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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the visiting delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and heads of department.

The visiting delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully was

accompanied by New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Bede Gilbert Corry and embassy staff.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries in a frank and cordial manner.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially shaking hands with Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 19th day One proposal discussed, three new proposals submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the 19th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 548 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

They discussed one proposal and submitted three new

proposals.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal **urging the Union government to amend provisions in PWD Code and PWA Code and to reprint the books on amended proposals** presented on 24 February by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 6.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency said that not

only matters related to original departments and enterprises but also that of Directorate of Water Resources Utilization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are to be described in the code.

U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency discussed that if all departments abide by PWD and PWA codes after asserting, amending and cancelling the provisions, such activities will be designed to practise the systemic spending of public's money.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency noted that it is necessary to amend the Civil Account Code, Fundamental Rules & Regulation and manuals of departments in addition to PWD and PWA codes in conformity with the present era, adding more provisions and enacting new laws.

U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency discussed effectiveness of auditing at a time when the Audit Commissioner's Office was operated and necessarily asserting rights, authority and accountability of auditors into PWA Code.

Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Constituency No. 1 said that as the acts drawn in the colonial period are not in conformity with present era, terms, monetary value and measurements in the acts should be necessarily amended, subtracted and renewed.

With regard to the proposals, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained that Public Works, Irrigation Department, Hydropower Implementation Department and some government organizations related to engineering works use the PWD and PWA codes as reference.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Reinforce traffic rules for road safety

Road safety measures deserve a serious attention for safety of those using roads and those commuting daily in busy cities where traffic accidents are usually rife. There are also traffic accidents in district cities and towns nation-wide with an increase in the number of automobiles and motorcycles.

Traffic accidents including head-on collisions often stemmed from high speed, overtaking, reckless driving and driving under the influence. Although the authorities concerned are reinforcing traffic rules, making surprise-checks and giving educative talks, traffic accidents are still common, resulting in the death of both drivers and passengers. Thus, anything that keeps road safety on the front burner is good, meaning that road safety undertakings cannot be shouldered lightly or taken for granted.

To reduce the road accidents, every citizen is to strictly abide by traffic rules and use zebra-crossing and overpass when they cross the roads. Meanwhile, it is needed to deal with bumper-to-bumper traffic and congested traffic, and to enable road users to walk in convenience on platforms.

It is learnt that there has been an increase in traffic accidents caused by motorcyclists in Nay Pyi Taw as the city's motorcycle population is increasing day by day. The authorities concerned are trying to reduce the frequency of road accidents but to no avail.

Therefore, the entire people are to join forces on multiple fronts to get things moving in tackling the road accident since the initiative involves the public participation. Only then will the move to reduce traffic accidents be possible.

EP-2 Minister receives Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Chung Si Woo of Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed choosing of the plot for studying probability of Gas Power Plant Project which is to be implemented to increase power supply to Yangon and Thilawa Industrial Zones signed by Ministry of Electric Power No 2 and Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd, installation for two 175-megawatt generators and one 150-megawatt steam turbine for generating 500 megawatts and plan for installation of one Air Cooling Condenser.

Moreover, they focused on quality control of offshore natural gas and submission of project report in April 2012.

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Myanmar Ambassador concurrently appointed to Denmark

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Myo Htut, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Denmark.—MNA



Myanmar Ambassador concurrently appointed to Nigeria

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Naung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were Chairman of the International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw committees.

The New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by New Zealand Ambassador Mr Bede Gilbert Corry and New Zealander Ambassador to ASEAN Mr David Taylor.

They discussed further strengthening of bilateral ties between Myanmar and New Zealand.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully.

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Myanmar, New Zealand to promote bilateral ties and cooperation



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung

Lwin received visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray

McCully and party at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs were officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The visiting Foreign Minister was accompanied by officials from the New Zealand embassies in Thailand, in Jakarta and in Canberra.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting New Zealand delegation at Thingaha Hotel.

The New Zealand Foreign Minister's visit is the first visit to Myanmar for 54 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations in November 1954.—MNA

Train-TE collision leaves two passengers injured

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—A collision between Zabae No.8 circular train and T.E left two passengers slight injured including T.E driver.

At 2.40 pm on 4 March, Zabae No.8 circular train left from Yangon

station to Hlawga station crashed into T.E at the railroad crossing near entrance of Sethmu Zone station. The head part of the TE was damaged and the driver of TE and a train passenger had got a slight

injured. Trains are smoothly running on the route without delays. A file was opened against U Bo Tint who was driving when the accident happened at the police station.

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Obama, Netanyahu fail to iron out differences over Iran

WASHINGTON, 6 March—US President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to iron out their differences over Iran's nuclear programme at their high-profile meeting which ended here on Monday.

The White House

offered nothing new in its statement after the meeting, which, as Obama put it, came at a critical time.

The statement said that at the meeting that lasted several hours, Obama just repeated what he had said in the past days in his speech and interview, indicating his

failure to persuade the Israeli leader to hold off a proposed preemptive military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities at least in the coming months.

"The two leaders agreed to consult closely going forward," the White House statement said.

Xinhua



US President Barack Obama (R) meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, capital of the United States, on 5 March, 2012.
XINHUA

China to further improve strategic partnership with Russia: foreign minister

BEIJING, 6 March—The Chinese government is prepared to work closely with Russia to bolster their comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Tuesday.

China will increase mutual political support with Russia and enhance bilateral cooperation and coordination in regional and international affairs, Yang said at a Press conference on the sidelines of the annual parliamentary session.

Following incumbent Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's victory in the country's presidential election on Sunday, Chinese President Hu Jintao has sent a congratulatory message to Putin, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said on Monday. Yang said China will ensure the success of high-level contacts and mutual visits between the two countries this year. According to the mechanism of annual exchange of visits by Chinese and Russian heads

of state, Russia's president will visit China in 2012.

China will intensify practical cooperation between the two countries, in fields such as economy and trade, energy, science and technology, infrastructure and at local levels, said Yang.

"We are confident that with the joint efforts of the two countries, the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination will achieve even greater results," the foreign minister said.—Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi answers questions during a news conference on the sidelines of the Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, on 6 March, 2012.—XINHUA

Pakistani official shot dead

ISLAMABAD, 6 March—A senior Pakistani official was shot dead after a spat at a friend's house in Karachi, a media report said on Tuesday. District Coordination Officer (DCO) Gwadar, Abdur Rehman Dashti, was gunned down when he was visiting his friend's house, reported Geo News. Shaukat Ali, a police official, said Dashti's body was found outside the bungalow of politician Mir Imam Bazinjio.

Ali said the servants tried to wash the site of the incident. Police took two servants into custody while Mir Imam fled.

Internet

At least four injured in blast in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 6 March—At least four people were injured Tuesday morning in a blast in Jalalabad City, capital of eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, a provincial health official said.

Xinhua

Two Thai soldiers wounded in bomb blast in restive south

BANGKOK, 6 March—Two soldiers of teacher protection unit were seriously wounded by a bomb which went off on Tuesday morning while they were patrolling on foot on Kuwa-Thamnob road in Krong Pinang District of southernmost Yala Province.

The two soldiers, identified as Sgt. Maj Preecha Kongpakdi, 52, and Lance Corporal Thongchai Boonchuay, 23, were badly injured as shrapnel penetrated their heads and torsos. They were later admitted to Yala

Hospital.

Police preliminary investigation showed that perpetrators detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), which was hidden in a garbage dump on the roadside when nine soldiers of the teacher protection unit were patrolling on Kuwa-Thamnob road.

The police said the IED could weigh from 3 to 5 kg but could not tell how it was detonated. Separatist insurgents were blamed for the incident.

Since the resurgence of insurgency in January 2004, over 11,000 violent incidents have happened in the southernmost provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat. Altogether over 5,200 people, mostly villagers, have been killed in violent incidents instigated by suspected secessionists in these Muslim-dominant provinces which were once independent sultanate of Pattani before being annexed by predominantly Buddhist state in 1909.—Xinhua



Afghan policemen investigate at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Nangarhar province, on 5 March, 2012. A member of the Afghan security forces was killed and 11 wounded including eight civilians by a suicide bomber in the eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, the interior ministry said in a statement.—INTERNET

India begins counting of votes in assembly elections of five states

'Qaeda fighters' kill 27 police in west Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 March—Suspected Al-Qaeda gunmen, some wearing army uniforms, raged through a western Iraq city Monday in a pre-dawn shooting spree that killed 27 policemen, including two officers killed execution-style.

The assault, launched at about 2:00 am (2300 GMT on Sunday), saw insurgents dressed in military uniforms simultaneously attacking two checkpoints in the east and west of Haditha before

NEW DELHI, 6 March—The counting of votes in the assembly elections to the five Indian States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa began on Tuesday morning, said electoral officials.

The biggest suspense is in the northern Indian State of Uttar Pradesh where the Congress party, the opposition BJP, the regional

storming other security posts and raiding the homes of the two officers.

US State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland condemned the killings, telling reporters: "These attacks are again a blatant attempt by extremists to undermine the progress that Iraq is trying to make."

Monday's violence, the deadliest in Iraq since 23 February, comes just weeks before an Arab League party Samajwadi and the incumbent BSP have a tight race, according to polls and TV projections. In Punjab, Congress, led by former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh is hopeful of returning to power by ousting the BJP-Shiromani Akali Dal combine, said Press Trust of India.

BJP, which ruled the northern state of Uttarakhand,

summit due to be held in Baghdad at the end of the month, preparation for which has been completed, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said.

"We received 27 dead bodies, all of them policemen, and treated three policemen who were wounded," Fadhil al-Nimrawi, director of Haditha's hospital, told AFP. He added that the hospital also received the body of a gunman.—Internet

faces a tough challenge this time, while in the northeast state of Manipur, the incumbent Congress is also facing strong contests from smaller parties and independents.

In the former Portuguese enclave of Goa on the southwest coast, the incumbent Congress had a tight fight with BJP.

Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills two at Bagram Airfield

KABUL, 6 March—A suicide bomber killed two civilians in Afghanistan Monday in what officials called a revenge attack for the accidental burning of Korans by US troops.

