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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.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov at the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister

for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads.

The Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Mikhail M Mgeladze.

At the call, they discussed cooperation in drug control matter between the two countries for controlling the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov at Presidential Palace.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo shakes hands with Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov.—MNA

Outstanding athletes honoured

YANGON, 30 March—A ceremony to honour outstanding athletes from Sports and Education Combination School of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) of Sports and Physical Education Department for 2011-2012 was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of the institute in Tamway Township today.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik awarded the outstanding athletes and trainees for 2011-2012 academic year after delivering an address. The director-general then met members of the sports team that will take part in the international sports competitions, at the hall of the department.—MNA

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Myanmar men's tennis team leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 30 March—With the aim of enabling Myanmar selected tennis team to secure victory in the XXVII SEA Games 2013 and having international experiences from the competitions, a Myanmar selected men's tennis team comprising captain Min Min, Nge Hnau, Phyo Min Tha and Aung Kyaw Naing left here by air for Vietnam yesterday.

The team will take part in the ITF Future (F1) to be held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam from 2 to 8 April and the ITF (F2) in the same place from 9 to 15 April and in the Davis

Cup by Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV 2012 in Doha of Qatar from 16 to 23 April.

They will also participate in the Thailand F1 Future in Bangkok of Thailand from 7 to 13 May, the Thailand F2 Future from 14 to 20 May and the Thailand F3 Future from 21 to 27 May.

Chief Coach Mr Robert Jesse Davis of the federation who arrived in Ho Chi Minh City in advance will discharge duty as coach for the Myanmar tennis team.

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Navigators

Our democratization process has been opening up reforms in multiple sectors throughout its non-stop evolution from the start to this date, calling for both hard work and efficiency of the citizens who actually wish national progress through changes and democracy in a peaceful and stable atmosphere.

Our people want democracy as they believe the system will bring progress and prosperity our nation needs. Actually, democracy can be assumed the best political system human beings have ever invented to serve mankind. But it also has advantages and disadvantages. And a system alone cannot ensure progress and prosperity of a nation. In fact, human beings are the key as they are navigators in directing the course of mother country towards a better future while the system serves as a map.

Here people need proficiency in navigation and map reading to reach the aspired destination, or else they will get lost in the middle of the journey. So, high efficiency or high intellectual level of people is a must in building a true democratic state that guarantees peace, prosperity and progress every one wants.

People need reasoning power to distinguish between right and wrong, efficiency to compete with international counterparts for national progress, ethics to stay away from corruption and bribery the worst enemy of democracy, vision to stay united and forge national consolidation the strength of democracy, experience to do the right job at the right time and knowledge to practice democracy correctly.

As democracy has its own pros and cons like all other systems of the world, people in a democratic society must have more than the given abilities as they themselves are the navigators towards the right path to the aspired goal.

Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russia calls on Dy FM

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov and party currently in Myanmar paid a courtesy call on Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs at the ministry, here, at 4:30 pm today.

They discussed developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and cooperation on drug control matters between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

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Books donated to raise reading habit

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Organized by Pakokku District Information and Public Relation Department, the raising of reading skill was held in conjunction with the book donation at Kyatpyaw Basic Education High School in Pakokku Township yesterday morning.

After giving an

address, Township Administrator U Aung Naing Oo presented prizes to the winners in the poem recitation, essay and extempore talk contest.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Win May donated books to the village libraries.

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

Myanmar, Russia to cooperate in narcotic drug control



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P. Ivanov and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko had a cordial discussion with Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P. Ivanov, on joint narcotic drug control between Myanmar and Russia, at the hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, at 1 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials.

The delegation was accompanied by Russian Ambassador Dr Mikhail M. Mgeladze and party.

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Scholarship examinations inspected in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected examinations for scholarship at basic education middle and high school level for 2012-2013 academic year at Nay Pyi

Taw BEMS No 2 in Zabuthiri, Lewe BEHS No 2 and Dekkhinathiri BEHS No 18 this morning.

Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu and party also looked into similar examinations at Pyinmana

BEHS No 2, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 1 in Zeyathiri, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 3 in Pobbathiri and Nay Pyi Taw BEMS No 5 in Ottarathiri.

The examinations comprised English and

general knowledge across the nation at the same time. On 31 March, the students of high school will be tested in physical and mental fitness. One outstanding student from township/sub-township will be awarded scholarship with month stipends up to completion of high school education.

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Stake driven for construction of garment factory in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung on 28 March attended the ceremony to drive stakes for construction of garment factory to be opened by Delta Industrial Group in Patheingyi Industrial Zone in Patheingyi on 28 March morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association U Myint Soe explained matters related to garment industry. A director of Delta Industrial Group explained tasks of the factory.

After delivering an address, the Region Chief Minister drove stake at the designated places.

He then attended Kuthinayon GSM/UMTS mobile telephone radio

station in Ward 6 of Patheingyi and launched the station.

In the afternoon, Chief Minister U Thein Aung delivered an address at the World TB Day 2012 at Myanmar Medical Association (Patheingyi).

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UDNR graduates in Kayah State meet at get-together

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A get-together of graduates of University for Development of National Races was held in Dimawso of Kayah State on 28 March morning.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo and get-together committee Kayah State Minister for Electric and Industry U Saw Hu Hu made speeches.

The Chief Minister inspected the inter-village bridge in Wathawku Village, Special Coal Plant in Loinapha Village and thriving dragon fruit and orange plantations in Dimawso Township.—MNA

Dy A&I Minister meets trainees of regions and states



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than conducts trainees from Regions and States around 100-acre Palethwe paddy seed production farm of Yezin University of Agriculture.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than this morning met trainees from regions and states at Yezin University of Agriculture for

their studies in production of Palethwe hybrid paddy strain.

The deputy minister, officials and trainees visited the 100-acre seed production farm of Palethwe paddy

strain of the university. Altogether 39 trainees from Region and State Agriculture Departments are attending the course that will last one cultivation season of paddy.—MNA



Arab leaders pose for a picture ahead of the opening session of the 23rd Arab League Summit in Baghdad on 29 March, 2012. INTERNET

Rockets explode as Arab leaders meet in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 March — Three rockets exploded around Baghdad on Thursday despite a massive security operation as Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki hosted the country's first Arab League summit in two decades.

