discussed Vinichchaya affaris, religious affairs and education matters involved in the report of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in the one-year period, and the second day session came to an end.

At the second day session, wellwisher (U Maung Maung Swe Tin)-Dr Mya Thida Swe Tin and family of SI Co of 33 on Bo Ya Nyunt Road in Dagon Township of Yangon offered alms meals to members of the Sangha of the meeting.—MNA

President U Thein Sein receives MEP, Chairman of European parliament's delegation to ASEAN



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Member of European Parliament and Chairman of the European parliament's delegation to ASEAN Dr Werner Langen and party at the Credentials Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Member of European Parliament and Chairman of the European parliament's delegation to the countries of South East Asia (ASEAN) Dr Werner Langen and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with President of the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Deputy

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

The Member of European Parliament and Chairman of ASEAN Delegation were accompanied by 11 members of the European Parliament.

They discussed development of internal politics and promotion of regional and international relations.—MNA

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MMCWA hands over new building to BEPS in Patheingyi District

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—A new school building handed over to No. 9 Basic Education Primary School in Tiititchaung Village, Thatkonkyi Village-tract in Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 24 February.

The construction of the school was funded by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of MMCWA in Ayeyawady Region and wellwishers. The building was constructed at the cost of K20,850,000 and MMCWA contributed K20.2 mln to the building. The building was handed over to the school at the presence of Chairperson of MMCWA Dr Mon Mon Aung and members. They also donated cash and kind to primary schools in Patheingyi, Nyaungdon and Pantanaw Townships, MMCWA's delivery rooms in Patheingyi and Pantanaw Townships, and Maternal Child Healthcare Centre in Kangyidaung Township.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar: Next bright spot in Asia

Nowadays, Myanmar sees a lot of reforms since the civilian government has taken office.

Recent changes in Myanmar can draw the attentions of foreign investors. Based on the foreign investments, domestic companies' productivity would increase, thereby spurring the country's economic growth. But, investments of foreign companies alone cannot increase productivity of the domestic companies. All countries in the world have agreed that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) can push the economic development of a country. So, most of the countries use FDI as a strategic tool for the country's development.

A country's economic development depends on microeconomic stability. Thanks to the FDI, the country would see an increase in microeconomic indicator, which generates more job opportunities and huge foreign investment, more exports and increase in balance of payment (BOP) ratio. And to enjoy the fruits of FDI, domestic companies need to have good human resources management and research and development (R&D). They can learn technologies and management systems of these foreign companies. The domestic workers would become skilled ones because of working in these companies. The FDI also brings mass production, technological transfer and access to export markets.

Myanmar has a high growth potential and could become the next economic frontier in Asia. So, Myanmar is to seize this golden opportunity through the agency of the FDI. Here, domestic companies and businesses need to be well aware of the FDI's negative effects. Due to a massive inflow of foreign investments, foreign companies and businesses might take up domestic market shares. Most Asian countries top the chart by using the FDI as a stepping stone to the development of their countries. The chance of becoming a next Asian Tiger is in the hands of Myanmar. Let's start our promising future right now!

Union EP-2 Minister looks into construction of Tachilek District Electrical Engineer's Office

YANGON, 28 Feb—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe inspected Tachilek District Electrical Engineer's Office in Shan State (East) on 26 February.

At the meeting hall, the union minister heard report on staff matter, electric power supply, unit losses, safety in electric by officials concerned and left necessary instructions.—MNA



Yangon Region Minister U Nyan Tun Oo delivering address at the 10th International Conference on Computer Applications 2012 (ICCA 2012). —MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives EU parliament member



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Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of

Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of the International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and members of the committee.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed matters related to promotion of relations between the two parliaments.

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UEC Chairman receives EU parliament member



Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye meets Dr. Werner Langen.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb — Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye received Dr Werner Langen, a member of the European Parliament and the Chairman of the European parliament's delegation to the countries of South East Asia (ASEAN) at his office here today.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to developments in Myanmar, preparation for the

April-1 by-elections, elections campaigns and counting votes and voting systems.

The meeting was also attended by members of the UEC U Myint Naing, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Kyi and Secretary of UEC U Win Ko and officials concerned.

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ICCA 2012 kicks off

YANGON, 28 Feb—The 10th International Conference on Computer Applications 2012 organized by Yangon University of Computer Studies of the Science and Technology Ministry was kicked off at Sedona Hotel here this morning.

Scholars working at Korean, Canadian and Japanese universities and companies gave talks on software development, followed by workshops on natural language speech recognition, image processing and internet security jointly organized by faculty members of Yangon University of Computer Studies and Japanese and Malaysian universities.

Scholars and resource persons from Japan, Korea, Egypt, Africa, Canada, Malaysia, Thailand, Portugal and Denmark were present at the conference at which universities from Japan, Korea, Canada, India, Denmark, Kenya and Myanmar submitted 107 papers.—MNA

Politics still in my blood: Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb—Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said that politics is in her blood, and she couldn't help it when she that she believed President Barack Obama would win reelection. "Probably, my enthusiasm for the president got a little out of hand," Clinton told CNN in an interview broadcast on Sunday. Clinton, who lost her bid for the Democratic nomination in 2008, said politics is in her blood.

"I've tried to dampen them down. I've tried to have them taken out, in a blood transfusion, but occasionally they rear their heads," Politico quoted her, as saying.

Asked if that suggests



Hillary Clinton.
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she might reenter the political fray after leaving her post at the end of this year, Clinton offered a definite "no." "It just suggests I want what's best for my country," she said.

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Chinese Navy fights piracy in Somalia

BEIJING, 28 Feb—The Chinese Navy is once again sending forces to Somalia to target piracy in the Gulf of Aden. China first began patrolling the waters along with an international flotilla in 2008. Since then, it's undertaken ten such missions—protecting some 4500 ships.

The farewell ceremony is becoming more and more familiar to the Chinese Navy these days. A fleet left the port Qingdao on Monday morning, ready to carry out its orders.

Yang Junfei, fleet commander, said, "Fleet 113 ready for duty." Ding Yiping, deputy commander of Chinese navy, said, "Set Sail!"

The fleet brings a destroyer, missile frigate, support ship, 2 helicopters and special forces to bear on the region—a total of 800 naval

personnel are involved.

The UN Security Council has been urging member countries to combat piracy along the Somali coast since the 1990s. The Chinese Navy joined in 4 years ago and has been an active partner ever since. Last Thursday, The People's Liberation Army Navy held the International Symposium on Counter-Piracy and Escort Operations in China's eastern city of Nanjing. Delegations from more than 20 states and organizations gathered there to get to know more about each other.

Phil Haslam, staff captain of European Naval Force, said, "I represent the European Naval Force, which is based in London, and the tactical coordination the ships have, day to day, in the Gulf of



Destroyer "Qingdao" (L) and frigate "Yantai" prepare to set sail at a port in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 27 Feb, 2012.—XINHUA

Aden. I see this symposium is taking that coordination to another level."

Cao Weidong, senior researcher of Naval Research Institute, PLA, said, "The Chinese Navy hopes to build up a platform for international cooperation that will allow

naval forces of different countries to familiarize themselves with each other. I hope the platform well-serves our anti-piracy goals. " In addition to combating piracy, the fleet will be continuing to offer human aid to countries in need.—Xinhua

Israeli defence minister heads to US to discuss Iran

JERUSALEM, 28 Feb—Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak on Tuesday headed to Washington for talks with senior US officials about the Iranian nuclear programme.

The Israeli minister's two-day US visit comes ahead of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's and President Shimon Peres' scheduled visits next week, Xinhua reported. "There are some security issues that

apply to the defence minister. These sensitive issues (that will be discussed in Netanyahu's visit) require early coordination and many talks," said a senior political source explaining the objective of Barak's visit.

Barak will meet senior US officials, including Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta, National Security Advisor Tom Donilon and other security and intelligence

figures.

Prime Minister Netanyahu will leave for north America on Thursday, first to Canada where he will meet Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and then to Washington where he is to meet with US President Barack Obama as well as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and senior congressmen.

President Peres, who will also leave for Washington



Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak—INTERNET

this week, will meet Obama on Sunday.—Internet

18 killed in bus attack in N Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Feb—At least 18 people were killed and eight others injured when unknown gunmen opened fired on a passenger bus in Pakistan's northern district of Kohistan on Tuesday morning, said local media.

Local Urdu TV channel DAWN quoted local residents as saying that the firing incident took place early on Tuesday morning when a passenger bus heading from Rawalpindi, a sister city of the

country's capital Islamabad, to Gilgit, capital city of Gilgit-Baltistan province in northern Pakistan, was attacked by unknown gunmen. The attack occurred on the Karakoram Highway in the Harban area of Kohistan, said the report.

There were at least 26 people on board when the bus was attacked, it said, adding that all the injured people have been shifted to hospitals in Kohistan and Gilgit.

Xinhua

Star Princess: A British cruise ship is leading the charge in the latest stand-off over the Falklands, as it sails towards the harbour at Port Stanley.—INTERNET



LONDON, 28 Feb—Two British cruise ships that visited the Falkland Islands were refused entry to an Argentinian port on Monday, amid tension over the

Argentina blocks two British cruise ships

disputed archipelago.