The bomber died in the attack, which also left two civilians injured, at the entrance to Bagram Airfield, Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Seddiqi said.

A spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force identified the two injured people as members of the NATO-led ISAF.

CNN quoted a Taliban spokesman as saying 12 US troops and nine Afghans have died in the latest chapter of its "revenge campaign."

A US investigation determined the Koran burnings last month were inadvertent and the result of the books having been defaced by prisoners attempting to get messages to each other.

US President Barack Obama apologized and promised disciplinary action against those responsible.

At least 30 Afghans have been killed in protests over the Koran burning, and officials have speculated some of the six killings of US military personnel since then were motivated by outrage over the incident.—Internet



Iraqi police inspect the scene after policemen were slain in the western city of Haditha. Suspected Al-Qaeda gunmen, some wearing army uniforms, raged through a western Iraq city Monday in a pre-dawn shooting spree that killed 27 policemen, including two officers killed execution-style.—INTERNET

Study links heavy diesel exhaust to lung cancer

WASHINGTON, 6 March — There's new evidence that exposure to exhaust from diesel engines increases the risk of lung cancer. Diesel exhaust has long been classified as a probable carcinogen.

But the 20-year study from the National Cancer Institute took a closer look by tracking more than 12,000 workers in certain kinds of mines—facilities that mined for potash, lime and other nonmetals. They breathed varying levels of exhaust from diesel-powered equipment, levels higher than the general population encounters.

The most heavily exposed miners had three times the risk of death from lung cancer compared to workers with the lowest exposures, said the study released Friday by the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. But even workers with lower exposures had a 50 percent increased risk, wrote lead author Debra Silverman, an NCI epidemiologist. "Our findings are important not only for miners but also for the 1.4 million American workers and the 3 million European workers exposed to diesel exhaust, and for

urban populations worldwide," Silverman wrote.

She pointed to some highly polluted cities in China, Mexico and Portugal that in past years have reported diesel exposure levels that over long periods could be comparable to those experienced by miners with lower exposures. Litigation from some mining companies had delayed release of the study findings.

A separate industry group not involved in that litigation said on Friday that the study looked back at mines using decades-old

equipment, and there's far less pollution from diesel engines today. "Diesel engine and equipment makers, fuel refiners and emissions control technology manufacturers have invested billions of dollars in research to develop and deploy technologies and strategies that reduce engine emissions, now ultimately to near zero levels to meet increasingly stringent clean air standards here in the United States and around the world," said Allen Schaeffer of the nonprofit Diesel Technology Forum.—*Internet*

Study finds many asthmatics do well on food-allergy tests

WISCONSIN, 6 March — People with asthma fare better on a type of food-allergy test called a "food challenge" than non-asthmatics, new research suggests. Food challenges involve people suspected of having a food allergy eating small amounts of the food orally to see if they have an allergic reaction. If there is no reaction, the person eats increasing amounts of the food to determine if they can safely eat it.

In the study, researchers from the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin reviewed the charts of 105 patients with food allergies who ranged in age from 9 months to 74 years old. About three-quarters of the patients had asthma. About 21 percent of those who didn't have asthma failed food challenges, meaning they had a reaction such as hives,

cough or wheezing after being exposed to the food. Less than 13 percent of the asthmatic patients failed the food challenge.

"A diagnosis of asthma was not associated with a higher food-challenge failure rate, which suggests that food challenges should be encouraged in this population," senior study author Dr Monica Vasudev said in a news release from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI).

The study was scheduled to be presented 4 March at the AAAAI annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. Data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal. The study authors noted that doctors and patients may be worried that having asthma means having an elevated risk of allergic reactions.

Internet



Taking vitamin E linked to osteoporosis

TOKYO, 6 March — Japanese scientists say they have found a link between consumption of vitamin E and the degenerative bone

condition osteoporosis, in a study likely to shed new light on the use of supplements. Researchers found that giving mice increased doses of the vitamin to a level similar to that found in supplements caused the animals' bones to thin. The mice developed osteoporosis after eight weeks on the diet, which had levels of vitamin E significantly higher than those found in a mouse's natural diet, according to the study, published in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

The team, led by Shu

Takeda of Keio University, said vitamin E stimulates the generation of bone-degrading cells, which normally work with bone-forming cells to maintain bone strength. Osteoporosis is a disease that causes the thinning of bone tissue and loss of bone density over time. It often affects older people, particularly women, who may become more prone to bone fractures. Vitamin E is found naturally in various foods including vegetable oil, nuts and some leafy vegetables. It is also a popular health supplement as an antioxidant, and is widely believed to enhance health and slow problems related to ageing. The study called for greater research into how enhanced levels of vitamin E affect human health.—*Internet*



Making a new product takes lots of time, money



This product image provided by Procter & Gamble Co, shows Tide Pods, three-chamber liquid unit dose pods.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 6 March — It took eight years, 450 product sketches, 6,000 consumer tests and hundreds of millions of dollars for Procter & Gamble to create something that it hopes will be destroyed in the wash. Tide Pods are palm-size, liquid detergent-filled tablets that are designed to be tossed in the washer to take the measuring cups—and messiness—out of laundry. P&G says the product, which hit store shelves last month, is its biggest innovation in laundry in about a quarter of a century.

Tide Pods aren't the

sexiest of inventions, but they illustrate how mature companies that are looking for growth often have to tweak things as mundane as soap and detergent. The story behind Tide Pods provides a window into the time, money and brainpower that goes into doing that. P&G, the maker of everything from Pampers diapers to Pantene shampoo, has built its 175-year history on creating things people need and then improving them. (Think: Ivory soap in 1879; Swiffer Sweeper in 1999.) Each year, the maker of everything from Pampers diapers to Pantene shampoo spends \$2 billion on research

and development. The company also rolls out 27 products annually, or more than two a month, worldwide.

The focus on innovation has paid off. P&G says 98 percent of American households have at least one of its products in cupboards, broom closets or bathrooms. And while about 15 to 20 percent of all new products succeed, P&G has claimed a 50 percent success rate.

Four of the top 10 new consumer products in 2010 were made by P&G, according to research firm SymphonyIRI.

Internet

AIG sells shares in HK-based AIA to help repay bailout

NEW YORK, 6 March — Bailed out US insurance giant AIG is selling shares worth \$6bn (£3.8bn) in Hong-Kong based AIA Group, to help repay the US government. AIG is offering 1.7 billion shares in a range of 27.15-27.50 Hong Kong dollars per share, according to Bloomberg and Reuters news agencies. Shares of AIA, Asia's third-largest insurer, were suspended on Monday.

China cuts growth target to 7.5% in 2012

BEIJING, 6 March — China expects economic growth of 7.5% this year as it looks for more sustainable expansion, prepares for a change in leadership and rides out a global slowdown. Premier Wen Jiabao unveiled the target at the start of the annual National People's Congress. Despite setting a target of 8% growth over the past eight years, China has regularly grown more quickly. This has caused problems including high inflation and a widening wealth gap. Last year, China's gross domestic product (GDP), or annual economic output, grew by 9.2%. In 2010 gross domestic



China has previously targeted 8% growth, yet in recent years has posted higher growth rates.—*INTERNET*

product grew 10.4%. Chinese leaders have said that economic stability is a priority for the country this year, ahead of its planned change of leadership in the autumn. "I wish to stress that in setting a slightly lower

GDP growth rate, we hope... to guide people in all sectors to focus their work on accelerating the transformation of the pattern of economic development and making economic development more sustainable and efficient," Mr Wen said.

Analysts said a stimulus package introduced after the 2008-2009 global financial crisis had contributed to bubbles in the property market and high inflation. High consumer prices, especially the cost of food, have previously caused unrest in China. Inflation was 5.4% in 2011, higher than the government target of 4%. The target for 2012 was also set at 4% by Mr Wen.

Internet



AIG was bailed out by the US government after the 2008 financial crisis.

INTERNET

business growth of AIA last year, it went up by 40%." "I believe they've gone to the peak already—it would be very challenging for them to increase their new business value going forward by 40% every year."—*Internet*

Business

Ice dam collapses at Argentine glacier

SANTA CRUZ, 6 March — An ice dam at Argentina's Perito Moreno glacier collapsed early Sunday, creating an impressive spectacle not seen since July



The Perito Moreno glacier is seen after the rupture of a massive ice wall near the city of El Calafate in the Patagonian Province of Santa Cruz, southern Argentina, on 4 March, 2012. —INTERNET

2008, although few tourists were actually awake to experience the moment. Several tons of ice fell off the 60-metre (200 foot) ice dam into Lago Argentina at the national park in southern Santa Cruz Province.

Some 5,000 tourists had been in the park Saturday awaiting the ice show, park rangers said, but the slight movement of ice which began Wednesday turned into an avalanche at around 4:00 am (0700 GMT), leaving visitors disappointed. Only a group of rangers witnessed the collapse, which created a crash heard several kilometres away, accelerated by heavy rainfall overnight. "The noise was very great, it was coming down in buckets," said park ranger Carlos Corvalan.

Perito Moreno, one of the biggest tourist attractions in Argentina, is one of the largest glaciers on the Patagonian ice cap.

Internet

Spain wilts in driest winter for 70 years

MADRID, 6 March — February is barely past but already Spanish farmers are on drought alert as reservoirs shrink, crops wilt and brush fires crackle after the country's driest winter in 70 years. Spain is used to fires in the summer, but this year they have come early, ravaging woodland, while the general dryness stunts crops and leaves farm animals without grass for grazing. Brush fires have already swept across 400 hectares in the wooded northwestern region of Galicia.

Near the Galician Village of Brocos, the Portodemouros reservoir has visibly shrunk



Photo taken on 1 March shows the Portodemouros reservoir's low level of water due a prolonged drought. —INTERNET

and egg-shell cracks have appeared in the mud. "We have a very hard drought, spectacularly intense in some territories," said agriculture minister Miguel Aras Canete. "The water reserves are not at alarming levels, but we are beginning to have a lot of forest fires."

Spaniards emerged from their usual choking summer last year gasping for rain, but over the past three winter months Spain has had average precipitation of just 55 litres per square metre, far

below the average of 200 litres.