After years of war, Iraq's Shi'ite-led government had hoped the summit would highlight its growing stability and renewed role in the

region, where Sunni Gulf nations have long been wary of Baghdad's close ties to Shi'ite power Iran.

One rocket exploded on the edge of the fortified Green Zone where the Arab leaders were meeting.

"The blast happened close to the Iranian embassy. The windows of the embassy have been shattered, but there are no casualties," a senior Iraqi security source said.

Two other rockets struck central and western Baghdad, but no casualties were reported. Insurgents often fire rockets and mortars at the Green Zone, which houses ministries and foreign embassies.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon joined Arab leaders at the summit in a former palace of Saddam Hussein.

Reuters

US missile strike kills three in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 30 March — A suspected US drone fired two missiles at a house in northwest Pakistan early Friday morning, killing three alleged militants in an attack that comes as Pakistani officials have stepped up their calls for the strikes to end, intelligence officials said.

The attack could complicate US efforts to get Pakistan to reopen its border crossings to supplies meant for NATO troops in Afghanistan. Pakistan shut the border last November in retaliation for American airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

Pakistan's parliament is debating a revised framework for its relationship with the US that Washington hopes will result in NATO supply routes reopening. But a key demand is that the US stop drone attacks, which are very unpopular in Pakistan because many people believe they mostly kill civilians — a claim denied by the US and contradicted by independent research. Friday's strike targeted a house in Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal area, a key sanctuary for Taliban and al-Qaeda militants, Pakistani intelligence officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. — Internet

Afghan security forces escort Taliban militants clad in Afghan women dresses to be presented to the media at the Afghan intelligence department in Mehtarlam, Laghman province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, 28 March, 2012. — INTERNET



Afghan policeman kills nine sleeping fellow officers

KABUL, 30 March — An Afghan policeman shot to death nine of his fellow officers as they slept in a village in an eastern Taliban stronghold on Friday, police said, blaming the attack on the insurgents.

The gunman opened fire

with his assault rifle after waking up at 3 am ostensibly to take over guard duty at a small command post in Paktika province, killing everybody inside, including the commander, according to officials. He then took their weapons, piled them in a pickup truck and sped away.

It was the latest in a growing number of attacks by Afghan security forces against their own people or against international troops in Afghanistan in recent years, some the result of arguments and others by insurgent infiltrators.

Provincial police chief Dawlat Khan Zadran said the incident took place in

Yayakhil town of Yayakhil district.

Bowal Khan, chief of Yayakhil district, identified the gunman as Asadullah and said he goes by one name, as do many Afghans. Khan said his own brother was among those killed, along with the commander of the post, identified as Mohammad Ramazan, and two of the commander's sons.

The motive for the killing was not known, but police in the area blamed the Taliban for the attack. Paktika is a stronghold of the Haqqani network, a Pakistani-based group with ties to the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Internet

Indonesian police shoot dead two terror suspects

JAKARTA, 30 March — Indonesian police killed two suspected terrorists in a raid on the outskirts of Jakarta, a force spokesman said, less than two weeks after officers shot dead five suspects on the resort island of Bali. "The suspects tried to escape with a gun, triggering a shootout with the police who shot the two instantly," national police spokesman Saad Usman Nasution told AFP on Friday. The raid took place at a rented house on the outskirts

of the capital at 3:30 am (2030 GMT), with anti-terror police confiscating a revolver, explosive materials, several books about jihad and documents outlining a bank robbery.

"We're still investigating whether they are linked to terror networks," the police spokesman said.

"The two are also suspects in the stabbing and shooting of a traffic police officer."

The incident came less

than two weeks after a counter-terrorism squad gunned down five suspects in two raids on the popular tourist island of Bali. Police suspected that group was planning a bank robbery to finance several terror attacks.

Indonesia has been rocked by a series of attacks staged by regional terror network Jemaah Islamiyah in recent years, including the 2002 Bali bombings which killed 202 people.

Internet

Flash floods cause havoc in Fiji

SUVA, 30 March — Flash flooding cut highways and forced evacuations in Fiji, with residents sheltering from rising waters on rooftops as authorities scrambled to find rescue boats.

Heavy rains caused rivers to burst their banks in the west of the main island Viti Levu, taking water levels higher than those experienced during a six-day deluge in January which claimed 11 lives, meteorologists said on Friday.

Police said they were not aware of any deaths in the latest disaster, which cut off the town of Nadi, home to Fiji's international airport, as well as other centres including Ba, Lautoka, Rakiraki and Sigatoka.

Most flights to and from Nadi were cancelled, national carrier Air Pacific said.

The disaster management office, Dismac, said a "massive" number of people were stranded on rooftops awaiting rescue and appealed for anyone with a boat to help relief efforts. "We've got a lot of reports of people on rooftops, it's quite a massive number," Dismac director Pajililai Dobui told reporters. — Internet



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Dozens of Taliban killed in fighting in west Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 March — Dozens of Taliban fighters were killed in US air strikes and a gun battle in western Afghanistan after an insurgent attack on an Afghan army patrol, NATO and Afghan officials said on Friday. A spokesman of the International Security Assistance Force said the patrol came under attack in Gulistan District in western Farah Province on Wednesday, prompting a call for air support. "Numerous insurgents were killed, and several motorbikes were damaged or destroyed" following two strikes by coalition aircraft, he said.

Abdul Raoof Ahmadi, a police spokesman in western Afghanistan, said 30 Taliban were killed and another 15 wounded in the fighting in the remote area. Officials have warned of a hard summer ahead as the fighting season resumes and Afghan national forces assume responsibility of security in more parts of the country from NATO combat forces set to leave by the end of 2014. Taliban are active in parts of Farah including Gulistan, which falls on a desert highway connecting both Kabul and Kandahar to the western city of Herat.