The *Adonia*, owned by P&O Cruises, and the Princess Cruises vessel *Star Princess* were both blocked from

Princess have been refused access to the port of Ushuaia," said a spokesman for Britain's Foreign Office.

"There can be no justification for interference in free and legitimate commerce.

"British diplomats in Argentina are urgently seeking to clarify the circumstances surrounding this incident, and we are in contact with the company concerned."

Tensions are running high between Britain and Argentina over the Falklands, which London controls but Buenos Aires claims, ahead of the 30th anniversary in April of the start of the war between the two nations over the islands.

Argentina has also reacted angrily to the deployment of Prince William to the Falklands as part of his job as a Royal Air Force search and rescue pilot, and to a planned fact-finding trip by British lawmakers next month.

Carnival UK, which owns both P&O and Princess Cruises, said in a statement the *Adonia* was now sailing towards Punta Arenas in Chile, its next port of call on an 87-night tour of South America.

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An injured man receives medical treatment at a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Nowshera on 27 Feb, 2012. At least five people were killed in a suicide bomb attack near the venue of a ruling party rally in Pakistan's northwest city of Nowshera on Monday, police and hospital sources said. XINHUA

Seven civilians killed in S Afghanistan blast

LASHKAR GAH, 28 Feb—Seven civilians were killed Monday in a blast in the southern Afghan Province of Helmand, a spokesman for provincial government said on Tuesday.

"Seven civilians were killed when a powerful blast occurred at around 4:00 pm local time on Monday in a compound in Naw Zad District of Helmand Province," spokesman Daud Ahmadi told Xinhua.

He said four women and

three children were killed in the explosion that happened in a house in Sarkhdaz area of the district.

Ahmadi said it was not clear how the explosion happened, adding an investigation was launched to probe why the explosive was placed in the house.

Taleban militants have often attacked Afghan and NATO-led forces with homemade bombs or Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) but the lethal

weapons also inflict casualties on civilians.

The number of civilian casualties has been soaring in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan as a total of 3,021 Afghan civilians have been killed in 2011 which indicates, an 8 percent rise in non-combatants' deaths compared with 2010, according to the United Nations annual report released in Kabul earlier this month.

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Taleban fighters attend a surrender ceremony in Baghlan Province north of Kabul, on 27 Feb, 2012. About a total of 23 Taleban fighters surrendered here on Monday, a provincial police source said. XINHUA



The second day session of sixth meeting of sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas in progress. (News on page 1)
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Shweli River Crossing Bridge (Namhkam) brings about easy access to Mandalay-Lashio-Muse-Namhkam-Bhamo

Salient points of Shweli Bridge (Namhkam)

1. The upper structure of the bridge is of bailey suspension bridge.
2. Its lower concrete and foundation are reinforced concrete piers.
3. The total length of the bridge is 600 feet flanked by 24 feet pedestrians on each side.
4. It can withstand 36 tons of load.
5. The bridge was successfully opened on 27-4-2009.

Translation: TLA

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye



- * The bridge lies on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse-Namhkam-Bhamo Road in Namhkam Township in Shan State (North).
- * The emergence of the bridge, it makes more contribution to smoothly road connection of Mandalay-Lashio-Namhkam-Bhamo road.
- * As local products are being transported easily, the local people are improving a lot in the economic, social, health and education sectors.
- * From the development of each region further strengthens towards the region's development and as a result the nation will develop.
- * The bridge was constructed by Myanmar engineers and working experiences of technicians.



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives EU parliament member

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—UKhin Aung Myint, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, received Dr Werner Langen, a member of the European Parliament and the Chairman of the European parliament's delegation to the countries of South East Asia (ASEAN)

and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chairmen of the committees of Amyotha Hluttaw and officials of the

Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

Also present together with Dr Werner Langen were Vice Chairmen of the European parliament's delegation Mr Robert Goebbels and Mr Ivo Belet and members of the delegation.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed matters on promotion of the friendship between the European parliament and two Hluttaws of Myanmar and stepping up efforts for development of Myanmar.—MNA

Union Minister U Thein Tun addresses at concluding of workshop on Information and Technology

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—A workshop on Information and Technology launched at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw concluded this afternoon, with an address of Chairman of Computer Knowledge Development Council Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun.

Among the respective groups held discussions on their related topics in all of the meeting rooms of MICC in this morning were Chief Executive Officer U Tin Htut Oo of the Consultative Committee for agriculture and rural development on ICT For Agriculture & Rural Development, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association Chairman U Ye Yint Win on ICT For Service Sector Development, Chief Executive Officer Dr Aung Thein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on ICT For Industry Sector Development With Special Attention To Small & Medium Enterprise (SME), Chairman of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thang Tin on ICT For Trade & Commerce Sector Development, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association U Min Zayar Hlaing on ICT As A Vital Industry.—MNA



Union Minister U Thein Tun delivering address at concluding of workshop on Information and Technology. —MNA



Third regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Third regular session of first Magway Region Hluttaw continued for second day this morning, with the attendance of Region Hluttaw Speaker U Ye

Myint and 65 Hluttaw representatives.

Thirteen questions were answered and Region ministers made clarifications on bills. Today's session concluded at 2.50 pm.—MNA

Third regular session of the first Kayin State Hluttaw goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The fourth day's session of the third regular session of the first Kayin State Hluttaw continued at 10:00 am on 27 February, attended by Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Chairman of State Hluttaw, State ministers and a total of 22 representatives. At today's session, there were three approved bills; general projects in Kayin State in 2011-2012, general projects

in Kayin State in 2012-2013 and additional budget allocation for the state in 2012; two tabled proposals "progress of peace-making activities in Kayin State in January, 2012" and "progress of peace-making activities in Kayin State in February, 2012" to be put on record. The today's session came to an end at 11:50 am, after the chief minister made a speech.—MNA

Mro Nationalities given green light to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The Union Election Commission issued announcement No. 13/2012 today and its translation is as follows:

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Announcement No. 13/2012
7th Waxing of Taboung
(28 February, 2012)

Mro Nationalities Party granted to register as political party

Mro Nationalities Party, headquartered at No. 245, No. 4 Ward, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State was granted to register in accord with Article (9) of the Political Parties Registration Law beginning 28 February, 2012. The registration number of the party is 52.

Sd/

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Dr Werner Langen, a member of the European Parliament and the Chairman of the European parliament's delegation to the countries of South East Asia (ASEAN), and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Third regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Third regular session of first Mandalay Region Hluttaw continued for tenth day this morning, with the attendance of Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung and 73 Hluttaw representatives.

The Region Hluttaw speaker read out the message sent by the President which was then put on record by the Region Hluttaw.

Six questions were answered, approvals for bills approved and date set for approval of Mandalay Region Budget Bill for 2012 at today's session. Today's session concluded at 11.5 am.—MNA



The 10th day of the third regular session of the first Mandalay Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 16th day One message put on record, one bill discussed



*Speaker of
Pyidaungsu
Hluttaw
U Khin Aung
Myint reading
message sent
by the
President.
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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the 16th day session at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 561 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

The session put one message on record and discussed one bill.

In the putting the message on record, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message on reshuffle of ministers at Mandalay Region Government sent by the President, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put the reassignments of U Phone Zaw Han as Minister for Finance and Revenue and U Aung Maung as Minister for Development Affairs at Mandalay Region Government on record.

With regard to National Planning Bill for 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw made clarification, saying that the Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, on behalf of the Union government, submitted the 2011-2012 FY National Planning Bill and the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill to the Hluttaw on the first day third regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held on 31 January 2012.

A total of 75 Hluttaw representatives discussed the plans in principle from the sixth day session on 7-2-2012 to the 10th day session on 13-2-2012. In this regard, nine Hluttaw representatives held discussions on the 2011-2012 FY National Planning Bill and another 66 representatives, the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee submitted the reports that the 2011-2012 FY National Planning Bill should be put on record and the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill should be undertaken in line with rules and regulations.

According to the submissions of some Hluttaw representatives that the National Planning Bills submitted by the Union government to the Hluttaw should be amended as a law, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw coordinated with the Union Government. So, the improved 2011-2012 FY National Planning Bill was submitted to the Hluttaw. Thus, the Hluttaw decided to put the bill on record at the 13th day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 22 February 2012 in line with the remarks of the Joint Bill

Committee.

As the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill has been improved systematically, the bill will be submitted to the Hluttaw. The copies of amended bills have been distributed to Hluttaw representatives. In this regard, the bill was amended in form, but its presentations were similar to the previous bill. In amending the bill, the Chapter (III) Policy, Vision and Tasks of the previous bill were placed in Appendix (i); the formal Appendix (i) State-owned sector Investment Plans went to Appendix (ii); formal Appendix (ii) Sectors of Production, Service and Vision to Appendix (iii).

There is no any change in subject in the bill in discussing the principle and basic factors of the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill. Thus, the discussions of 66 Hluttaw representatives from 7 to 13 February will not be cancelled and it is still into existence.