"We have experienced three winter months with minimal levels of rain in all of Spain — December, January and February have been the driest since at least the 1940s," state weather service spokesman Angel Rivera told AFP. "Previously the driest winter had been in 1980-81," Rivera said.

"Then it rained 30 litres more per square metre than it is now." — Internet

DNA data helps to flesh out "Otzi" the Alpine iceman

MILAN, 6 March — The first complete genome-sequencing of "Otzi," Italy's prehistoric iceman, is revealing a wealth of details about the man who roamed the Alps 5,300 years ago and could unleash a frenzy of activity among scientists thanks to open data. Over the last 20 years, scientists have painstakingly collected data from the stomach, bowels and teeth of the 45-year old man, who was found sticking out of a glacier by German climbers in 1991 in the Tyrolean Alps on the Austro-Italian border.

But for the first time since the Copper-age individual was unearthed, his complete genetic profile has been reconstituted, revealing a very modern predisposition for



An undated handout file photo shows "Otzi", Italy's prehistoric iceman. INTERNET

cardiovascular diseases, lactose intolerance, and brown eyes that betray near-Eastern origins. "He is more closely related to modern Sardinian or Corsican populations than, for instance, mainland Italy further to the south," Angela Graefen, a human genetics researcher at the Eurac Institute for the Mummies and the Iceman in Bolzano, Italy, told Reuters on Thursday. —Internet



With advances in mobile technology, high-quality gaming is being redefined for tablets and smartphones. —INTERNET

Gaming is a top priority for mobile-tech makers

iPad and iPhone devices to become mainstream cash cows: videogames. "Gaming is now a 'need to have' device are long gone."

Raj Talluri, vice president of product management at Qualcomm, said that with more than 60% of users regularly playing games on their mobile devices, games have clearly emerged as a core part of the mobile user experience. "Gamers and games have also proven to drive technology adoption and are powerful influencers amongst consumers," Talluri said.

"Whether it be for the purpose of competitive gaming or just passing the time on flights or train rides, high-quality mobile gaming is not a luxury. It's now a necessity for any mobile device."

At the conference, Qualcomm is promoting upcoming portable games like "The Ball," "Fight Game Heroes" and "The Reem," which run on its Snapdragon processors.

Talluri said this "complete system-on-a-chip" technology was designed to handle everything from online multiplayer gaming like AllJoyn over Wi-Fi and 3G/4G-LTE networks to the most advanced, console-quality games. The powerful new processors are built for seamlessly switching between multiple apps and the Internet, all while delivering longer battery life.

Internet



BARCELONA, 6 March — The smartphones and tablets debuting at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona this week share one very important ingredient that has allowed Apple's

category, not a 'nice to have' category for mobile devices, whether they be tablets or phones," said PJ McNeely, videogame analyst at Digital World Research. "The days of a single-function mobile

'Twisted' waves could boost capacity of wi-fi and TV

NEW YORK, 6 March — A striking demonstration of a means to boost the information-carrying capacity of radio waves has taken place across the lagoon in Venice, Italy. The technique exploits what is called the "orbital angular momentum" of the waves - imparting them with a "twist". Varying this twist permits many data streams to fit in the frequency spread currently used for just one. The approach, described in the *New Journal of Physics*, could be applied to radio, wi-fi, and television.

The parts of the electromagnetic spectrum that are used for all three are split

up in roughly the same way, with a spread of frequencies allotted to each channel. Each one contains a certain, limited amount of information-carrying capacity: its bandwidth. As telecommunications have proliferated through the years, the spectrum has become incredibly crowded, with little room left for new means of signal transmission, or for existing means to expand their bandwidths. But Bo Thide of Swedish Institute of Space Physics and a team of colleagues in Italy hope to change that by exploiting an entirely new physical mechanism to fit more capacity onto the same bandwidth.

Internet



In a public event in 2011, Venice's Palazzo Ducale lit up with "signal received" when the test worked. —INTERNET



Residents search through a home destroyed by a tornado in West Liberty, Kentucky, on 4 March, 2012. INTERNET

Tornado victims flock to Facebook for helping hand

LOS ANGELES, 6 March — Residents of the storm-ravaged communities in the Midwest are reaching out to each other, neighbour to neighbour, through social media sites to coordinate disaster relief and share information. A chain of fast-moving tornadoes spawned by massive thunderstorms cut a swath of destruction from

the Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico on Friday, killing at least 39 people and leaving many residents homeless and seeking food, clothing, and shelter.

With phone connections spotty as emergency workers tried to repair downed power lines and clear debris, Facebook pages — accessible by cell phone, mobile device, or computer — have proven a go-to source for communities to assist one another. In Morning View, Kentucky, Piner Baptist Church member Bea Angel turned to a Facebook group coordinating help in northern Kentucky to ask for flashlights, baby bottles, baby juice, sippy cups, newborn diapers and other items the church was collecting.

"A gentleman at our church lost everything on Friday and only has the clothes on his back."

Internet

Obama: US-Israeli ties remain strong

WASHINGTON, 6 March— President Obama said on Sunday the United States and Israel remained staunch allies despite differing opinions voiced on the Republican campaign trail.

Obama told a pro-Israel group in Washington that the United States and Israel were cooperating closely on security matters and that two nations were not drifting apart.

"So if during this political season you hear some question my administration's support for Israel, remember that it's not backed up by the facts," Obama told the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "Remember that the US-Israel relationship is

simply too important to be distorted by partisan politics."

Obama said the latest turmoil in the Middle East made it more important for Washington to keep talking to all of the different players and urge them to reach an accommodation with Israel, and for the Israelis to continue looking for ways to keep the lid on regional tensions.

"As hard as it may be, we should not give in to cynicism or despair," Obama said. "The changes taking place in the region make peace more important, not less. And I have made it clear that there will be no lasting peace unless Israel's security concerns are met." —Internet



A man performs with fire during the National Carnival Parade in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 4 March, 2012. XINHUA



Journalists wait to enter the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 March, 2012. The Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) will open in Beijing on Monday. —XINHUA

India test fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile

NEW DELHI, 6 March— India successfully test fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on Sunday at Pokhran in western state of Rajasthan, sources said. Xinhua

Pakistan tests missile

ISLAMABAD, 6 March— Pakistan has test fired a missile that has a range of 180 km and can carry conventional and non-conventional warheads, a media report said on Monday.

Pakistan successfully tested the surface to surface Hatf-II ballistic missile that has a range of approximately 180 km, reported Geo News.

It can carry conventional and non-conventional warheads, said a statement issued by Inter Services Public Relations.

Pakistan in April last year successfully test-fired a short-range, surface-to-surface nuclear capable missile.

Nasr, a ballistic missile of Hatf series, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead can hit targets up to 60 km.

Barely two months before that, it tested a nuclear-capable cruise missile, Hatf-VII, with a range of up to 600 km.

Pakistan has been developing an arsenal of missiles.

India and Pakistan, which

have fought three wars since their partition in 1947, regularly test-fire missiles to display each other's capability.

Pakistan's missile repertoire includes Hatf ballistic missiles and its variants, Ghaznavi short-range ballistic missile, Ghauri and Shaheen medium and intermediate range ballistic missiles, Babur cruise missiles and Bakhtar-Shikan anti-tank guided missile, most of which have been developed with China's help. —Internet

Large amount stolen from South African coffers

CAPE TOWN, 6 March— A total of 346 million rand (about 46 million US dollars) were stolen from the state coffers in the past financial year, according to a report published on Sunday.

The report, tabled by the Public Service Commission (PSC) to Parliament this week, blamed civil servants for the stealing. The commission came to the conclusion after probing financial misconduct in 39 national departments and

nine provincial governments. A total of 1,135 cases of financial misconduct were committed by civil servants during the 2009/2010 financial year, according to the report published by Sunday Times.

Of these 998 were found guilty, the report said.

This figure was the highest recorded in five years —representing a staggering 346 percent growth compared with 100 million rand (about 13 million dollars) in 2008/2009.

The PSC slammed the government for not robustly pursuing criminal prosecution.

"Failure to institute criminal action... may encourage acts of financial misconduct to continue to be on the rise," said the report.

President Jacob Zuma pledged in his State of the Nation address last month that the government would take tougher action against corruption.

One of the measures is to

review the entire state procurement system to ensure better value for money from state spending. "To further improve security, the Department of Home Affairs, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the banking industry, to roll out the online fingerprint verification system in all participating banks, to assist in fraud prevention and detection," Zuma said.

The government would work with the business and social organizations to implement anti-corruption programmes, he said. —Xinhua



Municipal workers conduct their annual ice blasting work, using explosive charges and excavating equipment, to break up the ice and alleviate possible spring flooding on the Rideau River on 3 March, 2012 in Ottawa, Canada. —XINHUA

2,000 Chinese awarded for reporting online porn

BEIJING, 6 March—Over 2,000 people in China have been awarded for reporting internet and mobile phone pornography to the authorities in 2011.

More than nine million yuan (around 1.5 million) were awarded to a total of 2,129 people, Xinhua reported.

People who offered important tip-offs were awarded 1,000 to 10,000 yuan.

Four organizations — China Internet Illegal Information Reporting Centre, 12321 Internet Obscene and Trash Information Reporting Centre, Internet Illegal Conduct and Crime Reporting Centre, Reporting Centre of the National Office Against Pornographic and Illegal Publications — handled 1.26 million tip-off cases from December 2009 when they began soliciting public information till the end of 2011.

The organizations asked people for greater social engagement in the ongoing crackdown against the spread of pornography through internet and mobile phones.

Internet



The Houmuwu Rectangle Tetrapod used by imperial families in the late Shang Dynasty (1600 BC-1046 BC) exhibited in the new exhibition hall of China's National Museum. INTERNET

Russian election commission website hacked

MOSCOW, 6 March—The website of Russia's Central Election Commission came under hacker attack from within Russia and abroad during the presidential election, a top official said.

The commission's deputy head Leonid Ivlev said: "It was varied and of long duration, but does not present any problem to the CEC server. They want to damage its defence."

He said the attacks came from as far away as Western Europe and even Australia as well as from Russia and the former Soviet states.

"Our main task now is to hold onto the collected data from all the polling stations and regional election commissions," he added. —Internet

Previously unknown Mozart piece discovered in Austria

VIENNA, 6 March—A previously unknown musical piece by Mozart was discovered inside an eighteenth century music book in Austria, local media reported on Saturday.