Mohammed Yunus Rasouli, the deputy governor for Farah, said five vehicles of the Afghan national army came under attack when they were crossing Gulistan and three soldiers were burnt inside the vehicle. "In response, ISAF, the national army and police started a joint operation which still continues," he said, adding he could not give a number of the militants killed. — Internet



Afghan National Army soldiers keep watch at the site of motorcycle bomb attack in Kandahar Province on 14 March, 2012. A motorcycle bomb killed an Afghan intelligence official and wounded three people in the southern city of Kandahar on Wednesday, a local government spokesman told.

INTERNET

Pesticides hit queen bee numbers



Pesticides are not the whole problem, but some think they could be a significant one.—INTERNET

LONDON, 30 March—Some of the world's most commonly used pesticides are killing bees by damaging their ability to navigate and reducing numbers of queens, research suggests. Scientific groups in the UK and France studied the effects of neonicotinoids, which are used in more than 100 nations on farm crops and in gardens. The UK team found the pesticides caused an 85% drop in queen production. Writing in the journal *Science*, the groups note that bee declines in many countries are reducing crop yields.

In the UK alone, pollination is calculated to be worth about £430m to the national economy. And the US is among countries where a succession of local populations has crashed, a syndrome known as Colony Collapse Disorder. Many causes have been suggested, including diseases, parasites, reduction in the range of flowers growing wild in the countryside, pesticides, or a combination of them all. The neonicotinoids investigated in the two

Science papers are used on crops such as cereals, oilseed rape and sunflowers.

Often the chemical is applied to seeds before planting. As the plant grows, the pesticide is contained in every part of it, deterring insect pests such as aphids. But it also enters the pollen and nectar, which is how it can affect bees. Dave Goulson from the UK's University of Stirling and colleagues studied the impact of the neonicotinoid imidacloprid on bumblebees. They let bees from some colonies feed on pollen and sugar water containing levels of imidacloprid typically found in the wild, while others received a natural diet. Then they placed the colonies out in the field.—Internet

Nature deficit disorder 'damaging Britain's children'

LONDON, 30 March—UK children are losing contact with nature at a "dramatic" rate, and their health and education are suffering, a National Trust report says. Traffic, the lure of video screens and parental anxieties are conspiring to keep children indoors, it says. Evidence suggests the problem is worse in the UK than other parts of Europe, and may help explain poor UK rankings in childhood satisfaction surveys. The trust



Children "learn by doing" in the natural environment, says the National Trust.
INTERNET

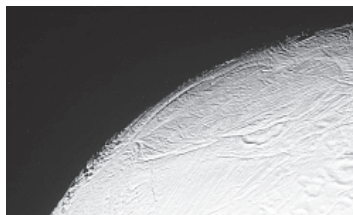
is launching a consultation on tackling "nature deficit disorder".

"This is about changing the way children grow up and see the world," said Stephen Moss, the author, naturalist and former BBC Springwatch producer who wrote the Natural Childhood report for the National Trust. "The natural world doesn't come with an instruction leaflet, so it teaches you to use your creative imagination. "When you build a den with your mates when you're nine years old, you learn teamwork—you disagree with each other, you have arguments, you resolve them, you work together again—it's like a team-building course, only you did it when you were nine."

The trust argues, as have other bodies in previous years, that the growing dissociation of children from the natural world and internment in the "cotton wool culture" of indoor parental guidance impairs their capacity to learn through experience.

Internet

Cassini spacecraft captures Saturn moon geyser images



Abundant evidence of geological activity criss-crosses Enceladus's surface.—INTERNET

LONDON, 30 March—The Cassini spacecraft has captured striking images from flying by three moons of Saturn, including new pictures of Enceladus's gushing geysers. Cassini made its lowest pass yet over the south pole of Enceladus, at an altitude of 74km (46 miles). This allowed it to "taste" the jets of water vapour and ice that the moon spews forth into space. The NASA probe also made relatively close flypasts

of two other Saturnian satellites: Dione and Janus. The observations were made over 27 and 28 March.

The encounter was primarily designed for Cassini's ion and neutral mass spectrometer instrument, which sampled the composition of Enceladus's south polar plume. Other instruments, including the Cassini plasma spectrometer and composite infrared spectrometer, also took measurements. Before the closest approach to Enceladus, Cassini's onboard cameras captured images of the geysers, which contain organic compounds along with the ice and vapour. The jets erupt from cracks, or hot fissures, at the south pole known as "tiger stripes".

Several lines of evidence suggest the jets are fed by a liquid water ocean beneath Enceladus' outer icy shell. Scientists have previously detected salts in these jets, which suggests the ocean is probably in contact with the moon's rocky core. "Cassini has flown several times now through this spray and has tasted it.—Internet

TECHNOLOGY

Facebook retooling search around 'like' button

NEW YORK, 30 March—Google splashed around in Facebook's waters, re-delving into social networking with Google Plus, which recently melded social networking with Google's search product. Now, Facebook has decided to work on search, though on a small scale to start. The company is working on a project to put its own house in order, and will make searching the vast social network much easier.

According to Bloomberg Businessweek sources, 24 Facebook engineers will be working on making the social network's search function worthy of the nearly 1 billion active users. The team will be led by ex-Google engineer Lars Rasmussen, who helped create Google Maps and Wave, and will focus on find ways for users to navigate through the mountain of status updates, links, videos, comments and other content, using the Facebook's "like" button as a guiding star.

Currently Facebook's white search bar can hunt down

other Facebook members, as well as brand pages, locations and groups, as well as a web search using the Bing search engine.

However, Bloomberg points out that the search bar is a "crude tool," fielding a lowly 336 million search queries last month—far lower than Yahoo, Ebay, Craigslist, Amazon, Microsoft and especially Google—and the search function yields poorly matched advertisements.