On 23-2-2012, as the list was taken for those wishing to discuss matters related to 2012-2013 National Planning Bill and to submit proposals of amendment, a total of 28 Hluttaw representatives nominated themselves. The submissions of 15 representatives of 28 will be allowed to continuous discussions at the Hluttaw in principle and basic factor as their discussions have no amendment.

Those Hluttaw representatives are U Pauk Thang Htai of Chin State Constituency No. 3, Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency, U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No. 4, U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency, U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency, Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency, U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 9, Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 9, U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No. 4, U Kyaw Ni Naing of Laukkai Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebu Constituency, U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency and U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency.

Although the remaining representatives have submitted proposals of amendment to the Hluttaw, it is necessary to amend the proposals of some representatives. They are U Paw Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency, U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency, U Min Swe of Daik U

Constituency, U Soe Than of Twantay Constituency, U Win Myint of Pyay Constituency, U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1, U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 6, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency, U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency, Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency and U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw Constituency.

In submitting the proposals of amendment for the bill, it is necessary to exactly present the matters to allow reduction of project-wise implementation, to suspend the projects and to terminate the projects. The amount of money for the projects in the bill is not needed to be presented, and per cent of the work or titles of individual works (for example to suspend, terminate and reduce 50 per cent of Shwelaung Dam Project among new projects of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation included on page number 100 of the Plan for State-owned Investment of the Appendix-ii) with signatures. The proposals of amendment must completely be presented with reasons and subjects included in the parts of the bill (bill, appendix).

The representatives' proposals to be amended among 14 representatives must be re-written in line with the rules and regulations. The representatives wishing to submit proposals of amendment and those wishing to submit more proposals including previous submissions of the representatives are to submit their proposals to the Director of the Hluttaw Office, not later than evening of 29 February (Wednesday).

At a time when the Hluttaw representatives have discussed the principles and basic factors of the bill, the President or the person assigned by the President, on behalf of the Union government, may make clarification. After that, the discussions of the principles and basic factors of the bill will come to an end. Thus, he said that he would like to inform the Hluttaw that process of tasks will be undertaken for submission and discussion of proposals of amendment, clarification of the Union level body member, seeking decisions of the Hluttaw and approvals in line with the prescribed procedures.

With regard to the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein submitted the 2012-2013 fiscal year National Planning Bill and the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill, which are first and second years of the fifth five-year short-term national plan of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 31 January.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives suggested that the bill should be in line with the form of law. In accord with their suggestions, the bill was rewritten.

Likewise, the rewritten bill 2012-2013 is also submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Nine Hluttaw representatives participated in the discussions on principle and basic factors of the 2012-2013 FY National Planning Bill.

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 6 said that there are many differences among the regions of Myanmar in geographical conditions such as hilly regions, plateaus, plains, inland regions,

coastal regions and border areas. Moreover, these regions have differences in natural resources and human resources. As a result, drawing the plan must be depended on the actual conditions of the regions.

In the matter of roads construction projects covering in basic infrastructures which are crucial for nation building endeavors, Yathedaung and Myebon Townships in Rakhine State are located in plain region. But, it has yet to connect Sittway-An Union Road. Discussions on road networks are going on at Hluttaws. The connection of only one road in Rakhine State has not yet finished till now. Road transportation of Yathedaung and its environs do not include in 2012-2013 National Planning.

The National Planning is made up of projects in Regions and States. Like the developed countries, national development is to be implemented only after GDP and GNP of each region have been calculated systematically. Priority is to be given to the underdeveloped regions after considering advantages and disadvantages of the regions. Only then the country sees harmonious development.

U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency said: A total of K 111.548 million is proposed under the heading of border regions new roads development of National Planning Bill. The maintenance of new roads should not be. So, that proposed project should be cancelled.

A total of K 2.5 million is put under the heading of "Greening" of "Others" heading of National Planning. Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is undertaking the greening tasks and so do local authorities. So, Ministry of Border Affairs should use it under such exact headings as Minister's Office greening and training school greening. Otherwise, it should be used in other productive development tasks.

U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No.4 discussed: An analysis of Myingyan (Nabuaing) Industrial Zone Project and which is one of the ongoing project of Directorate Industrial Planning Department under the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development should be carried out. Reviews on test running of Paper and Pulp Mill (Thabaung) of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries, huge investment and difficulties of projects and ongoing projects, works and supplementary works of No.1 Heavy Industries, and expenditures and heavy costs of industries and supplementary works of No.2 Heavy Industries under the Ministry of Industry, are to be carried out.

Hluttaw representatives have not enough time to scrutinize these projects. It would be most appropriate if all projects which will take too much time for scrutiny are not put in this year National Planning. So, based on the facts that projects do not benefit people, the projects are not yet as much important as staff's day-to-day living status and there needs to have budget analysis, which is a first step towards a democratic country, Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development and Ministry of Industry should not put unproductive projects in the National Planning, with the aims of emergence of national planning and budgets in line with the monetary policies and fiscal policies.

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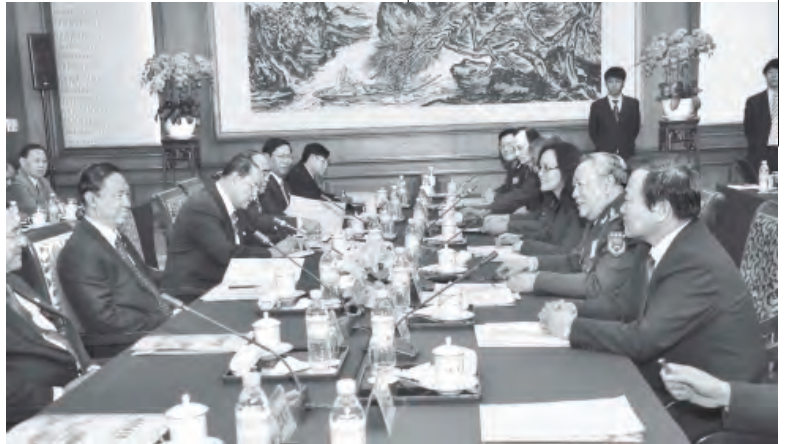
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls on Chief of Chinese PLA General Staff General Chen Bingde

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann paid a call on Member of the Central Military Commission Chief of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Staff General Chen Bingde at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on 23 February.

Also present at the call were Myanmar delegation members, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and personnel from Pyithu Hluttaw and Myanmar Embassy. Together with the Chinese general were Deputy General Secretary of National People's Congress Mr Cao Wei Zhou, Director-General of General Staff Department Maj-Gen Ji Wanming, Maj-Gen Bai Jinjun and Maj-Gen Chen Yirong of Military Operation Department, Chief of Logistics Department Maj-Gen Sun Wangtian, Deputy Director-General Maj-Gen Si Guowei of National Defence Ministry, Deputy Chief of Armaments and International Cooperation Department Maj-Gen Xian Guanhuai and Chief of Asia Division of International Relations Department Brig-Gen Wu Xiaoyi.

During the meeting, they had cordial talks on matters related to defence and security of China and Myanmar, border security and stability, and promotion of communication and cooperation between the two armed forces.

The Chinese General then hosted dinner to the Myanmar delegation at the guest house. The Chinese General and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker toasted each other and had dinner together.



During the dinner, artistes entertained with sweet melodies, Myanmar songs, Chinese traditional dances and magic tricks to the accompaniment of the Chinese

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Member of the Central Military Commission Chief of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Staff General Chen Bingde.—MNA

People's Liberation Army band.

After the dinner, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Chinese General exchanged gifts and the former presented gifts to the artistes.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 16th ...

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U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency said: Ministry of Industry has proposed to make state-own investments of K 169901.036 million in 2012-2013 fiscal year. Running of Myanma Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries, cement factories, glass factories projects, and paper mills and pulp mills under the Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries should be carried out, based on investments, actual productions and profits and losses.

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7 discussed that he would like to advice to stop some unproductive projects being undertaken by Ministry of Myanma Industrial Development and Ministry of Agricultural and Irrigation and projects and works which cause a loss to the country's finance, and cut some expenditures on these projects. The reason why he gave advice for cutting budget expenditures was to raise staff's salary, to calculate and review it after taking times for avoiding losses and develop the country's economy.

Sale of state-own workshops and

factories to private entrepreneurs and running of joint-venture business between private sector and the government should be carried out. The government-owned factories and workshops should run for profits.

Public companies and companies will emerge after opening stock share markets and sell shares to public and companies.

Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency (9) said: Only when education and health sectors are merged into poverty alleviation tasks, will the goals of poverty alleviation be achieved. In education sector, poverty alleviation should be prioritized, fund for rural healthcare should be established and drawing on the fund should be avoided. Initial healthcare should be provided to townships, sub-townships and rural areas effectively for ensuring public health. Fitness of youths including students should be extensively monitored.

In objectives prescribed in the law of the Ministry of Health, figures of Millennium Development Goals and figures related to maternity, infant, child, malaria, TB and HIV should be mentioned exactly. National Plan for 2012-2013 fiscal year is seconded.

U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4) said: the accuracy of figures is important in calculating GDP of the whole

nation. If the figures are far from approximation, the investment ratio and planning will not be accurate. Myanmar's investment is lower than that of neighbours on average between 2005-2006 fiscal year and 2010-2011 fiscal year. In this period of modest investment, some ministries squandered millions from the fund of the country in implementing projects which were failures.