The Mozart Foundation in Salzburg reported that the piano piece was discovered in a music book from 1780 in the western state of Tyrol, according to the Austrian Independent newspaper.

University lecturer Hildegarde Herrmann-Schneider, from the institute for Tyrolean music research at Innsbruck University, discovered the handwritten piece while gathering pieces for the international organization "Répertoire

International des Sources Musicales," which catalogs music sources around the world.

Experts and the 'Stiftung Mozarteum' have confirmed that the piece was written by a young Mozart and the work will be presented on 23 March in the "Tanzmeistersaal" in the house of Mozart in Salzburg.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756 and is known around the world as one of the most prolific musical composers of the Classical era. As one of the most important figures in music history, he was also known to have influenced Ludwig van Beethoven and many others. —Internet

Dahlet Creek Bridge on Yangon-Sittway motor road put back into service

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Pier No. 7 of 900-foot Dahlet Creek Bridge on An-Sittway section of Yangon-Sittway motor road of Rakhine State was damaged in erosion.

The pier No. 7 was rebuilt by Bridge Construction Project Special Group No. 10 under supervision of the Chief Engineer (Bridge) of Public Works on 10 January.

The construction work was completed on 29 February. At present, large and small vehicles with commodities pass the bridge in line with prescribed rules and regulations.—MNA

Photo shows already-repaired Dahlet Creek Bridge.

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Promoting higher education sector and science and technology sector in southern Shan State for human resource development

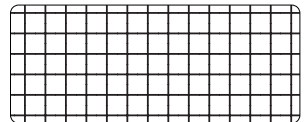
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* In Shan State four development areas—Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong—have been established to make sure that there are no development gap. A university of arts and science, a technological university and a university of computer studies are established in each area.

* Taunggyi Township and Panglong are located in southern Shan State. The University of Arts and Science, the Technology University and University of Computer Studies in Taunggyi and Panglong have turned out human resources of intellectual and intelligentsia in the areas.



Today, science and technological studies are within the reach of youths of national races in Shan State thanks to establishment of Technological University in Taunggyi.



Youth now have opportunities to do their studies at Taunggyi University.



Youths of local national races can now pursue their studies at Panglong Univesity in Panglong which is designated as a special development region.



Technological University in Taunggyi where A y e t h a y a Industrial Town is located. The university helps boom industries in the region.

Translation : TLA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets a delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues...

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However, terms and monetary values in some provisions are not conformity with present management systems. Thus, these provisions should be cancelled, amended and subtracted. He said that he would like to take exceptions of the provisions.

The Agency Transaction in Para 10 of the Chapter II of PWA Code is to be amended in conformity with the current period. As the Accountant Commissioner was not appointed, all the works were not carried out under control of his subordinate accountants and accountancy staff at different levels are working under supervision of the departmental heads, the provisions concerning accountant commissioner and regional accountants of PWD Code and PWA Code are to be necessarily cancelled, amended and replaced. Moreover, as there was no treasury, the provisions on treasuries and auditing the accounts are to be amended in line with the existing banking system. He said that it is necessary to cancel the paragraphs from 416 to 424 on

London Stores in the Chapter XII of the PWA Code, amend provisions on management for government-owned buildings, issuance of furniture, handing over of buildings, renting the building, fixing rental rate and taxation in the Chapter (III) Public Buildings of PWD Code in conformity with the present situations, and to amend provisions from paragraph 475 to 480 in Takavi Works of Chapter XV of PWD Code. Furthermore, he said that it should amend the provisions in Chapter (II) Contract and Agreements of the PWD Code, abide by order and directives issued by the Union government and amend provisions concerning British colony Indian government paragraphs 422, 447 and 461 in PWD Code Volume I.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Public Accounts Committee is to cooperate with subject-wise experts from the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and ministries concerned to carry out amendment, subtraction, assertion and republishing the law books. He said he supported the proposal and urged the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to put the proposal on record.

In taking decisions, as the 'yes' votes were the majority, the Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Next, U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 submitted the proposal urging the Union government to amend Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour as an economic organization of the Union government. As the social security fund was paid into the combined account of the Union from 1963 to January 2012, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 the proposal urging the Union government to refund the remaining money to the social security board. U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10 submitted the proposal urging the Union government that as savings or input savings that have been paid to the State for over 50 years are own money of the respective people. Thus, the savings are to be refunded to respective farmers. Moreover, Section 5/1953 of Agricultural Bank Law should be cancelled and farmers are to be allowed to save money of their own accord.

It was reported that the Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss the proposals are to enlist their names after today's session.

Today's session came to an end at 11.50 am and the 20th day session will be held at 10 am on 9 March.—MNA

Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw...

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healthy and educated youths and to actively participate in the education reforms which can help the students to be in correct thought and belief.

In his discussion, U Win Maung of Mandalay Region constituency No. 2 stressed the need for active participation of employees of the Ministry of Education and teachers from the basic and higher education level in implementing tasks of the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan as part of efforts for reforming education system to promote skills of teachers and to education system. The plan had been implementing since 2001-2002 fiscal year and the plan included two sectors basic education sector and higher education sector, he added. Besides, the long-term plan also included tasks to be carried out by Myanmar Department, Myanmar Academy of Art and Science and Myanmar Examination Board, he said. He suggested to do practically approach to the new curriculum for the students as it was drawn meeting the international standard and the ASEAN standard.

U Zon Hlal Htan of Chin State Constituency-2 said like the neighbouring countries trying for their human resource development, Myanmar needs to do so in a practical way. Rural areas have few primary assistant teachers and they are found to have been unable to train their students skillfully. The Education Ministry should seek ways how to help rural schools. Schools should arrange for students to be able to learn the entire lessons only at school without dependency on tuitions. Changes and reforms should be made after learning education systems of other countries.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said for education promotion, pre-on-job teachership courses are being conducted at institutes of education and education colleges and teachers are assigned duties after completing their courses. Moreover, plans are being made for

teachers to do teacher capacity building courses to improve their skills. In summer, school management courses and subject upgrading courses are conducted. Measures are also being taken for opening more basic education schools, for facelift of old schools and building new ones.

In 2011-2012 academic year, 57 high schools, 80 high schools (branch), 76 middle schools, 187 middle schools (branch), 176 primary schools and 36 primary schools (branch) were opened. The ministry spent K 17513.325 million as ordinary expenses and K 25202.866 million as aggregate expenses in the 2011-2012 academic year on repairing schools and building new schools. The ministry is cooperating with parents and the public and providing furniture, school equipment, lab equipment, teaching aids and media gadgets.

To develop child-centred approach-CCA, the ministry is continuing the plan of child friendly school-CFS in cooperation with UNICEF. The CCA plan has started since December, 2004 in collaboration with JICA and it has been launched in 60 townships.

For CCA to cover the whole country, plans are underway to launch it 93 township in 2012-2013, 89 townships in 2013-2014, 73 townships in 2014-2015 and 64 townships and other 30 township with little progress totalling 94 in 2015-2016. In 2015-2016 academic year, primary assistant teachers from all 330 townships will be able to teach their students with the use of CCA.

To appoint a teacher for a class, the number of primary level students must be at least 140 and above as the primary school level has five grades. As there are about primary 20000 schools with less than 140 students each, it is necessary to appoint about 60000 teachers with at least three each for those schools. Although multi-grade teaching is still practised in primary schools with small number of students, students' skills can be developed through CCA.

In 2011-2012, pre-on-job teachership course training school appointed 1282 trainees as junior assistant teachers and 7164 as primary assistant teachers totalling 8446. Plans have been made to appoint 512 trainees as JATs and 2722 as

PATs. So, the proposal should be put on record, said the Union Minister.

As U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency-6 said that the proposal should be recorded, the Hluttaw decided to put it on record.

Next, U Bo Yal of Kayah State Constituency-3 submitted the proposal on 'urging the Union Government to prioritize the opening of a new border trade camp in Kayah State for regional development'. The Hluttaw agreed to accept and discuss the proposal and announced to enlist the representatives wishing to discuss the proposal.

Today's session went into recess at 3.50 pm and the 11th day session will be held at 10 am on 8 March.

At the session, one bill was approved, one proposal discussed and recorded and one new proposal submitted.

MNA

Coord meeting between Public Works and road/bridge construction companies held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—A coordination meeting between Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and road/bridge construction companies took place at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that out of more than 23000 miles of roads in regions and states, over 4000 miles of busy roads are being upgraded in cooperation with construction companies. So, the companies need to do with goodwill to improve the roads.

Then, Deputy Minister U Sae Tint gave instructions on completion of construction work by the open season, paving of gravel and tarring only after the earth work has been carried out in construction new roads, cooperation with engineers from states and regions and completion of the tasks according to the acquired funds.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives IPU Vice-Chairman and Executive Committee member and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Vice-Chairman of Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Executive Committee member Mr Angel Alonso DIAZ-CANEJA and party

at Zabuthiri Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were chairmen and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw committee and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Vice-Chairman of Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Executive Committee member Mr Angel Alonso DIAZ-CANEJA at Hluttaw Building.—MNA



President Office Union Minister receives Economic Counselor of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung received Economic Counselor Mr Park Chulho of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and party at the president hall at 1 pm today.

They had cordial discussions on Myanmar-Korea Economic Forum held here today, promoting economic investment between the two nations.

It was attended by Deputy Director-General U Zaw Win of the Ministry of President Office and responsible persons.—MNA



Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung receives Economic Counselor Mr Park Chulho of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Union I&P Minister explains collection of census the whole nation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—A clarification on implementation of Moe Pwint-2 Plan by Ministry of Immigration and Population, National Level Population and Development Commission and collection of national census was held at the city hall in Monywa on 3 March

morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the National Level Population and Development Commission and the Central Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi said that Moe Pwint-2 Plan was set two months period

from 1 February to 31 March to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in accordance with relaxation of rules and regulations. The National Level Population and Development Commission was formed to collect data for internal migration of the people this year.

He called on

departments concerned to contribute to taking the census in 2014 as the Central Census Commission and the Central Census Committee have been formed.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye explained assistance of departments for undertaking the tasks in Sagaing Region. The Union Minister replied to queries raised by those present.