Bloomberg points out that re-tooling its search feature could mean Facebook is getting more serious about making money, as it could dig deep into the \$15 billion search advertisement market and follow Google and Microsoft by "selling relevant keyword ads alongside results." Time will tell whether social network gains enough web momentum through its "like" button proliferation to finally knock Google down, but for now Facebook will have plenty to work with within its own walls.—Internet

The Google Campus will house newly established technology start-ups.—INTERNET

BlueStacks Android emulator lets you use apps on your PC

NEW YORK, 30 March—A new Windows PC programme has just hit beta testing that allows Android users to fire up apps on their computers, even the ones they've already purchased for smartphones or tablets. The new programme comes from software developer

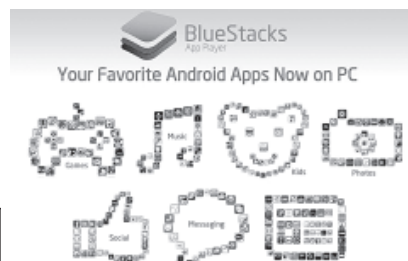
BlueStacks, according to a story from PC World, and is actually available (for free) right now. Aptly named Android Player, it works on Windows 7, Windows Vista and Windows XP and can operate using apps downloaded from Google Play, GetJar, 1Mobile Market

Google Campus opened by Chancellor George Osborne

LONDON, 30 March—The UK will become the "technology centre of Europe", Chancellor George Osborne has vowed. He was speaking at the opening of Google Campus, a new centre offering desk space and mentoring for technology companies.

Mr Osborne said Campus was part of a wider effort to "create the next generation of British technologies". However, some UK start-ups outside of the capital have accused the government of being too London-centric. Google's Eze Vidra described the opening as a "transformational moment for the UK start-up community".

Campus is situated in the Old Street area of east London, an area dubbed the Silicon Roundabout. The new building incorporates existing co-working space TechHub, which has now moved out of its original premises. On the building's sixth floor is SeedCamp, an early stage investment programme which puts cash into about 20 fledgling technology companies a year.—Internet



and the Amazon Appstore. In fact, according to BlueStacks, users should be able to use on their PCs as many as 450,000 different Android apps.

This isn't the first app emulator to pop up for PC users, but BlueStacks has a leg up on other similar programmes for Android and iOS with its new "Layercake" technology. The new software allows apps built to use things like the Unity Engine, ARM hardware or hardware accelerators like the Tegra 2 in tablets and smartphones to adapt to the technology of PCs, using things like AMD processors. The result, basically, is that apps work like they should on PC, and aren't hamstrung by hardware incompatibilities.

Moving Android apps, specifically games, to other platforms hasn't exactly been a quick and easy process. Mobile apps translate pretty well between mobile

platforms. iOS games and Android games frequently cross-pollinate each other's ecosystems, and many of those same games are jumping the gap over to Windows Phone territory as well. But fewer titles have adapted from mobile to other platforms.

Most of the time, it's PC games that are ported to the mobile space, and those games generally have to be rebuilt from the ground up. The same is true with bringing Angry Birds to PlayStation 3, for example.

That BlueStacks opens up the door for almost half a million apps to be useable on PCs makes it a pretty big deal, and it should even make it possible to send access Android apps on upcoming Windows 8 tablets. Better still, it's available right now: you can download it from BlueStacks' website right here.—Internet



Zeechaung Dam for supply of irrigation water in Kyauktaw Township.

Dams providing irrigation and drinking water for locals in Rakhine State



Pyaingchaung Dam irrigating over 5,000 acres of croplands in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.



Hinywet Dam was constructed to provide drinking water and irrigation water for locals.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye

Translation: TKK

Pyaingchaung Dam supplies irrigation water and potable water for Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.



Courses of Education & Training Dept of Border Affairs Ministry conclude

YANGON, 30 March—Financial rule special course No.24 and storekeeping (Grade-4) course No.1 were concluded at the central training school of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here

this morning, with an address by Director-General U Myo Hlaing.

After the course conclusions, the director-general met the staff and inspected the mess and crops plantations.

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Danger of fire talked at Sugar Mill (Dahatgon)

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A talk on danger of fire was given at Sugar Mill (Dahatgon) of Myanma Economic Corporation in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

Mill Manager U Myo Aung made an opening address. Director of Nay Pyi Taw

Fire Services Department U Than Kyaw Kyaw talked about preventive measures against fire. Head of Tatkon Township FSD U Kyaw Kyaw demonstrated use of foam, and mill workers participated in fire drill.

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Preservation, Participation and Promotion of Public Awareness on ICH in Myanmar

Nanda Hmun, Ministry of Culture

As we all Myanmar are aware of *cultural landscape* of Myanmar and always proud of our long history and accepted as it is a combination of both physical and spiritual cultures; our ways of thinking about culture, is always intertwined with the teachings of Buddha. The most significant characteristics of Myanmar culture in its context is that embraces gentle manners, customs, traditions and rules of conduct that have been sustained and kept to generation to generation through many ways. We are always nostalgically proud of our landmarks great Shwe Dagon Pagoda, those abundance of pagodas and temples at Bagan, the breathtaking Kyaikhtyoe, those stories on mystic powers of Inlay Hpaung-daw-oo etc. which remains on this land attest not only we, Myanmar people are rich in cultural heritage and wealthy with those assets but also old Myanmar's ability and craftsmanship, especially of engineering, mathematics, geometry. Our land is also the re-

reacuracy of preservation of culture is a prerequisite for the official assigned related to culture becomes another paradox to be taken into account. The accounts of cultural preservation not only depend on the tangible cultural heritage as we are so renown among the global community but also we have to be on par with those preservation and sustainability of intangible ones, which we often not taken into account.

Though we are rich with abundance of cultural heritage and committed to safeguard them as national task, the focus should be on all types of heritage: cultural heritage and natural heritage. For cultural heritage, it encompasses - Tangible Cultural Heritage (TCH) and Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). With those updates of UNESCO and attending couple of meetings, conferences and workshops with its collaborations, we become more convinced and those enriching information and experiences, which calls for paying more attention on ICH: its significances, how it is becoming fragile, and



about what constitutes intangible cultural heritage, why it should be safeguarded and what kind of actions to be taken into account.

We, Myanmar has many community participation works which can be termed as "ICH" that goes along

with the traditionally aware and handed down by our ancestors through one generation after another. It is indeed a kind of practice that should be listed along with those ICH safeguarding. The message of safeguarding ICH is not only concerned with government officials, policy makers but also teachers, youths, parents, elders, up to other NGOs. To know all aspects of our living traditions is the duty of every citizen too. This kind of awareness must be heightened and the unique Myanmar ICH must be encouraged to be known and sustained with devotion. Since it is an emerging issues, we all are committed to record, compile, practice, handover all those practices, representations, expressions, knowledge and skills. Substantial contribution of ICH in our daily life is uncountable. It is an account of those things we inherited from older generations, our practice, our values both aesthetic and pragmatic views concern with both optimism and pessimism.