Though projects drafted by respective ministries for 2012-2013 fiscal year with huge fund estimated are submitted for good purposes, the projects, which could not give immediate profit to the country, should be delayed as the country is still undeveloped and cannot make huge investment now. Investment, taxation, budget of Chin State and other regions and states and drafting of anti-corruption law should be considered in fundamental principles of National Planning Bill for 2012-2013 fiscal year submitted by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency said: Transportation sector should be extended by drafting National Transportation Policy in accord with need of the people, economic profitability and other requirements. The rail transportation should set sight on running electric train. For all-round transportation in transportation, container transportation

should be established. Staff should be employed for each department and trained to improve their capacity. The emergence of modern railroads should be implementing by replacing wooden sleepers with concrete ones. A system investigating passenger coaches and cargos should be adopted and enforced for foolproof inspection. If there is insufficient workforce, new staff should be recruited under directives. Running hours of the train should be reduced.

As the salary of the government personnel could be decreased if the unprofitable projects are suspended and irrelevant expenses are reduced in 2012-2013 fiscal year, Budget for 2012-2013 should be redrawn.

U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State Constituency (3) said: The Section (363) of the Constitution clearly states, "The Union may assist and protect the religions it recognizes to its utmost." The constitution should transparently portray the fact. Without adding any fund to the Ministry of Religious Affairs in 2012-2013 budget, changes should be made in the current budget of the ministry and expenditures for Christian, Islam, Hindu and other religions should be included.

Today's session concluded at 1.25 pm and the 17th day session will be held at 10 am on 1 March.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party leave PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left Grand Hotel Beijing and arrived at Beijing International Capital Airport at 7 am local time on 26 February after paying a goodwill to the People's Republic of China.

The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and party were seen off at the airport by Deputy General Secretary Mr Cao Wei Zhou of

National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and embassy officials.

At 8.10 am local time, the Speaker and party left Beijing International Capital Airport and arrived at Kunming International Airport at 11.25 am local time. They were welcomed by Vice-Chairman of National People's Congress of Yunnan

Province Mr Yang Bao Jian and officials.

At the special lounge of the airport, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress of Yunnan held discussions on cooperation between Myanmar Hluttaw and Yunnan Congress.

After that, the Speaker and party left Kunming International Airport and arrived back in Yangon at 1.35 pm.—MNA

Union Mines Minister inspects gold mining in Yamethin

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik assisted in mining during his tour of inspection to gold mining plots on Mohti-Moemi Hill in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

The Union Minister called on joint-venture mining companies for boosting production of gold and for conserving the environment at least of degradation when they carried out gold mining and for work-

site safety.

During his tour of the mining area, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik inspected construction of a hospital and a clinic and sites chosen for construction of a school and a police station.

He also inspected the 50-ton reprocessing plant and owners of the mining companies.—MNA

Thai guests call on UMFCCI Vice-President

YANGON, 28 Feb—A six-member delegation led by Dr Terapol Pruksathorn of Sutech Engineering Co Ltd of Thailand paid a call on

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and CEC

members at the UMFCCI Headquarters here on 23 February and discussed matters related to investment.—MNA

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

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The Vice-President cordially greeted the officials concerned and the companies' staff.

In a special flight back to Kyaukpyu, the Vice-President and his entourage viewed progress of the construction site for an oil tank, a jetty and progress of laying down inland crude oil pipelines and the construction sites for Made Island project and a water tank for distributing freshwater to the villages nearby.

At a meeting with State/district and township level departmental heads, social organization members, townsmen, rural people at Yamawady Hall, Kyaukpyu, the Vice-President was respectively reported by Kyaukpyu Township Administrator, Yanbye Township Administrator, Kyaukpyu District Administrator and Manaung Township Administrator on needs for their townships. Then, Kyaukpyu townsmen U Nyi

the region and for rubber plantation. He stressed the need for establishment of industries for earning income for a long term as the normal agriculture could help the people earning income just for food. He encouraged the people to grow rubber plantation, saying that rubber was a raw material for industries and rubber could help establishment of an industrial business. Besides, he also stressed the need for keeping correct account to be able to boost the regional economy.

Afterwards, the Vice-President coordinated with union ministers and deputy ministers to assist in education, health and transportation matters reported by departmental officials and townsmen.

According to the Vice-President, plans have been made to supply power generated by Kyiohn-Kyiwa hydel power plant to An, Minbya, MraukU, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun and



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets those present at Yamawady Hall in Kyaukpyu.—MNA

working together with the government for the regional development.

Afterwards, responsible personnel of CNPC presented US\$10 mln to Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than

Oo for building power supply system to supply power to Kyaukpyu and Yanbye.

Daewoo Co presented US\$5.5 million to Executive Officer U Than Lin Tun of Township Development Affairs Committee for repairing the jetties and roads in Kyaukpyu.

Entrepreneurs donated K 100,000 each to 104 fire victim households of Kyauknimaw Village in Yanbye Township and K 2 million to be spent on their rehabilitation, two sets of Sky Net receivers to Kyaukpyu, Yanbye and Manaung General Administration Departments and Township Information and Public Relations Departments and one set of Sky Net receiver to Kyaukpyu Education College.

After the meeting, the Vice-President and party cordially greeted townsmen and departmental officials.

They then inspected No. 2 Basic Education Middle School constructed at the cost of US\$ 281,000 and FG Wilson 1000 kva generator worth US\$ 143,000 donated by Daewoo Co of Shwe Natural Gas Project, a 200x30x24 feet two-storey school building and 50x30x24 feet another building

worth US\$684,240.96 built at BEHS No. 1 by CNPC Co.

Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline project renovated two two-storey school buildings, eight one-storey school buildings and maintenance of roads and bridges to contribute to socio-economic of the region. Daewoo Co spent US\$ 2.68 million on education, health, water supply, electricity supply and rescue work after natural disasters in Rakhine State in 2006 and 2011.

CNPC Co donated US\$ 6 million for undertaking education and health tasks in the regions along the pipeline. SEAGP and SEAGP companies also spent US\$ 1 million on the tasks.

The Vice-President and party left Kyaukpyu and arrived at Thandwe in the evening.

They looked into burnt conditions of Dwarawady Myoma Market in Thandwe and gave words of encouragement to shopkeepers at Dwarawady Hall.

They also inspected construction of Dwarawady temporary grocery market and attended to the needs of the market committee.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects laying of pipeline from Hyundai HD (60) vessel, part of Shwe natural gas pipeline project.—MNA

Hlaing, U Tun Pe and Yanbye townsmen U Hla Tun Pyu also reported to the Vice-President on their needs.

Then, State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin gave a supplementary report to him.

After the Vice-President had fulfilled the needs in collaboration with Union Ministers and Deputy Ministers, he made a speech citing that they had reached Rakhine State with two aims at inspecting progress of laying down natural gas pipelines and inland crude oil pipelines in Kyaukpyu, and at fulfilling needs for socio-economic development of the rural people in the townships of Rakhine State.

After hearing the report, the Vice-President called for making efforts for sufficiency of food in

Sittway in northern Rakhine State in the 2012-2013 financial year and plans for transporting power to Ushitpin power grid in Padaung Township to be able to supply electricity to Taunggyi, Thandwe, Maei, Kyaukpyu and Yanbye.

Plans had been made to supply power to remaining townships in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and the project to supply power to Kyaukpyu and Yanbye was being implemented at the cost of US\$10 mln funded by oil and natural gas companies including CNPE, he said.

He also clarified efforts of the government for achieving peace and stability, rule of law and development of the economy and education, health, social and international relations sectors and called on the local people for



An aerial view of Ma-de Island Project.—MNA

Daw Khin Saw Hnin meets members of township WAOs, MCWAs in Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Wife of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin met chairpersons, secretaries and members of Rakhine State, Kyaukpyu District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees of Rakhine State at the hall of Kyaukpyu District General Administration Department yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Daw Khin Saw Hnin expressed her pleasure in meeting with members of MCWA and WAO of Rakhine State. She said that she arrived there to fulfill the requirements of the associations at the state, district and township levels. She noted that MWA and MCWA are reliable organizations for the State. These organizations are engaged in health, education and social tasks for the people, she said. The organizations are upholding the life security of the women, and she stressed the need for prevent trafficking in person and preserve traditional

culture.

She said that the central body of the association assigned the various levels of the organizations to give community-based care to the TB patients. Thus, it is necessary to give door-to-door health care service to the patients, she said.

Members of the MCWA are working in concert for turning out qualified men and women, and they have been voluntarily participating in the social affairs for many years, she said. She stressed the need for women to uplift themselves as a national duty to become outstanding women in the international arena.

In conclusion, she said that it should take pride in their endeavours of welfare tasks for the State in addition to that of ward, village and township level. She urged them to double the efforts for future tasks of the MWA and MCWA.

Chairperson of Rakhine State WAO and MCWSC Daw Mya Nu reported on progress of the WAO and MCWSC.

Chairpersons of Kyaukpyu District, Kyaukpyu Township, Yanbye, Manaung and An



Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, visits self-reliant pre-primary school of Kyaukpyu Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

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Townships WAOs and MCWAs also submitted reports on their respective sectors.