MNA

Singaporean diplomatic youth delegation observes Myanmar traditional cane-ball skills

YANGON, 6 March—A diplomatic youth delegation led by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua arrived at the National Indoor Stadium-1, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township at 4 pm, and observed Myanmar traditional cane-ball skills demonstration presented by selected Myanmar cane-ball athletes of Myanmar Cane-ball Federation.

The visiting



Singaporean youths also participated in the skill demonstration with enthusiasm.

Next, the ambassador and Vice-President of MCF U Tun Win exchanged

Singaporean youth delegation led by Ambassador Mr Robert Chua observes Myanmar traditional cane-ball skills.—MNA



gifts, and cane-balls were given to the Singaporean youths as a present.—MNA

Special Refresher Course No. 17 of Faculty members of University and College opened

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—On behalf of Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu addressed opening of the Special Refresher Course No. 17 of Faculty members of University and College at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday morning.

Also present at the ceremony were Dr Myint Aung, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Welfare Dr Win Hlaing, officials and 500 trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister stressed the need to improve the education standard of the country and capacity of the educational staff are universities and colleges opened in 24 special development regions of each Region and State to enable students pursue higher education in their own regions. He called for taking more steps to change from R&D (Research and Development to R&BD (Research and Business Development).

The deputy minister highlighted the need of teachers to adapt to the changing situations of the education age to keep abreast of the fellow ASEAN and Asian nations, saying today's education is not fashionable tomorrow.

He said the government is making a shift from Natural Resource Based Economy to Knowledge Based Economy and Human Resources Development National Centre was opened since 1998 to provide non-formal education to the public.

He urged the trainees to conduct applicable research works in their own regions as R&BD plays a key role in all-round development of the country.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw FSD, township fire stations honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—A ceremony to honour Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department and Township Fire Stations of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at the hall of the Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department yesterday morning.

Members of these fire stations carefully put out the fire which broke out at fuel station No. 0354 of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, here, at 1 pm on 11 February to minimize loss and waste in a short time and not to burn the fuel station and oil products.

Director U Tin Htut of the Ministry of Energy and Director U Ye Myint of MPPE spoke words of honour on the occasion. Director of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department U Than Kyaw Kyaw expressed thanks.

MNA

Course on surveillance teams of anti-human trafficking squads held

YANGON, 6 March—The training course on surveillance teams of anti-human trafficking squads was conducted at Township General Administration Department in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region on 25 and 26 February.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thet Lwin made a speech.

Police Captain Aye Aye Myint, in-charge of Yangon Region Anti-Human Trafficking, In-charge of Crime Record

Section Police Captain Khin Wai Lwin of Yangon North District Police Force, IP Naing Win of Hlinethaya Township Police Station, SIP Hla Myo Aung and responsible persons of social organizations gave lectures on prevention against trafficking in person with the use of projector.

Altogether 388 trainees from Ward 2, 5, 7, 14, and 15 and YeOkkan Village of Hlinethaya Township attended the training course.—*Myanma Alin*

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers

SAGAING, 6 March—Development of cooperative is one of the eight-point plan for rural development and poverty alleviation.

Agricultural loans were disbursed by Cooperative Department in Sagaing Region for farmers of agricultural production.

In making field trips, Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Myint Lay, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Nyunt Maung and staff disbursed loans K 68,029,000 to 1084 farmers of cooperative societies from Kaingbyin, Pabyi, Kyaukse, Hsintat, Talaingkyun,



Zeechaung, Kyauingbyu and Hsintat villages of Sagaing Township for 2645 farmlands.

The cooperative societies disburse loans

twice a year. The societies take 2.5 per cent interest over K 100 per month and issue 1.5 per cent commission per K 100 for savings.

Kyemon

English Extempore Talks Contest held at Mawlamyine University

MAWLAMYINE, 6 March—The English Extempore Talks Contest, organized by English Department, was held at Room 15 of the main building at Mawlamyine University in Mon State at 9 am on 24 February.

Rector in-charge Dr Htay Aung of the university delivered an address.

Students actively participated in the contest.

Next, winners in the Extempore Talks Contest and winners in the Essay Competition held at Room 303 of English Department on 22 February were awarded.

Rector in-charge Dr Htay Aung presented the first prize to Ma Thit Oo Zin in the English extempore talks contest, Dean of



English Department Daw Hnin Hnin Wai, the first prize to Ma Zin May Chu in the English essay competition, and faculty members prizes to respective winners.

The English Extempore Talks Contest was held for the fourth time

at the university with the aim of uplifting English proficiency of the students and raising prestige of Mawlamyine University.

Myanma Alin

Prize winning children honoured in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 6 March—A ceremony to honour the prize the children who won prizes at pre-primary school level of the township, organized by Kyaikto Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was held at Myoma Pre-Primary School in Kyaikto on 13 February.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Shwe Aung made a speech. The administrator of Gangaw Ward explained emergence of the school. Later, officials awarded the prize winning children.—*Township IPRD*

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Fire drill demonstrated in timber extraction region

GYOBINGAUK, 6 March—A fire drill was demonstrated at Shwekyuntaw timber extraction camp (Zigon timber extraction region) of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Gyobingauk Township of Bago Region on 15 February morning.

Zigon Timber Extraction Manager U Oo Than Myint, Assistant Manager U Nyi Min Latt, Head of Township Fire Services Department Ye Kyawsa U Phyu Win, Deputy Commanding Officer



U Zaw of Auxiliary Fire Battalion and members of fire brigade together with workers of Shwekyuntaw

timber extraction region actively participated in the fire drill.

Myanma Alin

Fire drill practically exercised

AUNGLAN, 6 March—No. 96 Saw Mill of Domestic Trade and Saw Mill Branch of Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry in Aunglan of Magway Region held a talk on fire prevention on 17 February morning.

Head of Township Fire Services Department U Myo Thura Win explained fire preventive measures, use of fire extinguishers in putting out of fire, sanitation around the saw mill, systematic keeping of conventional fire extinguishers and incidents on outbreak of fire.

Later, workers of the mill and firemen participated in the fire drill with the use of mill-owned fire extinguishers.

Township IPRD

K 8.15m disbursed to shopkeepers in Kawlin

KAWLIN, 6 March—As part of efforts to develop rural development and alleviate poverty, Si Bin Thar Yar Yaw Bank under the Ministry of Border Affairs disbursed K 81.5 million to Kawlin Township Development

Affairs Committee of Sagaing Region, at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee, on 1 March.

Assistant Director U Tint Wai of Township Development Affairs

Aircraft that crashed 77 years ago searched

YE, 6 March—A five-member delegation led by MDMr Damienlay of Animax Films of Sydney of Australia arrived in Ye on 24 February to search the Lady Southern Cross aircraft that crashed near Aye Island of Andin Village-tract of Ye in Mon State on 7 November 1935 and to take documentary film.

While in Ye, the group is searching the crashed aircraft and taking documentary photo.

Nay Myo Htut (Ye)

Committee presented K 81.5 million to 56 shopkeepers from 71 shops of the market.—*Myanma Alin*

CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Moe Pwint-2
Plan is being implemented by Immigration and National Registration Department in villages of Tachilek Township. On 12 February, Head of District INRD Deputy Director U Htein Win and Head of Township INRD U Thein Lwin issue citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible people in Loitawkhram Village-tract of Tachilek Township.—*DISTRICT IPRD*



CASH AND KIND DONATED: Altogether 17 wellwishers donated a set of computer and printer worth K 470,000 to Kutkai Township Traditional Medicine Clinic in Shan State (North) on 15 February. At the hall of Township GAD, Township Executive Officer U Nan Zein Hla Aung hands over computer to head of the clinic U Hsan Hlaing.—*Township IPRD*



Mindon Township gets new building for village library

MINDON, 6 March—The opening of new building for Thuta Ein Library was held in Mindat Village of Mindon Township, Thayet District, Magway Region, on 11 February morning.

YwaU Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indačariya, Mindon Township Administrator U Saw Tun Oo and Mindat Village Administrator U Win Kyaing formally opened the new building.

Next, the Township

Administrator donated K 80,000 and publications to the library, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Kyin Kyin Than 100 books and publications and VCD tape on Ayaykyonyin Kyamonshide.

Under the patronage of the YwaU monastery Sayadaw, local people funded K 1.2 million on construction of the building.

Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Inter-village road, bridge opened



KYAIKTO, 6 March—Kyaikkatha-Khalun inter-village earthen road and Khalun Creek Bridge, built by Kyaikto Township Development Affairs Committee in 2011-2012 academic year, were opened at the new road on 7 February morning.

Township Administrator U Kyi Thet Maung, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Saw Shwe and Khalun Village administrator U Thein Myint formally opened the facilities.

The 2.5 miles long earthen road and the 120 feet long and 14 feet wide bridge were built at a cost of K 59.595 million.—Township IPRD



BOOKS DONATED: Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 210 books in various subjects to Ahman Thit Library in Manaung Village of Namkham Township, Muse District, Shan State (North) on 14 January. Head of Namkham Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Naychi Thway handed over Librarian Daw Nyi De and party of Manaung Village.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Victorious body-builders honoured

YANGON, 6 March—A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar body-builders and contributors for the 11th SEA Body-building Championships was organized by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation at Hotel Myanmar, here, on 3 March evening.

President of Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation U Hla

Myint Swe delivered an address.

The federation president presented cash awards to Zaw One who secured the championship trophy in 55-kilo event of the 11th SEA Body-building Championship, Tun Min the championship trophy in the 60-kilo event, Aung Swe Naing the championship trophy in the 90-kilo event, Than Win the second prize in

the 55-kilo event, Soe Moe Aung the second prize in the 65-kilo event, Khin Maung Kyaw the third prize in the 70-kilo event and Khaing Lin, the third prize in the 90-kilo event.

Later, the Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation hosted a dinner to the victorious Myanmar body-builders and contributors and sponsors.

MNA

Futsal tournament wraps up in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 6 March—The final match of Futsal football tournament was held at People's Sports Ground in Yamethin at 4 pm on 14 February.