Heritage in the international operations

It has been claimed that "Heritage as a collective-memory aid and an instrument for learning about history", and it calls for activities to look more insights on it. Along with culture and civilization, both tangible and intangible heritage have been created, practiced, accepted with inspirations for ages. Those splendors of tangible cultural heritages (to be termed as TCH) ranged from religious temples, pagodas, etc: that encompass their core values and beliefs, and priorities like monu-

ments, buildings, sites that can be seen touched and showed. Under monuments; architectural works, works of monumental sculpture and painting, elements or structures of an archaeological nature, inscriptions, cave dwellings and combinations of features, which are of Outstanding Universal Value from the point of view of history, art or science, for groups of buildings: groups of separate or connected buildings which, because of their architecture, their homogeneity or their place in the landscape, are of Outstanding Universal Value from the point of view of history, art or science and for sites: works of man or the combined works of nature and of man, and areas including archaeological sites which are of Outstanding Universal Value from the historical, aesthetic, ethnological or anthropological points of view are included.

It is noted that United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which has a mandate in international cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication has been involved in creation of seven international conventions in the field of culture. The Convention for the Safeguard-

ing of the Intangible Cultural Heritage is one of those conventions was adopted during 2003 General Conference of UNESCO and entered into force in 2006 has the following four primary goals:

- to safeguard intangible cultural heritage;
- to ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of communities, groups and individuals concerned;
- to raise awareness and appreciation of the importance of intangible cultural heritage at local, national and international levels;
- to provide for international cooperations and assistance

In Article (2) of the UNESCO's **Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 2003**, it states **"the definition of the ICH"** as: **"The 'intangible cultural heritage' means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills—as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith—that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage. This intangible** (See page 7)



owned centre of attention and attraction with those religiously inspired works of arts and sustainability of Myanmar ways and manners. Along with those endowments, the duty and responsibility to preserve and sustain is the emergence of all nationalities staying in Myanmar and being a Myanmar. The bu-

why it is placed at the urgent need to safeguard it for our future generations. Sometimes its is in accordance to the saying like: *"without taking notice, even cave cannot be seen"*. The concrete information of all types of cultural heritage should be compiled and give clear message and teaching to the young generation

with the traditionally aware and handed down by our ancestors through one generation after another. It is indeed a kind of practice that should be listed along with those ICH safeguarding. The message of safeguarding ICH is not only concerned with government officials, policy makers but also teachers, youths, par-

Preservation, Participation and Promotion of Public Awareness on ICH in Myanmar

Nanda Hmun, Ministry of Culture

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cultural heritage, transmitted from generation to generation, is constantly recreated by communities and groups in response to their environment, their interaction with nature and their history, and provides them with a sense of identity and continuity, thus promoting respect for cultural diversity and human creativity. For the purposes of this Convention, consideration will be given solely to such intangible cultural heritage as is compatible with existing international human rights instruments, as well as with the requirements of mutual respect among communities, groups and individuals, and of sustainable development.

Moreover, it is noted that the ICH has been manifested in the following domains:

(a) oral traditions and ex-

pressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage (b) performing arts; (c) social practices, rituals and festive events; (d) knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe; (e) traditional craftsmanship.

Challenges for ICH

On the otherhand, those issues concern with ICH can be stated as sustainable tourism and cultural tourism which have been the focus of countless development programmes, projects and activities in the Asia Pacific region. Now people in those countries are being aware of strengthening communities' capacities to control and manage their own Intangible Cultural Heritage in the face of increased tourism. Among those issues: handicrafts in the context of sustainable cultural tourism; performing arts in the context of sustainable cultural tourism and ICH in the con-

text of environmental, agricultural and eco tourism have been targeted. Now they all are aware of "how they can make sure that the Intangible Cultural Heritage practicing communities retain "ownership" of their own Intangible Cultural Heritage". These are all Myanmar has to put into consideration for the near future too. The perceptions of Myanmar on ICH have to be shaped and communicated well and they also need to be demonstrated properly.

When we study how UNESCO defines about oral heritage and others ICH, it is stated by UNESCO that **oral and intangible heritage** as "the totality of tradition-based creations of a cultural community expressed by a group or individuals and recognized as reflecting the expectations of a community in so far as they reflect its cultural and social identity." Language,



literature, music and dance, games and sports, culinary traditions, rituals and mythologies, knowledge and practices concerning the universe, know-how linked to handicrafts, and cultural spaces are among the many forms of intangible heritage. Intangible heritage is seen

as a **repository of cultural diversity and creative expression**, as well as a **driving force for living culture**. So our oral history and those oral expressions of all nationalities are included in ICH and it calls for the safeguarding of oral and intangible heritage to be identified, documented, protected, promoted and revitalised them for the sake of their vulnerability. That is why it is recommended that the revitalization of old and fading traditional festivals are to be encouraged and sustained.

(To be continued)

Crime reduction educated in Yebyu



YEBYU, 30 March—A talk on drug abuse control and crime reduction was held at Basic Education Primary School in Khamaungchaung Village of Yebyu Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Region, on 18 March.

In the talks, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thein Myint Aung gave talks on crime

reduction and public-cooperated functions of Myanmar Police Force, Township Judge Daw Pyone Pyone Kyi on eradication of narcotic drugs, Township Law Officer U Hsan Htut on danger of narcotic drugs and leader of police surveillance Sub-Police Inspector Myo Naing on traffic rules.

Myanma Alin



Anti-measles campaign talked in Thandaunggyi

THANDAUNGGYI, 30 March—A talk on age-wise measles vaccination campaign in Thandaunggyi Township of Kayin State was held at the hall of Thandaunggyi Township Administrative Office on 8 March.

At first, Township

Administrator U Thein Win made a speech.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Naing reported on the purpose of the campaign and arrangements.

Those present took part in the discussions.