Next, Daw Khin Saw Hnin presented K 1 million each for Rakhine State WAO and Rakhine State MCWSC through Patron of the State WAO and MCWSC wife of Rakhine State Chief Minister Daw Nu Nu San.

Secretary of MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe donated K 500,000 each to Township WAOs and Township MCWAs of Kyaukpyu District through officials of the associations.

After that, Daw Khin Saw Hnin and party

cordially greeted members of WAO and MCWA.

At the self-reliant pre-primary school being opened by Kyaukpyu Township MCWA, they viewed progress of education of pre-school children and presented gifts and nutritious foods to them.

They donated K 200,000 to the pre-primary schools in Kyaukpyu Township.

MMCWA (Central) donated K 300,000 to Kyaukpyu Township MCWA's pre-primary school. They then cordially greeted members of WAO and MCWA.—MNA

Brazil's Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations calls on Union Minister at President Office



Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung receives Brazil's Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations Ms Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb — Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung received Brazil's Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations Ms Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, they discussed promotion of trade, investment and agriculture and transfer of energy and electrical technology and iron and steel making technology and computer technology and promotion of cooperation in poverty reduction, environmental conservation, education, sports and e-government.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Director-General at the President Office U Zaw Win and officials concerned and Ambassador of Brazil to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior.—MNA

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein delivering address at the workshop.
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Workshop on Myanmar-Japan Cooperation Program for Economic Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Workshop on Myanmar-Japan Cooperation Program for Economic Development, organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Japan International Cooperation Agency, was held at Thiri Yadana Hall at Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein.

The Union Minister said, in his speech, that he expressed words of thanks for Japan's cooperation in development of human resource of Myanmar; that national development planning project are being drawn for development of Myanmar, under which there are many projects running for rural development and poverty alleviation, industrial development, investment development, human resource development, monetary development, and

general; that the project being drawn would give benefits to socio-economic development of the country; and that in doing so, tasks for rural development poverty alleviation and human resource development would be given top priority in cooperation with not only the country's strength but also international organizations, donor countries including United Nations.

Also present at the event were Union Ministers from Industry and for Rail Transportation, deputy ministers, advisers to the President, departmental heads, representatives of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, officials concerned from Japan Embassy to Myanmar and from Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japanese Economists and officials.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses ...

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ensure the comprehensiveness of Zabuthiri Stadium where the opening and closing ceremonies would be held and sports grounds and stadiums where prize-presentation would be held.

The accommodation and catering subcommittee was to prepare for provision of pleasant and convenient accommodations and nourishing and fresh foods to guests, coaches, managers and athletes.

The transportation subcommittee was to prepare to ensure smooth transport, enough number of vehicles and skillful, discipline and polite drivers and to report the required amount of oil to the departments concerned.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham said health and medical subcommittee must prepare in detail for drug abuses of athletes in addition to healthcare, prevention and treatment.

The fund-raising and prize presentation subcommittee must seek necessary fund from sponsors and wellwishers and must prepare medals in advance and acquire anthem of each nation, he said. He urged the information and record subcommittee to prepare for broadcasting news of the event and matches live or replay and to compile and distribute record of the event. He said the communication subcommittee has to install IT cable networks in sports village and stadiums and prepare for fine connection of mobile, internet and email. He underscored the need to draft security plans and install sophisticated security facilities. He urged presidents, vice-presidents and executives of sports federations to boost morale to repeat the history of second and fifth South East Asia Peninsula Games where Myanmar won first place in this SEA Games held after 44 years. He guaranteed that the government will honour hard work and success

of presidents of the federations and the victorious athletes. He demanded support and suggestions of wellwishers.

He urged those present at the meeting to give a facelift to the country by hosting XXVII SEA Games successfully and participating in every genre.



Chairman of Transport Subcommittee Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung presents reports on progress of works.—MNA

Chairman of Preparedness Steering Committee for Hosting XXVII SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Chairman of Subcommittee for Construction of Stadium and Hostels Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin on behalf of the chairman of preparedness subcommittee

for organizing opening and concluding ceremonies, Chairman of Transport Subcommittee Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, an official of health and medical subcommittee, Chairman of Fund-raising and Prize Presentation Subcommittee Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Chairman of Information and Record Subcommittee Deputy Minister for



Chairman of Fund-raising and Prize Awarding Subcommittee Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submits reports on progress of tasks.—MNA

Information U Soe Win, Chairman of Communication Subcommittee Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Chairman of Security Subcommittee Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, President of Myanmar Disabled Sport Federation, Director of Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of

Defence Maj-Gen Nay Lin and officials submitted reports of respective subcommittees.

Presidents of sports federation presented trainings of each federation and plans for achieving victory in the games.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win and Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu reported on entrance of sports contingents and delegates in Myanmar in XXVII SEA Games and needs for organizing opening and closing ceremonies and for achieving victory.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his concluding remarks thanked those present for participating in discussion in unison for winning victory in XXVII SEA Games. He highlighted the need of honesty of athletes in the games. He said international-standard referees, juries and coaches, at home and abroad. He said the athletes must be sent to foreign countries for international experiences, joint trainings must be conducted, and invitation tournaments must be organized. Myanmar settled eight place in previous XXVI SEA Games as it had played in the foreign country, he recalled. But for this time as the host, Myanmar should achieve the considerable victory, he said. As the government is supporting for the victory, the sports federation and athletes should work heart and soul, he said. He urged to host XXVII SEA Games impressively and try to reach Asian and international level. He said Myanmar must showcase its remarkable event management as it wins international attention. Courtesy, hospitality and cleanliness of the country must be displayed, he said. Grasping the opportunity of the host, Myanmar has to try to improve its sports standard to any level, he said. He called for working cooperatively among the steering committee, sports federation and officials.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party visit Tianjin City, meet Chairman of Tianjin National People's Congress

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, accompanied by Deputy General Secretary Mr Cao Wei Zhou of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China left Grand Hotel Beijing at 8.30 am on 25 February and arrived at Beijing Railway Station and then visited there.

They left the station by high speed train and arrived at Tianjin Station where they were welcomed by Secretary of National People's Congress of Tianjin Mr Wang Shi Xin and officials.

At Tianjin Urban Project

Museum, the Speaker and party viewed round lay-out plan of Tianjin, small scale of tourism development zone, small scales of aerospace and special economic zone, environmental conservation zone, Tianjin port and regional development project at the museum. The Curator Deputy Head of the Urban Project Department conducted them round the museum.

The Speaker and party watched the documentary film on Tianjin development and progress of project at City Image Projection Hall of the museum.

The Speaker signed the

visitors' book of the museum. Next, the curator presented book on Tianjin urban project building to the Speaker.

After that, the Speaker and party visited Italian style ward of Tianjin City.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw received Chairman of Tianjin National People's Congress Mr Xiao Huaiyan and officials at Ying Hall of the Urban Government Guest House in Tianjin at 11.30 am.

They cordially discussed promotion of China and Myanmar friendly ties and cooperation in urban



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chairman of Tianjin National People's Congress Mr Xiao Huaiyan.—MNA

tapes, documentary photos on development undertakings in China, utensils, books and publications and residence of Zhou Enlai.

Next, the Speaker and party arrived at Da Bei Chan Yuan Temple where they held a discussion with Abbot Zhi Ru on religious affairs between Myanmar and China and made cash donation for the temple.

Later, the Speaker and party left Tianjin City by high speed train and arrived back in Beijing at 5 pm.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party at Premier Zhou Enlai and Madame Deng Yingchao Museum in Tianjin.—MNA

projects. The Speaker and the Chairman exchanged gifts. The Chairman of Tianjin National People's Congress hosted a luncheon to the Speaker and party at Banquet Hall.

At Premier Zhou Enlai and Madame Deng Yingchao Museum in Tianjin, the Speaker and party viewed Zhou Enlai Status, documentary photos, mural paintings, documentary books, documentary video

Over 120-year monastery attracts tourists

NYAUNGSHWE, 28 Feb—Shwe Yanpyae monastery is one of the tourist destinations in Inlay region of Shan State.

The monastery is located on Shwenyaung-Nyaungshwe road, one and a half miles to Nyaungshwe.

“As it is an ancient monastery decorated with ancient works, the edifice

should be preserved without losing its original style. A lot of ancient Myanmar architectural works can be seen at the monastery. In fact, it is a tourist attraction site,” said a tour guide.

Shwe Yanpyae Monastery was built with wooden floral arabesques, tiers, oval shaped windows, doors and gilt teak posts of Yatanabon era architectural works. As it is a master-piece work of ancient artists and sculptors, the monastery is an observatory site not only for the tourists but also for researchers. According to the stone inscription at Shwe Yanpyae Pagoda, the monastery was built in 1252 Myanmar Era.—Kyemon



Summer Palethwe paddy collectively grown

LABUTTA, 28 Feb—The growing of summer Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on five acres of farmlands of farmer U Kyaw Kyaw Aung in Shwepyitha Village in Kyeingongyi Village-tract of Labutta Township, Labutta

District, on 13 February.