After struggling in the final match, Htoo Basi team

beat Pyodohmaung team 3-2.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Tun of District General Administration Department presented K 100,000 to first prize winning Htoo Basi team. Deputy District Judge U Than Htut, K

Htamane making contest held in Waw

WAW, 6 March—The second Myanmar traditional Htamane making contest was organized on the lawns of Waw Township General Administration Department on 6 February afternoon.

Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Yu and Township Administrator U Khin Maung Htwe formally opened the contest.

Altogether 11 teams of departments and wards participated in the contest.

At the prize presentation, the head of Township Administrator presented the first prize to Health Department; the Bago Region Hluttaw representative, the second prize to Township General Administration Department, and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Ohn Lwin, the third prize to Agriculture and Irrigation team.

Township IPRD



BRIDGE OPENED: Shwethaungyan Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee has spent K 6.2 million of its fund and K 11.3 million of the people on construction of Khayin Creek Bridge. On 9 February, officials opening the bridge.—TOWNSHIP DAC

Fire drill exercised at basic fire fighting course

PYINMANA, 6 March—B-level Store and Distribution Branch of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy cooperated with Myanmar Fire Brigade and Nay Pyi Taw Fire Brigade in conducting the basic fire fighting course No. 3 on 20 February.

On 26 February,

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than and officials viewed the training.

The branch manager reported on conducting the training course and preparations for fire preventive measures.

The trainees and members of Fire Services Department exercised fire drill with the use of foam from the fire engine to put out the fuel fire.

Altogether 32 trainees are attending the course that will last two weeks.

Kyemon

Private banks open foreign exchange counters

MANDALAY, 6 March—With the aim of ensuring smooth exchange of money for tourists in Mandalay, enabling tourists to legally exchange foreign currency, systematically operating mutual interest in foreign currency market, eradicating illegal exchange of foreign currency and stabilizing rate of foreign exchange, Central Bank of Myanmar allowed private banks in Mandalay to trade foreign currency under the rules and regulations.

In Mandalay, Myawady Bank, Inwa Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Cooperative Bank and Myanmar Industrial Development Bank exchange US dollar, Euro, Singapore dollar and FEC with Myanmar currency kyats.

In daily exchange of currency, customers face difficulties in refusing exchange of creasing notes, smeared notes and worn-out notes and exchanging about 200 US\$ in maximum.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Shwepyitha dwellers get HUMAN TRAFFICKING Knowledge: A talk on prevention against trafficking in person was held at Shwepyi Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District on 19 February. Police Captain Aye Aye Myint, in-charge of Yangon Region Anti-Human Trafficking, gave talks about prevention against trafficking in person.—MYANMA ALIN



Pirate VCDs, DVDs seized in Yedashe

YEDASHE, 6 March—VCD and DVD compact discs without licence were seized in Thagara of Yedashe Township, at 2 pm on 19 February.

Acting on tip-off, a team of Township Video Strata, surveillance leader SIP Than Zaw Min and police members of Thagara Police Station led by Chairman of Bago Region Video Strata Group U Tin Soe together with eye witnesses searched

and seized 150 VCDs, 339 DVD song compact discs, 325 DVDs of foreign movie series, 29 DVDs of religious administration, other two DVD compact discs and related substances at Hsan Win (shopkeeper), 29, son of U Win Maung in front of the Thagara Market in Thayetkon Ward.

Files were opened against the offenders.

Kyemon

MLF invites wellwishers to donate cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.



TALKS ON TRAFFIC RULES: Police Captain Myint Aung and party of No. 3 Traffic Police Region of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps gave educative talks on traffic rules to students at the Arts Hall of Yangon University on 13 February.

KYEMON

LOCAL SPORTS

70,000 to second prize winning Pyodohmaung team. Officials awarded best team, best forward and best goalkeeper.

Myanma Alin

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5.5-magnitude quake hits Nicobar Islands, India

NEW DELHI, 6 March—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted Nicobar Islands, India at 0252 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 41.70 km, was initially determined to be at 8.6396 degrees north latitude and 93.7918 degrees east longitude.

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Dated: 7 March 2012

Photo taken on 5 March, 2012 shows the site of an accident occurred at a grade crossing near Campana City in Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. Ten people, including seven children, were injured when a freight train struck a stalled school bus on Monday.—XINHUA



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (3/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (3/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (061)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (061) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.3.2012 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.

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

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV CHANG YU VOY NO (1202)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHANG YU VOY NO (1202) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: CSC RO RO LOGISTICS
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV NASICO STAR VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NASICO STAR VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: G-LINK EXPRESS LOGISTICS
S'PORE PTE LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV MOROTAI VOY NO (175)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (175) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

78-year-old man shot two doctors dead in Germany

BERLIN, 6 March—A 78-year-old man on Monday entered into a local clinic in Kaiserslautern, west Germany as he opened fire and shot two doctors to death, then took his own life.

The shooting took place around 15:30 local time (1430 GMT) in a medical clinic in the small town with some 4,600 inhabitants, when the shooter was said to have repeatedly shot at the two general practitioners.

The killer then fled the site before the police followed

up to his house, local police spokesman said.

Besieged in his house, the suspect opened fire again and hit a police officer, who was badly injured.

A unit of special police surrounded the house of shooter and found the body of the old man, who had committed a suicide with a gunshot.

Local police would hold a joint press conference with the prosecutor on Tuesday morning to provide further details.—Internet

Thousands flee Australian town as flood fears grow

SYDNEY, 6 March—Thousands of people fled their homes in Australia's southeast Tuesday as fears grew that a levee holding back the swollen Murrumbidgee River would burst. Floods have hit three eastern states this week, sweeping two men to their deaths after they attempted to cross waterways in cars while inundating hundreds of homes and causing millions of dollars in damage.

More than 8,000 people were ordered to evacuate in the New South Wales town of Wagga Wagga where the Murrumbidgee is predicted to peak at 10.9 metres (36 feet), right on the levee's limit. "The levee may hold, it may not hold," State Emergency Service deputy

commissioner Dieter Geske told the Seven Network as the river rushed towards a level not seen since 1844. "Should the levee fail and the water enters the CBD, and other areas in Wagga Wagga, then people need to be in the evacuation centre, not in their homes or businesses." Wagga Wagga has been hit by several significant floods since the earliest European settlement in the 1840s, and officials said residents had responded well to the latest evacuation order.

"I knew where my house lies—if the levee were to overflow my street, it was pretty quickly going to go—so I went," Melina Skidmore told state broadcaster ABC.—Internet

Man who crushed car pays for replacement

The Florida man who crushed a teenager's car in the parking lot of an off-road park said he wrote a \$6,500 check to get the girl a new vehicle.

Norman Nowling, who was charged with felony criminal mischief after he used his "monster van" with 5-foot tires to crush the Toyota Corolla Saturday at Charlotte County's Redneck Yacht Club, said he gave the check to Amanda Kent's stepfather Tuesday to cover the costs of buying a new vehicle, WBBH-TV, Fort Myers, Fla., reported on Wednesday.



A nest of fossilized dinosaur eggs is displayed in Beijing on 28 Feb. 2012. The nest, estimated to be at least 65 million years old, was returned to China after being smuggled to the United States. The case set an example for China and US cooperation on law enforcement, and will be a basis for further action against fossil smugglers.

City blocks chicken-killing art project

Officials in Lawrence, Mo., said they will not allow a local woman to display and then butcher chickens as part of an art project.

Assistant City Attorney Chad Sublet said legal codes prohibit the harming or killing of domesticated animals within city limits and the only chickens allowed to be kept in the city are domesticated poultry for egg production, *The Kansas City (Mo) Star*

reported on Wednesday.

Amber Hansen, a Lawrence artist, had sought to display five live chickens in a sculpture resembling a chicken coop for one month then slaughter and serve the birds as part of 21 April community potluck. She said the project, titled "The Story of Chickens: A Revolution," was aimed at getting people talking about food consumption.

Karen Davis, president and founder of United Poultry Concerns, applauded city officials for blocking the project. "We feel this project and our response to it has helped Amber even though the original project has been blocked," Davis said. "We also feel that she has been introduced to a sensibility about animals that maybe she hadn't been exposed to before."

Professors propose simplified calendar

A pair of professors at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said they want to do away with leap years in favour of an all new calendar.

Astrophysicist Richard Conn Henry and economist Steve Hanke said their proposed calendar would feature 364 days to a year with an extra "mini-month" week added at the end of December every five or six years to compensate for the lack of Leap Years, *The Christian Science Monitor* reported on Wednesday.

The professors said their calendar would ensure holidays and birthdays always fall on the same day of the week and make things easier on both individuals and businesses when it comes to subjects such as calculating interest.

The men said their calendar would be split into 91-day quarters that would total 12 months, eight of which would have 30 days and the rest would have 31.

"Our plan offers a stable calendar that is absolutely identical from year to year and which allows the permanent, rational planning of annual activities, from school to work holidays," Henry said.

News Album

Janet Jackson refuses 'X-Factor'

LOS ANGELES, 6 March—Singer Janet Jackson has refused to be on the judge's panel of next season of US' show "The X-Factor" due to busy schedule.

"(I'm) very flattered that 'X Factor' let me know that I was being considered for next season, but it just wouldn't be possible," *online.com* quoted her as saying.

Jackson is currently preparing for her upcoming Number Ones Up Close and Personal Tour as well as role in a Tyler Perry movie. Britney Spears and Fergie are still reportedly being considered to join Cowell and LA Reid on the show.

Internet



Singer Janet Jackson

Taylor Swift 'has a crush on Tim Tebow'

WASHINGTON, 6 March—Taylor Swift was spotted looking at Tim Tebow "like a little puppy dog" when the two had dinner with three other friends at Toscanova in Los Angeles recently.

The 22-year-old singer has previously dated stars like Taylor Lautner, Jake Gyllenhaal and Joe Jonas.



Taylor Swift

"There were no public displays of affection between Taylor and Tim, but she surely looked happy to be there," *Contactmusic* quoted a source as telling US weekly.

"Yes, she has a crush on him. She is a massive fan, but I don't think he sees her that way," another insider added.

However, the 'Mean' hit maker is said to have embarked on a "friendship" with the 24-year-old hunk, rather than a romance.