Township HD

Age-wise anti-measles vaccination talked

YANGON, 30 March—A talk on age-wise anti-measles vaccination 2012 at township level was held at the office of Insein Township General Administration Department in Yangon North District on 9 and 20 March.

Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe made a speech before the talk. It was attended by township level departmental officials, Head of Township

Health Department Dr Naw Thanda Shwe and administrators of ward administrators from 21 wards.

The head of Township Health Department urged ward administrators to gather children from the wards arranging from nine months to five years old at the gathering points to be able to inject them with anti-measles vaccination from 22 to 31 March.—Kyemon

CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Moe Pwint-2 Plan is being implemented to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible people across the nation. Head of Putao District Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Soe presents citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at Wards 1 and 2 in Machanbaw Township of Putao District.

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ANTI-MEASLES VACCINATED: A ceremony to launch age-wise measles vaccination campaign was held at Sanpya Ward Dhammayon in 2/A Ward of Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region on 22 March. Head of Township Health Department Dr Win Win Mar and health staff, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Yi Yi Maw and members participate in vaccinating the children.

TOWNSHIP HD



Control of avian influenza talked in Myingyan

MYINGYAN, 30 March—A talk on bird flu was held at the meeting hall of Myingyan Township General Administration Department of Mandalay Region on 16 March.

First, Township Administrator U Shwe Maung made a speech. In-charge Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Myint Aung explained the matters related

to development affairs law, and Staff Officer Dr Yin Yin Myint of Township Health Department matters related to avian influenza.

Assistant Director Dr Daw Mu Mu Win of Myingyan District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department explained control of bird flu and replied to queries raised by those present.

Myanma Alin

Kyeohn Kyeewa Dam could irrigate...

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The storage water of Kyeohn Kyeewa Dam will contribute to easy availability of drinking water and irrigation water, growing of crops at any seasons, greening environments, protection against flood that occurred in Pakokku Region last year and fire prevention.

In addition, it is sure that the hydro electric power that generate from the dam can improve the socio-economic status and living standard of local people. So, the project is said to be one that can develop not only the region but also the country.

So, officials and local people are urged to maintain its durability. On behalf of people, he would like to express the special thanks to respective Union Ministries, authority concerned from Region, construction engineers and staff, who got involved in construction of the multi-purpose dam.

In conclusion, he said he would like to wish: thanks to the water from the dam,

May local people enjoy the improved life by producing more crops than ever,

May local people enjoy water as well as wealth,

May Local people enjoy ten benefits to the full that get for donation of water.

After that, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said: The multi-purpose dam project is the third project in the time of the new government. Construction of it started in 2002-2003. It was commissioned into service after nine years period. It can benefit 44 village-tracts, 181 villages and 29,992 farmers in Minbu, Pwintbyu and Salin Townships of Magway Region as it can supply water to more than 96,000 acres of farmlands through Mezali diversion dam. It contributes to more growing of summer paddy, monsoon paddy and multiple cropping patterns as well as to the development of the villages.

On behalf of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and all citizens, he said that he expressed heartfelt thanks for good legacy of the then-heads of state and their gratitude.

After that, Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min said: Kyeohn Kyeewa hydropower plant with the installed capacity of 74 Megawatts is the second one after Mone Creek Hydropower Plant in Salin Township in the course of the new government.

Ministry of Electric Power No.1 supervised hydropower, machines and power installation in the project. And the Ministry will carry out power generation, maintenances and running of machines after it has been put into services as it is the plant that distributes power to national grid.

The country has 18 hydropower plants including Kyeohn Kyeewa hydropower plant, Tikyit coal-fired plant and 15 gas-fired plants, totaling 34. Total installed capacity has reached 3,434 megawatts. Kunchaung hydropower project with installed capacity of 60 megawatt in Bago region is going to complete soon.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening of Kyeohn Kyeewa multi-purpose dam and hydropower plant.
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Afterwards, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe said that previously dams opened in the Magway Region were only for irrigation water. And the newly-opened Kyeohn Kyeewa Dam and Mone Dam in Sedoktara Township opened in 2005, both of which generate hydropower, were built as multi-purpose dams.

Magway Region has 57 conserved dams/lakes, three dams/lakes that are not conserved by Irrigation Department and 1102 small dams/lakes, 30 river water pumping stations. A total of more than 0.36 million acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy and 0.15 million acres of land, under summer paddy. Plans are under way to carry out additional supply of water to lands in the irrigation areas that cannot grow paddy. He said he would like to say on behalf of local people that they would conserve it for its durability with the sense of accountability and responsibility.

A local spoke words of thanks. Then, the Vice-President formally unveiled the stone inscription of the dam and sprinkled scented water on it.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi and U Aye Myint and Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe also sprinkled scented water on it. Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Zaw Min and the chief minister formally opened the dam. The Vice-President posed for documentary photos together with those present and the local people.

Then, Kyeohn Kyeewa Hydropower Plant was opened and the Vice-President formally opened the stone inscription of the station and sprinkled scented on it. The Union Ministers and the chief minister also sprayed scented water on it.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Zaw Min and the region chief minister formally opened the hydropower plant. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham formally unveiled the signboard. He then pressed the button to operate machine

No.2. Hydropower Generation Enterprise Managing Director U Khin Maung Win reported on the volume of electricity generation and operational condition.

The Vice-President presented baskets of fruits to Chinese technicians. Then, the Vice-President and party paid homage to Hsedaw U Pagoda. They then viewed the dam and looked round the power intake.

At the project briefing hall, U Htin Lin Pyae of Shwe Thanlwin Co presented six sets of Sky Net receiver for the hydropower station to Irrigation Department Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing.

The Vice-President and party left Magway by air and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.

Newly-opened Kyeohn Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam and hydropower station are located at Mone Creek near Wunlo Village 15 miles from Mone Creek Dam Project 5 miles from Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region. By storing water from Mone Creek Dam and from between the two dams, 74 megawatts of electricity will be generated.

Already-built Mezali Diversion Weir will irrigate 96,000 acres of farmland for monsoon paddy cultivation. In addition, more than 74,000 acres of land can be irrigated for summer paddy cultivation and for regional greening.