Deputy Commissioner U Aye Maung Kyi of Labutta District and the district manager of Myanmar Agriculture Department made speeches.

Officials and farmers

observed systematic reclamation of five acres farmland, thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy through good agriculture pattern and infection of pests.

It was reported that a total of 900 acres of farmlands will be put under summer paddy in Kyeingongyi Village-tract in Labutta Township.

District IPRD

Yesagyo to get smooth communication access

YESAGYO, 28 Feb—Thanks to Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the people of Yesagyo Township will have easy access to smooth and convenient communications of GSM mobile phones soon.

A 700-m tower has been built on Shinma Hill and the communication machine came into operation beginning 8 January. As a result, some parts of the township and around Myaing Township can use GSM mobile phones.

Moreover, 450-m towers are under construction in Yesagyo communication station, Combined Office, Pakhangyi, Kyaukhlega, Phulon-Tamadan, Kyethsukyi and MaU Aukseik. In addition, Yatanarpon Teleport is building a tower at Yesagyo Communication Station as of 20 February.

On completion, all the communication towers will provide clear and smooth communication services to the GSM users in Yesagyo Township, said in-charge of Mobile Communication U Toe Lwin (Technician-4).—Kyemon



450 metres high communication tower being built by Yatanarpon Teleport at communication station in Yesagyo Township.

New generation athletes selected in Nyaungshwe

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—In accord with the guidance of the Myanmar National Sports Committee, the Ministry of Sports and Shan State Sports and Physical Education Department jointly organized the first sports trials for track & field event so as to achieve victories in the XXVII SEA Games and international sports competitions.

The sports trials were held at the sports ground in Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South), on 25 February.

Altogether 319 youth athletes from Shan State took part in the sports trials of men's and women's long jump, men's triple jump, men's high jump, men's and

women's discus, shot-put and javelin events.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and officials awarded the winners in the respective sports events.

The Deputy Minister and party met sports officers at state, district and township levels at the office of the Township Sports and Physical Education Department.—MNA



Schools, rural dispensaries donated

KYAUKPYU, 28 Feb—Daewoo International Corporation which is operator of Shwe Natural Gas Project made cash and kind donation at the office of

Kyaukpyu Township General Administration Department on 1 February.

The corporation donated two schools and three rural dispensaries worth US\$ 180,000 in Kyaukpyu Township and medicines and medical equipment worth US\$ 33,000 to Sittway

General Hospital. Officials accepted the donations.

Thanks to implementing Shwe Natural Gas Project, the corporation has spent over US\$ 2.7 million on construction of new schools and renovation tasks, and supply of safe water.

District IPRD

Knowledge about anti-human trafficking disseminated

SINGU, 28 Feb—An educative talk on prevention against trafficking in person was held at Basic Education High School in Letpanhla Village of Singu Township in Mandalay Region on 10 February morning.

Chairman of the Township Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Township Administrator U Sai Maung Lu spoke on the occasion.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Khwa Kon disseminated knowledge about prevention against trafficking in person and Township Judge U Hla Myo Lwin and Township Law Officer U Swe Oo about Anti-Human Trafficking Law and related existing laws, penalties and taking action.

Myanma Alin

Control of animal infectious diseases discussed

YANGON, 28 Feb—A coordination meeting on control of avian influenza and animal infectious diseases was held at the hall of the Yangon Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary

Department on 23 February.

The head of the region department explained matters related to control of bird flu and animal infectious diseases.

Heads of district and

township LBVDs reported on spraying the poultry and pig breeding farms, programmes to give educative talks and future tasks.

District IPRD



BOOKS DONATED: The book donation ceremony was held at Ayogon Ward of Tamway Township in Yangon East District on 8 February. Head of Township IPRD Daw Hla Hla Myint presents books to Ward Administrator U Aung Tun. MYANMA ALIN

Hatching of fingerlings demonstrated

HINTHADA, 28 Feb—Under the supervision of the Ayeyawady Region Fisheries Department, Head of Hinthada Township Fisheries Department U Than Sein, together with departmental officials and staff, is making strenuous efforts for sharing hatching technology and distributing

adequate fingerlings to the local people.

On 14 February, they made a field trip to Eikpyet Village of Hinthada Township and provided three pairs of golden Hamilton's Carp pedigree species to breeder U San Win and demonstrated practical hatching of fingerlings.—Myanma Alin

Milk powder, kids utensils donated to triplets

TATKON, 28 Feb—Wellwishers of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated cash and kind to triplets of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 24 February.

Dr Gyo Gyo San and party of MMCWA (Central),

Dr San San Hlaing (Myitta Sanyay Clinic), Chairperson Daw Win Win Khaing and party of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area MCWA donated kids utensils including containers of milk powder worth over K 100,000 and over K 70,000 in cash to triplets Ma Moe Yadana Myaing, Ma Moe

Marlar Myaing and Ma Moe Thawda Myaing of Naungbo-oh Village in Kangyi Village-tract of Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

They also fed children with refreshment at the pre-primary school.

Myanma Alin

Experts meet to find ways for Myanmar snub-nosed monkey conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—International Workshop on conservation of snub-nosed monkey was held at Forest Department of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry here today.

The workshop was jointly conducted by the Forest Department and Fauna & Flora International—FFI with the aim of reviewing conservation of the monkey in Myanmar, studying experiences of conservation of the monkey in China and Vietnam and drawing a long-term strategic plan

to conserve the Myanmar snub-nosed monkey.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun delivered an opening address at the workshop.

During the workshop, eight papers were read out and the participants of the workshop were divided into four groups and discussed matters related to conservation of the monkey and drawing the strategic plan for the conservation.—MNA



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun addresses International Workshop on conservation of snub-nosed monkey.
MNA

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor and Executive Vice President of Siam Commercial Bank PCL hold discussion

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue received Executive Vice President Mr Kittiphun Anutarasoti of Siam Commercial Bank PCL and party at his office here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters

relating to operating of a foreign bank agent (branch) in Myanmar, and bilateral cooperation between Siam Commercial Bank and Myanmar Banks.

Also present at the call were heads of the departments under the ministry.

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Staff of NPE on trip to Hsandawshin Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda



Staff families of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information offering 1500 oil lamps at Hsandawshin Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—With an aim at improving in their performance at workplace and getting relaxation, the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information on 25 February, 2012 created an excursion trip on pilgrimage to Hsandawshin Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda as the second time for its staff and their families.

In that evening, Kyemon Daily's Chief Editor U Khin Maung Kyaw Din and Myanma Alin Press's Chief Editor U Tin Maung Than threw themselves to the 1500-oil lamps offering ritual of a total of 135 staff

and pilgrims on the passage of the Pagoda square under the supervision of the Pagoda Board of Trustee.

On 26 February morning, the staff and their families presented K 150,000 to the Pagoda Board of Trustee for multi-purpose renovation of the pagoda. On the way back to Nay Pyi Taw, those staff and their families paid homage to some pagodas including Kyaikpawlaw Hmaeshin Pagoda.

The third-time trip is set off on 2 March, 2012.

MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin accompanied by Kachin State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bout Gyar, Commerce Minister Dr Khin Maung Tun and officials concerned inspected Aung Myin Thar Station Hospital in Myitkyina Township in Kachin State at 8:30 am on 25 February.

And she urged the officials concerned to uplift medical care for those who are home at country and hilly region and to meet the three points that are implementing

the ministry both dutifully and heartfelt willing.

Afterwards, she headed to Maingnarlawankahtaung Baptist station, Maingna Roman Catholic Station, Myoma Baptist station and Baptist Zone in where she fulfilled the medical requirement and donated medicines and food to them.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister then looked into traditional medicine clinic and people's hospital of Waingmaw.

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A shelter-in-place was ordered at Texas A&M University at Galveston, and was lifted after two hours. The cause of the explosion was still under investigation.

Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ANH SON VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.2.2012 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.

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ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M/V. GW BEYCHEVELLE are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy - 043 PKG 25-02-2012 YGN 29-02-2012

Voy - 045 PKG 07-03-2012 YGN 11-03-2012

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and Challen offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 2nd March 2012 (Peasant Day) and 7th March 2012 (Full Moon day of Tabaung) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.



People dressed up as "Gille" and wearing huge hats made of white ostrich feathers participate in Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) celebration, in Binche, some 60 km south to Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 21 Feb. 2012. Gille is the symbolic figure of Binche Carnival, which was inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in November, 2003.—Xinhua

Teen held stealing 200 blood bags in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Feb—A teenager in Islamabad was caught Saturday running away with 200 blood bags from the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS).

According to PIMS administration, a teenage boy carrying a gunny bag was trying to leave the premises when guards caught him and recovered 200 bags of blood and platelets, the Geo News reported. The hospital administration has ordered a probe into the incident.—Internet

People regret 'not saving more money' most in life

LONDON, 28 Feb—Wishing they'd saved more money is what people regret most in life, followed by not working harder at school, according to a survey.

Starting smoking, not exercising enough and not seeing more of the world are also in the top five biggest regrets revealed by Electric Zebra, the company that makes cigarette substitutes.

Three-quarters of the 2,000 people quizzed by the "electronic" cigarette firm also said that they did not believe it was possible to live a life without regrets, the Daily Express reported.