"They actually have been speaking a lot about the Bible and Christianity. Right now it's on the friendship tip—even though that frustrates her," the source added.

The blonde beauty recently confessed she loves writing about her relationships and the ways they change, as she grows older.

"I really love to go back to human interaction and the way we make each other feel. But that at 22 is different than it was at 18 or 19 when I made my last album at 16 and 17 when I made 'Fearless'. As you grow, you change in the way you process emotion," she said.

Internet

Katy Perry approached for film on Paul Potts



Katy Perry

LONDON, 6 March—Katy Perry has been asked to star in a new movie about opera singer Paul Potts.

Film bosses are preparing to start work on a biopic telling the life story of the Potts, who found fame by winning Simon Cowell's reality TV show 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2007.

Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, who is backing the project, wants either Perry or superstar Adele to play Potts' wife, and the 'I Kissed a Girl' hitmaker seemed "genuinely interested" in the

job.

"I was talking to Katy about a new project, a possible dramatic role in the Paul Potts movie, which will be shooting in England soon. We'd really like someone like Katy or Adele to play the role of Potts' wife, and Katy seemed genuinely interested," *Daily Express* quoted him as telling the *New York Post*.

He revealed that he had spoken to Perry about taking the part during a pre-Oscars party in New York in February.

Internet

Brad Pitt gets strict with kids

LONDON, 6 March—Actress Angelina Jolie has revealed that her partner Brad Pitt has become stricter with their six kids.

The Oscar-winning actress raises Maddox, 10, Pax, eight, Zahara, seven, Shiloh, five, and three-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, together with Pitt. While Jolie said she has always been strict with the kids, Pitt has become more disciplined with kids, than he was before.

"I used to be the tougher parent but since the birth of the twins, Brad's had to play bad cop more often. It also depends on which of the children we are talking about," *okmagazine.com* quoted her as saying.

"Brad has always had this incredible bond with Mad, who's very smart, and Brad loves teaching him about history and art and culture—it's an amazing thing to watch them together. I think I'm a little closer to the girls, maybe, but he's always making them laugh. The children are usually very well-behaved though," she added.

Internet



Brad Pitt

Keanu Reeves had 'meltdown' on turning 40

WASHINGTON, 6 March—Keanu Reeves has revealed that he suffered a 'meltdown' when he turned 40 but he has now come to terms with getting older.



Keanu Reeves

The 47-year-old actor found it difficult to adjust when he reached the milestone age and admitted he is embarrassed by how he reacted at the time.

"I had the classic 40 meltdown, I did. It's embarrassing. It was pretty funny. But then I recovered. To me, it was like a second adolescence. Hormonally, my body was changing, my mind was changing, and so my relationship to myself and the world around me came to this assault of finiteness," *Contactmusic* quoted him as saying.

The 'Speed' star also found it difficult to come to terms with leaving his youth behind.

"It was also the end of the projection of my younger self. I came to the place where I thought, 'I don't know where I am anymore but where have I come from and what am I doing?'" he said.

Internet

Director Scott to film 'Japan in a Day'

TOKYO, 6 March—Director Ridley Scott says the "Japan in a Day" project, to record life one year after the earthquake and tsunami, aims to help affected areas recover.

The project is a collaboration between the Scott Free production Scott runs with his brother Tony and Fuji TV, the *Hollywood Reporter* said on Saturday.

Japan's Fuji TV will distribute 200 cameras to people in the disaster-affected areas to record their lives 11 March, the one-year anniversary of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis at Fukushima.

"What will be wonderful about Japan in a Day will be the window into the life of Japanese people today," Scott said, "having coped with enormous natural tragedy, economic unease and the task of rebuilding their spirit, we will no doubt have some very powerful stories emerging."

"As a filmmaker I'm

obsessed with truth. There has to be truth in storytelling otherwise movies simply don't work," Scott said.



Director Ridley Scott

The videos will be uploaded to a dedicated Web site, www.youtube.com/JapanInADay, then the best videos will be combined with Fuji TV footage and edited into a film to be released theatrically in Japan this fall and then internationally.

"I hope that 'Japan in a Day' offers people the incentive to put a voice to their thoughts and supports their determination to move on from their experiences in a positive way," Scott said.

Internet

Newton joins Chelsea coaching staff

Former Blues midfielder links up again with Roberto di Matteo

LONDON, 6 March — Former Chelsea midfielder Eddie Newton has returned to the club as part of the Blues coaching staff. Newton joins the backroom



Eddie Newton's last season as a Chelsea player was the 1998-99 campaign. — INTERNET

team under interim boss Roberto di Matteo until the end of the season, following the departure of manager Andre Villas-Boas. The 40-year-old Newton, who

worked under Di Matteo at both West Brom and MK Dons, made his Chelsea debut in 1992 and stayed with the club until 1999.

He scored in the 1997 FA Cup final, when Di Matteo created history with the quickest goal in a Wembley final as Chelsea beat Middlesbrough 2-0. Newton joins Steve Holland, who remains as assistant first-team coach and goalkeeping coach Christophe Lollichon. Chris Jones, who has been with the club since 2006, steps up to take the role of first-team fitness coach with Jose Mario Rocha, who held that position under Villas-Boas, leaving the club. — Internet

Japanese equestrian makes Olympics at 70

FRANKFURT, 6 March — He is not riding off into the sunset. Hiroshi Hoketsu is simply riding, and that's just how he likes it. Hoketsu first went to the Olympics in 1964 when he was 23 and the games were in his native Tokyo. Now nearly 71, Hoketsu will be going to the Olympics again — not to watch, but to compete. He qualified last week for the individual dressage competition on Japan's Olympic team for London this summer. He will be Japan's oldest Olympian again, reprising his role from the Beijing Games four years ago. "This time, I am very pleased to have qualified, particularly because my horse had a little accident last year," Hoketsu said by phone Monday to *The Associated*

Press. "She was not in very good condition." The horse is Whisper, a 15-year-old mare. "A little bit old, but still a good age," Hoketsu said.

The same seems true for the rider as well. Although the team selection hasn't been announced officially, Hoketsu has no doubt he will be competing in the individual



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event. He plans to ride in a few competitions as he prepares for London.

"We didn't try for the team event," he said from his home in Aachen in western Germany. But he qualified for the individual at an international dressage competition in France last week. — Internet

McIlroy trades clubs for racquet in NY exhibition

NEW YORK, 6 March — Golf's new world number one Rory McIlroy tried his hand at a different sport on Monday, winning a rally against Maria Sharapova during his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki's tennis exhibition. Dane Wozniacki summoned McIlroy from his courtside seat at Madison Square Garden and handed him the racquet in a lighthearted

moment before the final game of her match, which she lost 6-3 6-4.

McIlroy resisted at first but then placed the tennis ball down on the blue surface, addressed it as if hitting a golf chip shot, then picked it up and started a friendly rally with the number-two ranked Sharapova. After trading some gentle shots, the Russian sent an overhand long to the delight of the crowd and McIlroy quit while he was ahead, scurrying back to his seat. McIlroy, who rose to the top of the world rankings after winning the Honda Classic in Florida on Sunday, told reporters at the BNP Paribas Showdown it was "nice to take a little break from golf."

The Northern Irishman, who was besieged by autograph hunters during changeovers, acknowledged he was not quite ready to eclipse Wozniacki in the world rankings. "Another couple of years," said the curly-haired 22-year-old. Wozniacki said she did not send McIlroy candy or flowers after his Sunday victory. "I don't want his head to become too big, so no," she joked. American Andy Roddick finished up the program by beating Roger Federer 7-5 7-6. — Internet



Maria Sharapova returns the ball to Caroline Wozniacki during the BNP Paribas Showdown exhibition tennis match on 5 March, 2012, at Madison Square Garden in New York. — INTERNET

Sharapova beats Wozniacki in exhibition at MSG

NEW YORK, 6 March — Maria Sharapova beat Caroline Wozniacki in an exhibition at Madison Square Garden on Monday — though she lost the only point she played against Wozniacki's boyfriend, top-ranked golfer Rory McIlroy. With the Dane a game away from losing 6-3, 6-4, she invited McIlroy onto the court just hours after he won the Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. to ascend to No 1 in the world for the first time. Andy Roddick beat Roger Federer 7-5, 7-6 (7) in the night's second exhibition at the BNP Paribas Showdown. Roddick was 2-21 in his career against Federer.

"I'm obviously in Roger's head," Roddick joked after winning in his first appearance at the Garden. "I think Jeremy Lin wanted me to win tonight," Roddick added. In jeans and a sweater, McIlroy showed off a one-handed backhand, and Sharapova hit his lob wide. Asked if he was surprised, McIlroy said with a smile: "I've won a few off Caroline."

Wozniacki has been ranked No 1 for 67 weeks in her career, though she's currently down to No 4. McIlroy knows he'll need to stay on top for "another couple of years" to catch his girlfriend in that stat.

Internet

Hiddink makes winning start with Anzhi

MOSCOW, 6 March — Dutch coach Guus Hiddink made a winning start in his new post as coach of bigspending Russian Premier League club Anzhi Makhachkala with a 1-0 win away at Dynamo Moscow on Monday in their first match after the winter break. Anzhi's Brazilian midfielder Jucilei da Silva scored the only goal of the match but it failed to affect their league position as they remain seventh in the table with 55 points from 33 matches, 11 points behind leaders Zenit St Petersburg.

Dynamo are third on 58 points. "First of all I'm happy to come back to Russia and to start with a win here," Hiddink said. "I think we deserved that win as we created several good

scoring chances in the first half. "I'm happy we managed to clinch all three points in such a hard match as the hosts Dynamo were playing very aggressively tonight." Dynamo were in control from the start pinning Anzhi back but failed to score an early goal. Anzhi relied on counter-attacks and in the 18th minute star striker Samuel Eto'o missed a great chance to break the deadlock after a mix-up in the Dynamo defence as his shot from 12 metres out could only hit the woodwork. After the break both sides failed to conjure up many scoring opportunities until the 69th minute, when Jucilei opened the scoring firing home a rebound after a freekick by Mbark Boussoufa.