Kyeohn Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam which is of zone dam type can store 463,000 acre feet. Still water storage of the dam is 35,350 acre feet and area is 10,860 acres. It is 3280 feet long and 164 feet high. Construction of the dam whose conduit is of ogee type started in 2002-2003 and completed 2011-2012.

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UEC member meets Shan State (North), district, township subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Member of the Union Election Commission U Tha Oo met Shan State (North), District and Township Election Subcommissions at the hall of Lashio District General Administration Department in Lashio on 28 March morning.

Member of Shan State Subcommission U Myint Ko Ko, Chairman of Lashio District Subcommission U Tin Maung Shwe and members of Kunlong District, Lashio, Hsenwi, Tangyan, Mongyai and Kunlong Township Subcommissions

reported on preparations for holding the by-elections and candidates of political parties participated in the discussions.

Later, member of the UEC U Tha Oo gave necessary instructions.

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Correction

Please read as "who does not abide" instead of "who does to abide" appeared at line 17, column 5, page 8 of the New Light of Myanmar issued on 30 March 2012.—NLM



Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Zaw Min and Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe formally open Kyeohn Kyeewa Dam.
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Students must be prepared to become...

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The university is 11 years old now as it was opened in 2011. It was the last one in Myanmar, standing as Union level medical university with a total of 2300 students from regions and states studying medicine there.

Students from Mon, Bago, Sagaing, Kachin, Shan and other regions and states had no chance to attend medical universities near their home regions but had to go to Magway University of Medicine. So, lecturers had to apply good teaching methods to make sure parents and students feel worthwhile to join the university, students have secure social life and feel proud of studying at the university. For that, the government would also increasingly provide necessary equipment to the university.

Although universities could not have provided hostels for students, ways are to be sought for Magway University of Medicine to accommodate students for their convenience in learning. Such a characteristic will help the university win the credit and a sound environment must be created. Officials from the university and the region government are found to have been fulfilling the social needs of students.

Moreover, coordination will be made for students to have securer ferries. The success of a university of medicine depends not only on its facilities and the quality of its rector and faculty members but also students' hard work. Students who have been turned out by universities of such significant characteristics will surely become reliable doctors in the national health sector.

Teachers on their part need to train their students to have the habit of self-learning rather than using conventional teaching methods. Only then will students become scholars on whom the State can rely.



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address in meeting with the rector, professors, faculty members of Magway University of Medicine, nurses and service personnel.—MNA

When ASEAN integration area emerges in 2015, professional scholars will pour in. So, students must be well-trained to be on a par with foreign professionals. Students must be prepared to become medical experts when foreign countries come to open their hospitals and universities in Myanmar. In this connection, the government will render assistance as much as necessary and faculty members are to train their students to become skilled doctors, said the Vice-President.

Next, U Htin Lin Pyae of Shwe Than Lwin Co, U Aung Myo Min Din of Amazing Hotel Group and U Kyaw Naing of Chanlon Gems Co donated 10 sets of Sky Net TV receiver and 50 computers.

Then, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present. In late evening, the Vice-President and party visited and paid homage to Magway Myathalon Pagoda. At the office of the pagoda board of trustees, Vice-President Dr Sai

Mauk Kham heard reports by Public Works Superintending Engineer U Ohn Lwin on construction of Maha Atularathi Stairways. Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin gave a supplementary report and the Vice-President left necessary instructions.

This morning, the Vice-President attended a ceremony to provide cash for school uniforms to 198 students of No.88 LID by national entrepreneurs. Also present were Union Ministers U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi and U Aye Myint, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Kyaw Lwin, U Aung Than Co, U Ba Shwe and Dr Win Myint and officials of No.88 LID.

On the occasion, Shwe Than Lwin Co, Amazing Hotel Group and Chanlon Gems Co donated K 5 million for school uniforms.

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Union Defence Minister receives Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russia

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A delegation led by Mr Victor P.Ivanov, Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation a call on Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, at his office here this morning.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on role of Army in narcotic eradication and further cooperation between two armies.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Captain Aung Thaw and officials.

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Bago Region Chief Minister receives personnel of 7 Seeds International Co Ltd

YANGON, 30 March—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Strategist Johnny Kamijo

Shiro of 7 Seeds International Co Ltd and party at Bago Region Government office

yesterday morning.

They discussed investment opportunity in Bago Region.—MNA



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win receives Strategist Johnny Kamijo Shiro and party of 7 Seeds International Co., Ltd of Japan.—MNA

Newly-opened Yezin People's Hospital handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—A ceremony to hand over newly-opened Yezin People's Hospital was held at the hospital in the campus of Yezin University in Zeyathiri Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, deputy ministers, faculty members, students, departmental officials and wellwishers.

Deputy Director-General of Health Department (Treatment) Dr Min Than Nyunt and wellwisher Momentum Co Managing Director U Kyi Swe and wife Daw Mi Mi Maw formally opened the new hospital. Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

The wellwisher then handed over documents related to the building to the deputy director-general.

On behalf of the local people, Rector of University of Agriculture Dr Tin Htut spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Constitutional Tribunal of the Union delivers final verdicts

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union inclusive of the chairman and all the members delivered final verdict on proposal No.1/2012 and proposal No.2/2012 submitted by the Attorney-General of the Union on behalf of the President, sitting at Room No.1 on 28 March.

According to the verdicts, in the proposal No.1/2012, Union-level organizations formed under the Constitution and the members or personalities of those organizations are members and personalities of Union-level organizations appointed by the President with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Committees, commissions and groups formed by the respective Hluttaws are Hluttaw organizations. The interpretation of committees, commissions and groups

formed by the respective Hluttaws as Union-level organizations is not in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution.

In the proposal No.2/2012, the Attorney-General of the Union on behalf of the President asked the Constitutional Tribunal to reconsider its ruling passed on 14 December, 2011 which interpreted that provisions of the Article 5 and Article 17 of the Region- or State-level Personalities Allowance, Emolument and Insignia Law are not in conformity with the Constitution because Region or State national races affairs ministers are officially appointed as Region or State ministers of respective Regions or States. The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union delivered a verdict that the proposal was not eligible to submit as the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is final and conclusive.