On average people in

Britain spend 44 minutes every week thinking about things we should have done differently.

The survey found that the biggest area of regret is love lives (20 percent), family (18 percent), career (16 percent), health and finance (both 14 percent). But two-thirds said their regrets led them to think more positively and they learnt from their mistakes. Nearly half said regrets influenced the way they live. "It's significant that 64 percent of people list taking up smoking as one of their biggest regrets," said Dr Sarah Brewer, medical adviser to Electric Zebra.—Internet

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Internet

Fire forces Daytona 500 to pause with 40 laps left

DAYTONA BEACH, 28 Feb—First came the rain. Then came the fire. Everything that could go wrong with this Daytona 500 did go wrong, and the first NASCAR race in primetime television could be remembered for everything but the winner. That's because there still was no winner more than four hours after the green flag, which already had been delayed a day.



Emergency workers try to extinguish a fire on a jet dryer during the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on 27 Feb, 2012. Juan Pablo Montoya's car struck the dryer during a caution period after something on his car broke.—INTERNET

Journeyman driver Dave Blaney was leading when a problem with Juan Pablo Montoya's car sent him spinning under caution into a safety truck. The truck, which holds 200 gallons of jet kerosene, burst into flames. Montoya's car slid into the grass, and he gingerly climbed from it as fire trucks rushed to the scene. The inferno raged on, and NASCAR red-flagged the race with 40 laps remaining.

NASCAR officials were examining the track surface to determine whether the race could continue. "About the time you think you've seen about everything, you see something like this," NASCAR president Mike Helton said.

"I think we, like everybody else, would like to see this race finished. This is within reason, and we think we can do that within reason. We've waited this long. Another 30 minutes is worth trying to finish the 40 laps." Jet fuel poured down the surface of Turn 3 at Daytona International Speedway after the accident, creating a fiery lasting image of NASCAR's biggest race of the year.—Internet

Ferguson heaps praise on 'amazing' Giggs

Manchester United boss relieved after veteran midfielder's late winner at Norwich



Ryan Giggs scored the winning goal for Manchester United late on at Carrow Road.—INTERNET

LONDON, 28 Feb — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said it was fitting that Ryan Giggs scored the winner at Norwich. The 38-year-old

Giggs marked his 900th appearance for the club in all competitions with a goal in injury time that sealed a dramatic 2-1 victory. "To mark his 900th game with the

winning goal with the last kick of the ball...he deserved it for the services he has given to our club," said Ferguson.

"For a player to play for the one club for 900 games is exceptional and it won't be done again. An amazing career and an amazing man." Ferguson admitted his side were second best for spells of the match at Carrow Road against a Norwich side enjoying a successful first season back in the Barclays Premier League. "We were lucky," added Ferguson. "In the first half I thought Norwich were the better team.

I thought they played better football than we did." Meanwhile, Giggs said the club's ability for late dramatics is partly down to a determination not to accept defeat. "Right through the squad—for all the time I've been here—we've always had that ability to not give in and score late goals," he said. "To play 900 games for this club, who I've grown up supporting, is special—it's a great day for me. I am sure there will be more twists and turns in the title race and I expect more drama and late goals."—Internet

Wenger savours comeback victory

Arsenal boss praises his side's spirit after stunning fightback against Tottenham

LONDON, 28 Feb — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says his side are still alive after Sunday's stunning 5-2 Barclays Premier League victory over north London rivals Tottenham. The Gunners, who have recently suffered morale-sapping defeats against AC Milan in the UEFA Champions League and Sunderland in the FA Cup, were facing the prospect of another loss when Tottenham went 2-0 up with first-half goals from Louis Saha and Emmanuel Adebayor. But Arsenal

fought back, scoring through Bacary Sagna and Robin van Persie before half-time before Tomas Rosicky and Theo Walcott (twice) completed the sensational comeback. And Wenger believes the win over third-placed Tottenham will give his side renewed belief they can finish in the top four. "Arsenal are alive more than anybody thought before the game," he said. "Today we gave a performance that on the spirit side, the technical side, the drive of the whole team, on the style of the game we want to play, everything was perfect



Bacary Sagna scored five minutes before half-time to start Arsenal's comeback.—INTERNET

despite a very bad start. "I felt in the first five minutes Tottenham started well, after that it was all us for 85 minutes.

"We were always on top of the game. We were 2-0 down but refused to lose the game and kept going no matter what happened. "Once we were back

to 2-2 you could see that if we maintained the pace, we would win the game. We had a great spirit." Arsenal are now seven points behind Tottenham and are level on points with fifth-placed Chelsea with 12 matches left in the League campaign.—Internet

International Sports

Djokovic wins in first match since Australian Open

DUBAI, 28 Feb — Top-ranked Novak Djokovic played his first match since winning the Australian Open, shaking off the rust to beat Cedrik-Marcel Stebe 6-4, 6-2 on Monday in the first round of the Dubai Tennis Championships. Marko Djokovic—ranked 868 spots below his brother—had a less successful day. The younger Djokovic, a wildcard entry into the tournament, was bounced in the opening round with a 6-3, 6-2 loss to Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan.

A few hours before his victory, Novak Djokovic was courtside for his brother's match. Djokovic serves as a mentor of sorts for the 20-year-old Marko and said it was hard to watch his brother struggling. The five-time



Top-ranked Novak Djokovic

Grand Slam champion acknowledged it must be difficult for Marko and his other tennis-playing brother, 16-year-old Djordje, to deal with comparisons to their elder sibling.

"In the end, he has to face this, I guess, pressure in a way for having Djokovic surname," Djokovic said of Marko. "All over the world where he plays tennis, I guess he has to face this pressure that is not necessary for him at this age. It's his burden, and he's very committed. He wants to succeed in tennis."

Djokovic had not played a match in nearly four weeks—and it showed at times. He broke Stebe to go up 1-0 but had to save two break points in the fourth game as he struggled with the German's return game. Stebe pushed the set to 5-4 and deuce before Djokovic hit his first ace and another good serve which the German returned long. Djokovic had an easier second set, breaking twice.

Internet



The Puma Ocean Racing team competes during the stage one start of Leg 4 to Auckland in the Volvo Ocean Race at Sanya, Hainan Island on 19 February. France's Groupama and American team Puma were slugging it out for the lead well to the north of their rivals on Monday as the Volvo Ocean Race entered a crucial 24 hours in Leg four.—INTERNET

Groupama, Puma struggle at ocean race summit

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After stealing the lead from Camper/Team New Zealand on Sunday, Groupama held a commanding position in the Pacific Ocean as they started to turn south, finally pointing towards the finish line after days of sailing east. But the American crew on Puma were hitting the highest speeds around 40 nm to their north, with everything depending on which of the two boats reaches the trade winds first.—Internet

Jelena Dokic, Petra Martic advance in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Feb — Defending champion Jelena Dokic of Australia and fifth-seeded Petra Martic of Croatia won first-round matches on Monday at the Malaysian Open. Dokic, seeded seventh, beat Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-3, 6-1. The fifth-seeded Martic rallied past Erika Sema of Japan 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Olivia Rogowska of Australia also advanced, downing Elitsa Kostova of Bulgaria 6-4, 6-0. Two Japanese players reached the second round. Misaki Doi held off Olga Puchkova of Russia 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Kurumi Nara topped Noppawan Lertcheewakarn of Thailand 6-4, 6-3.—Internet

Villas-Boas unsure of Chelsea owner's backing

LONDON, 28 Feb — Andre Villas-Boas is unsure if he has the backing of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich and wonders if he will be sacked in the same way as predecessor Carlo Ancelotti was last May, the Portuguese coach said on Monday. "We are now in the exact same moment as last year," the under-fire Villas-Boas told Portugal's TSF radio. "It is an exact copy.

"I think I have felt the confidence from Abramovich but... the pattern of behaviour of the owner has led to a downfall (of coaches) in similar situations or even 'better' situations. "What will be the reaction? It will be one of the two, a continuation of the project and full support or just the cultural pattern that has happened before. We don't know."—Internet



Chelsea's manager Andre Villas-Boas during their English Premier League match against Bolton Wanderers at Stamford Bridge, on 25 Feb, 2012. INTERNET

Illegal sawmill, timber seized

MYINMANA, 28 Feb—A combined team led by Assistant Director U Aung Naing of Management Branch of Forest Department seized one illegal sawmill, 31.292 tons of teak and hardwood at Yanaungmyin public forest, west of Aungmyin Village of Lewe Township on 16 February.

After investigation, officials of the Forest Department (Head Office) opened file Pa/36/2012 against U Win Bo, son of U Kywet of Aungmyin Village in Lewe Township under Section 42 (b) (c), 43 (a) of Forest Law at Lewe Township Police Station.—Kyemon

Rory McIlroy is on the fast track to No 1



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits up the seventh fairway against Hunter Mahan in the final round during the Match Play Championship golf tournament on 26 Feb, 2012, in Marana, Ariz. —INTERNET

MARANA, 28 Feb — Hunter Mahan figured out the fuss over Rory McIlroy without any help. Mahan listened, but was not surprised, when fans called out McIlroy's name along the fairways of Dove Mountain. There is a certain appeal about Boy Wonder that makes it hard for people not to stare when he walks past them.