Internet



Dutch football coaching Guus Hiddink (L) made a winning start in his new post as coach of bigspending Russian Premier League club Anzhi Makhachkala with a 1-0 win away at Dynamo Moscow on Monday in their first match after the winter break. — INTERNET

Jaime Alguersuari joins BBC Formula 1 line-up

LONDON, 6 March — Former Toro Rosso driver Jaime Alguersuari is joining Radio 5 live as an expert summariser to complete the BBC's Formula 1 team for 2012.

Alguersuari joined Toro Rosso in 2009 and, at the age of 19, became the youngest driver in F1 history.



"It will be interesting to look at the action from a

different angle and bring that excitement and insight to listeners," said Alguersuari.

"It promises to be an exciting season and I can't wait for it to start."

BBC Radio 5 live controller Adrian van Klaveren added: "We're delighted to have Jaime on board, his engaging

personality makes him a great addition to 5 live for the 2012 F1 season. "We are going to make the most of Jaime's first-hand experience right now knowing he could well be driving for one of the teams again in the near future." The new F1 season begins with the Australian Grand Prix on 18 March. — Internet

International Sports

65 killed in Madagascar storm: weather agency

MADAGASCAR, 6 March—Tropical Storm Irina has killed at least 65 people in Madagascar, most of them residents of the Ifanadiana district in the southeast of the island, weather authorities said on Monday.

Three people were also reported missing, according to the national bureau of natural catastrophes (BNGRC), which did not provide any other details. Earlier it was reported that only one person had been killed when the storm passed over Madagascar last week before lashing the coasts of South Africa and Mozambique, where at least one person was killed. "A tree fell on a house and the roof collapsed," killing an elderly man in Mozambique's southern Gaza province, said Rita Almeida, spokeswoman for the national disaster agency. In the South African city of Durban, beaches were closed as waves reached three-metre (16-foot), municipal spokesman Thabo Mofokeng said. Ships were ordered to remain in port. Irina was the second killer storm of the season. Tropical cyclone Giovanna left 35 people dead and many more injured.—Internet



People cross a flooded road after Cyclone Giovanna hit Madagascar in February. Cyclone Irina has killed at least 65 people in Madagascar, most of them in the southeast of the island.—INTERNET



Image provided by Chilean Presidency shows Chilean President Sebastian Pinera (L) talking with his counterparts Juan Manuel Santos (1st R) of Colombia, Felipe Calderon (4th R) of Mexico and Ollanta Humala (7th R) of Peru during the 3rd Summit of the Pacific Alliance in a teleconference in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 5 March, 2012.—XINHUA

14 burnt to death, dozen injured in southwest Nigerian bus collision

OSUN, 6 March—Fourteen people were burnt to death while 12 others were seriously injured on Monday in a road accident that occurred near Ilesa, southwest Nigeria's Osun State, according to the country's Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

State sector commander of the FRSC Sunday Maku who disclosed this reporters in Osogbo, the state capital, said the victims, including two drivers, were burnt beyond recognition when two buses had a head-on collision and caught fire.

He said one of the buses was coming from Akure and heading to Ibadan, both in the south west region of the country, while the other was moving in the opposite direction.

He identified the two buses as a white Toyota Hiace Bus and a Volkswagen wagon with white and orange colour. "Twelve adults, including eight males and four females who were seriously injured, were rushed to Wesley College Hospital in Ilesa for treatment," he said. He blamed the incident on over speeding and dangerous overtaking.—Xinhua

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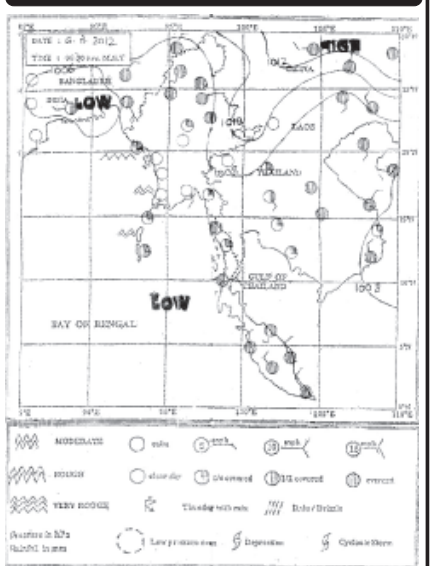
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 7th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	16/61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
2	Kayah	31/88	11/52	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	37/99	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
4	Chin	19/66	09/48	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	24/75	16/61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	16/61	Generally fair weather	
7	Tanintharyi	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
8	Bago	35/95	21/70	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	36/97	19/66	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	34/93	19/66	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	38/100	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
12	Yangon	36/97	23/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	30/86	19/66	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	10/50	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	28/82	10/50	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	11/52	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	17/63	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yunnan	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	19/66	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, light rain have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions. weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay Region, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (°C) below March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, (°C) to (°C) below March average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Eastern Shan State, (°C) above March average temperatures in Kayah State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Mithun (39°C). The non-significant amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.20) inch.

Bay Inference

Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

150 people killed in dump blast in Brazzaville Congo

KINSHASA, 6 March—At least 150 people are reported to have been killed following huge explosions at an arms dump in Congo's capital Brazzaville. The force of the blasts was felt several miles away in the city of Kinshasa, across the border in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Hundreds more people are reported to have been injured in the explosions. The BBC's Thomas Hubert, in Kinshasa, says residents of east Brazzaville fled when the blasts began. He says the explosions started shortly after 08:00 local time (07:00 GMT) and continued into the early afternoon, causing panic in both cities. Although Congo has suffered coups and a civil war in the past, it has been largely peaceful since the 1990s. A European diplomat in Brazzaville told AFP news agency: "We count at least 150 dead in the military hospitals and around 1,500 injured, some of them seriously." A

doctor in the French embassy in Brazzaville, who visited local hospitals, said about 500 people had been injured. State radio, citing Defence Minister Charles Zacharie Bowao, said the explosions had been caused by a fire in the arms depot in the Regiment Blinde base in the riverside neighbourhood of Mpila. Mr Bowao appeared on national TV to urge calm in Brazzaville and across the Congo river in Kinshasa. "The explosions that you have heard don't mean there is a war or a coup d'etat," he said. "Nor does it mean there was a mutiny. It is an incident caused by a fire at the munitions depot."

Witnesses said troops and police had sealed off the area. Didier Boutsindi, of the presidential office, said many people were trapped in the wreckage of a collapsed church.—Internet

Photo taken on 5 March, 2012 shows the blast scene in Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of Congo. Huge blasts at a munitions depot in the capital on 4 March killed about 150 deaths and left over 1,500 injured, according to government authorities. The Chinese Embassy here has confirmed six Chinese dead and dozens of others injured, some of them seriously.—XINHUA



The Republic of Congo's President Denis Sassou Nguesso (R Front) delivers condolence to Chinese Ambassador to Republic of Congo Li Shuli at a hospital in Brazzaville, capital of Republic of Congo on 4 March, 2012. The Chinese Embassy here has confirmed six Chinese dead and dozens of others injured in blasts at a munitions depot here on Sunday.—XINHUA

Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continues for ninth day

Condolence recorded, two bills submitted, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 354 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attended ninth day regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw here this afternoon where condolence was put on record, two bills were submitted and one bill was approved.

Pyithu Hluttaw on 1 March received Social Welfare Bill approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw. The Bill Committee will scrutinize and put forward to Hluttaw with its report for discussion. Representatives who are willing to participate in discussion are to submit their name list mentioning "paragraph, subparagraph, subject and fact" to be discussed precisely not later than 1 pm on 8 March.

The Hluttaw recorded condolence for late U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency who worked as a member in Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee.

As it had been agreed to provide one-day allowance of Hluttaw representatives since the second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw if one Hluttaw representative passes away, K 4 million including a day's allowances of Hluttaw representatives was sent to his family.

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee U Khin Maung Oo submitted Major Commodity and Service Bill and Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Disabled and Died or Fallen Tatmadawmen's Family Aid Bill.

Members of Bill Committee U Aung Mya Than and U Khin Maung Shwe read out the clarification on the second bill. The date for discussion will be announced later. Representatives who are willing to participate in discussion



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are to submit their name list mentioning "paragraph, subparagraph, subject and fact" to be discussed precisely not later than 1 pm on 8 March.

Chairman of Bill Committee U T Khun Myat submitted the report of the committee on Union Election Commission Bill. As Pyithu Hluttaw agreed the approval of Amyotha

Hluttaw for Preamble, paragraphs and subparagraphs in Chapter (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) of the bill, Pyithu Hluttaw approved Union Election Commission Bill as in the approval of Amyotha Hluttaw.

Today's session concluded at 2.30 pm and the tenth day is scheduled to be held at 10 am on 8 March.—MNA

Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 10th day

One bill approved, one proposal discussed and recorded and one new proposal submitted



Tenth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — The third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 10th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall at the Hluttaw Building here this afternoon.

It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 191 representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw.

During the meeting, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun clarified the report of the bill committee regarding the discussion of the representatives

over foreign investment bill.

The Hluttaw approved the bill paragraph by paragraph. Joint-Secretary of the Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin submitted a proposal to approve the Foreign Investment Bill and the Hluttaw approved the amended bill.

Six representatives discussed the proposal urging the Union Government to promote the education system

submitted by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 6.

In his discussion, U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 3 suggested to systematically select the primary teachers as the primary level is the most important level for the education system, to give more encouragement to the child-centered approach teaching system, to review the examination system. He also discussed matters related to improvement of skills of English and seconded the proposal.

U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No.4 seconded the proposal and suggested to train the students to become good citizens through examination tests, to include the practical teaching system that is in conformity with the current era and to produce teachers who can handle the child-centered teaching system.

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No 8 discussed the teaching and role of teachers, stressing the need for the child-centered teaching system and for the obligation of teachers to practically encourage the students to be interested in the environmental conservation and sports.

In his discussion to second the proposal, U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No 10 stressed the importance of the role of teachers who were participating in the teaching system that can shape a modern and developed nation and urged the teachers to value their role of nurturing the future generation so that they can become intellectual and intelligentsia. The current 30-year education plan has set a target to help all citizens to complete the basic education primary level by 2005, the middle level by 1015 and higher level by 2030, he said. He also suggested that it is important for the basic education schools to nurture the students to become fit and

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