Mahan agrees with all the talk about McIlroy's bid to become No 1. He just wanted to make sure it didn't happen at his expense Sunday in the Match Play Championship. Mahan, as much as any American player, has seen this day coming. They first played against each other three years ago in the Match Play — it was McIlroy's pro debut in America — and the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland birdied the last two holes for a 1-up win in the second round.

A year later, Mahan and Zach Johnson faced McIlroy and Graeme McDowell in a foursomes match at the Ryder Cup. The Americans were 3 down after just seven holes and wound up losing. So when Mahan talked about his tough road to the championship match, and how he had to beat five great players to get there, he quickly added, "I've got to beat one more incredible player to win." That's what Mahan did Sunday to capture his second World Golf Championship title.—Internet



A ceremony to open Mya Yadana rural health branch was held in Wegyi Village of Wegyi Village-tract in Wakema Township on 12 February. Township Administrator U Soe Tun, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Ohnma Ko Ko Gyi and village administrator U Zin Oo formally open the building.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

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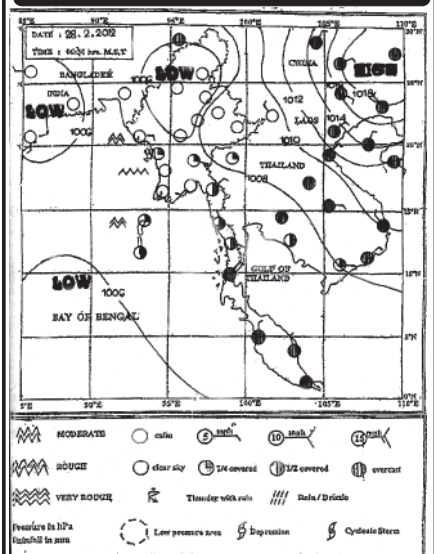
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- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:40 am
- 4. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi
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- 5. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 6. 2012 University Entrance Examination (Economic)
- 5:10 pm
- 7. Classical Songs
- 5:20 pm
- 8. International Science News
- 5:50 pm
- 9. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 6:20 pm
- 10. Traditional Boxing
- 7:30 pm
- 11. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. Monthly Weather Report
- 14. Korea NG Award
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. Myanmar Video

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 29th February, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	14/57	Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers	40(%)
2	Kayah	32/90	11/52	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	39/102	19/66	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	23/73	10/50	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	12/54	Generally fair weather	
6	Lower Sagaing	36/100	14/57	Generally fair weather	
7	Tanintharyi	37/99	22/72	Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers	40(%)
8	Bago	37/99	20/68	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	36/100	18/64	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	36/97	18/64	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	36/100	24/75	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	36/100	21/70	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	33/91	19/66	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	28/82	12/54	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	31/88	06/43	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	10/50	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyarwady	35/95	20/68	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	16/61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/100	21/70	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	18/64	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at (09:30 hr MST on today)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (6°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Magway Region, Kachin and Chin States, (6°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Lashio and Pindaya (6°C) each.

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Roddick hopes for turnaround at Delray Beach



Andy Roddick

DELRAY BEACH, 28 Feb — Andy Roddick is hoping to turn around his dismal start to the season at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships. The fourth-seeded Roddick, who has slipped to No 30 in the

rankings, usually does well in the first couple of months of the year. He traditionally has fared well at the indoor tournaments in February—he's won the Memphis and San Jose titles three times each.

But he's battling injuries. A right hamstring injury forced him to abandon his second-round match at the Australian Open, and he hurt his right ankle during his opening match at San Jose two weeks ago. Roddick will face Philipp Petzschner of Germany in the first round at Delray Beach on Tuesday night. The American is 2-3 this year, his worst start since 2001. "Honestly, I'm not as concerned with ranking,"

Roddick said. "I just want to get into a flow again rather than some days on, some days off. I just want to play continuously for a while."

In an all-American first-round match on Monday, Ryan Sweeting swept Donald Young 6-1, 6-1 on a windy day near the beach. Eighth-seeded Bernard Tomic of Australia also advanced, cruising past wild card Tommy Haas 6-4, 6-3. Sweeting never offered Young a break-point opportunity in the 52-minute match. He also won 21 of 23 first-serve points that went in play. Young struggled with his serve and was broken on four of nine break chances he presented to Sweeting.

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Stewart Downing backs Steven Gerrard for England captaincy

LONDON, 28 Feb — England winger Stewart Downing believes Liverpool team-mate Steven Gerrard is the perfect candidate to replace recently deposed captain John Terry. Caretaker boss Stuart Pearce is yet to announce who will lead England against the Netherlands on Wednesday. Liverpool captain Gerrard is one of the leading contenders to replace Terry, who was stripped of the role by the Football Association this month. "If he's picked to do it then I'm sure he will do it well," said Downing.

"It's the manager's decision, but he has captained Liverpool for a number of years and he's done

it well. "He's a big player for Liverpool and England and a great influence on the players. He drives teams on. "If he's given the England captaincy then great." Gerrard, 31, skipped England during their 2010 World Cup campaign after Manchester

United defender Rio Ferdinand missed the tournament through injury. Meanwhile, midfielder James Milner insists England's inexperienced forwards have the quality to hurt the Netherlands at Wembley.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects construction of natural gas and oil pipeline, regional development undertakings in Rakhine State

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo making speech in meeting with State/District and Township level departmental heads, social organization members, townsenders and locals at Ramawady Hall of Kyaukpyu.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspected construction of natural gas and oil pipeline and regional development undertakings in Rakhine State yesterday.

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, Thandwe Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ye Tun, Taungup Constituency Pyithu

Hluttaw Representative Dr San Hlaing, and departmental personnel accompanied the Vice-President on his tour.

On his arrival at Kyaukpyu from Nay Pyi Taw, the Vice-President, together with Union Ministers U Than Htay and U Aye Myint, the Chinese Ambassador, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and personnel, flew to Hyundai HD-60 vessel which is laying offshore pipeline, part of Shwe natural gas project.

Managing Director Mr S B Joo of Daewoo International Corporation, at the briefing hall, reported to the Vice-President on progress in constructing natural gas pipeline and follow-up plans.

The Vice-President put questions for his knowledge and called for systematic implementation of works, worksite safety and completion on schedule. The Vice-President then presented the managing director of Daewoo Int'l Corporation with a fruit basket. The Vice-President and

party then inspected laying of offshore pipeline in HD-60 vessel.

After that, the Vice-President and his entourage flew to Made Island. At the briefing hall of the project in Made Island, hearing reports presented by Chairman Mr. Zang Jialin of South East Asia Pipeline Co under China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) on progress of laying down inland oil pipelines, the Vice-President instructed them to complete in time three laying-down projects in time, which are the sea natural gas pipeline, the inland natural gas and crude oil pipelines in Myanmar, and the inland natural gas and crude oil pipelines in China, to emphasize socio-care of the rural people who live near the projects, besides socio-economic tasks, to create job prospects for rural people at the time when the facilities would start running upon completion of the projects.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses third meeting of Leading Committee for Preparation of XXVII SEA Games



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivering address at third meeting of Leading Committee for Preparation of XXVII SEA Games at assembly hall of the Ministry of Sports.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—The third meeting of the Leading Committee for Preparation of XXVII SEA Games took place at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Sports here this morning, with an address by Patron of the committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Union Minister, deputy ministers, presidents, vice-presidents and executives of the Myanmar sports federations, departmental heads, guests and officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-

President said that the leading committee and 13 subcommittees were founded to ensure success in the XXVII SEA Games and the first meeting of the leading committee was held on 10 March, 2011.

It was followed by the second meeting on 8 July, 2011 to prepare more comprehensively for the coming SEA Games, said the Vice-President. Officials concerned were dispatched to observe XXVI SEA Games for successful hosting of the SEA Games, which is the first time in 44

years.

He went on that the Ministry of Sports took over the SEA Games flag at the closing ceremony of the XXVI SEA Games. It was desperately needed to accelerate preparations as it was only 21 months away from now. It also needed to plan a budget so that the expenditure could be granted.

He called on efforts for timely construction of sports grounds, gymnasiums and athletes village to receive the inspection of international sports federations and

enable Myanmar sportsmen train in advance.

He called for recruitment of prospective new blood and athletes of younger generations, systematically and intensively training them under foreign and local coaches and equipping them with fighting spirit and athletes' access to comprehensive training equipment.

He stressed the need for turning out of adequate number of internationally-recognized referee certificate holder referees and juries and supervision of them to become qualified referees and juries to ensure the fair play of the sports competitions.

He underscored the importance of training the volunteers to be fluent in English and sociable with vivid hospitality of Myanmar people, calling for reflection of culture and national prestige of Myanmar in opening and closing ceremonies.

He went on that preparatory works were to be done from now on for invitation and accommodation of local and foreign guests. Registration and Sports Techniques was to prepare for registration of the athletes, fixing schedules and holding sports events and technical solutions.

The ceremony preparatory subcommittee was to make sure visual pleasure of the roadside views from airport along to athletes' village, sports grounds and stadiums. In addition, it was needed

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