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Ordination, novitiation held at BED-3 for third time

YANGON, 30 March—The No. 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region) under the Ministry of Education held the third ordination and novitiation ceremony at Education Dhammayon on Kyadawya Road in Bahan Township of Yangon on 27 March

morning. Secretary of Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Kundala administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and party offered alms to members

of the Sangha and shared merits gained. At the ceremony, 163 educational staff of department including students from various schools were ordained, 4046 boys novitiated and 811 girls initiated into nunhood. Hlaing Myint

Mdy CCI members leave for India



YANGON, 30 March—A 14-member delegation led by CEC member Dr Kyaw Min Oo of Mandalay Region

Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air on 21 March to attend the India Engineering Sourcing Show

to be held in Mumbai of India at the invitation of the Bombay Exhibition Centre of India.—Myanma Alin

Kyonpyaw facilitated with newly-repaved Hninzi Road



YANGON, 30 March—To mark the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the newly-repaved Hninzi Road was inaugurated in Kyonpyaw Township of Ayeyawady Region on 18 March morning. The road was rebuilt by Township Development

Affairs Committee. Executive Officer of the committee U Thant Zin Thein explained matters related to the road.

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Than Tun, Township Administrator U Than Sein and Executive Officer of the

Township Development Affairs Committee U Thant Zin Thein cut the ribbon to open the road.

The 590 feet long and 10 feet wide road was built at a cost of K 5.1 million by the Township Development Affairs Committee and local people.—Myanma Alin

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Cash donated to construction of Dhammayon

YANGON, 30 March—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for construction of Dhammayon was held at Yegan Monastery on Bogyoke Road in Ward 4 of Dalla Township, Yangon South District, on 21 March morning.

At the ceremony, U Min Hlaing-Daw Aye Aye Nwe and family of Thihathu Road donated K 5.04 million and U Ohn Nyunt and siblings K 2.3 million to the funds through the Patron of the construction committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.—Myanma Alin

Winners awarded in ABC National Women's Poll 8-ball Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—The final matches of the ABC National Women's Poll 8-ball Championship, organized by Ambur Electronic with the sponsorship of ABC under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation, were held in conjunction with the prize presentation at Kokkine Swimming Pool in Bahan Township on 25 March.

After the final matches, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented gifts to the sponsors who contributed to the holding the championship.

Vice-Chairman of Kokkine Swimming Club

and officials presented prizes to the winners from the 11th to 25th positions.

General Manager U Tin Hsaung of Ambur Electronic Co Ltd gave the prizes to the 5th to 10th positions.

President of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation U Tin Maung Win awarded the fourth prize winner Amy Kyaw and the third prize winner Marlar (Mandalay).

Managing Director Mr Lim Yew Hoe of ABC presented the second prize winner Amy Aung and the first prize winning Thander Maung.

The championship was contributed by co-sponsors Phobos, MDG, Canon, Gold Roast, Citygn Enterprise (Haier), 100 Plus Energy 101 and Kokkine Swimming Club.—Myanma Alin

Children injected measles vaccination

YANGON, 30 March—The age-wise measles vaccination 2012 was launched by Township Health Department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon East District, on 23 March morning.

The ceremony was held at Sasana Rekkhita Dhammayon in Ward 37, attended by the Township Administrator, Township Health Officers and officials.

Measles vaccination was injected to 13335 children from nine months to five years old of the township. The campaign will last up to 31 March.—The Maung



Undisciplined throwing of cheroot incinerates logs worth US\$ 5 million

YANGON, 30 March—A fire broke out at timber logs stockpiled in the yard of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa-MITT in Thanlyin Township of Yangon Region at 2.25 pm on 26 March.

The fire started from undisciplined throwing of cheroot at the grass near the timber logs of CIFG Company in the MITT and the fire torched stockpiles of timber logs and coal.

About 3000 tons of teak log and 4000 tons of

hardwood logs among 30000 tons of timber in the yard and it lost about US\$ 5 million.

A total of 370 fire brigade members and 77 auxiliary fire

brigade members together with six members of Region Red Cross Society put out the fire with the use of 30 fire engines, eight administrative vehicles, 13 associate



vehicles and seven supporting vehicles and they died out the fire at 6 am on 27 March. Fortunately, a total of 23,000 tons of timber logs of 30,000, over 1000 imported cars, 30 excavators and 25 container vehicles were free from fire.—Ko Gyi Tha

Age-wise measles vaccination campaign launched in Lashio

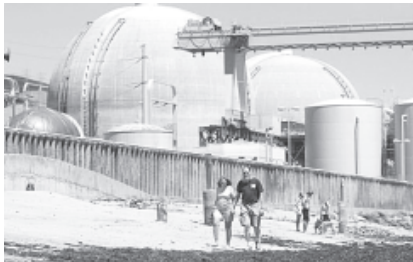
LASHIO, 30 March—The age-wise measles vaccination 2012 was launched at the hall of Nursing Training School in Lashio on 22 March morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Oo Soe of Lashio District General Administration Department

explained the purpose of launching the age-wise measles vaccination campaign.

Later, the deputy commissioner and officials viewed vaccination to children from nine months to five years old.—Sub-printing House (Lashio)

Troubled Southern Calif nuclear power plant remains offline until safety requirements met



This file photo taken 30 June, 2011, shows beach-goers walking on the sand near the San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Clemente, Calif.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 30 March—A troubled nuclear power generating plant in southern California will not resume its operation until all safety requirements are met, the operator said in a statement on Tuesday.

Kuwait returns 44 detained fishermen to Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 March—Kuwait on Wednesday returned to Iraq 44 fishermen and six vessels seized for crossing into its territorial waters, the interior ministry said.

After the emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, pardoned the men and ordered their repatriation, the fishermen and vessels were handed over to Iraqi authorities, it said in a statement, without stating

when they were detained.

Sheikh Sabah is due to travel to Baghdad on Thursday to attend the Arab summit, in the first visit by a Kuwaiti ruler since Iraqi forces invaded the emirate in August 1990. Seizing Iraqi fishing boats and arresting fishermen for crossing into Kuwaiti waters has become commonplace in past few months. Iraqi fishermen have repeatedly complained of harassment by Kuwaiti and

Southern California Edison (SCE) confirmed that it has received the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Confirmatory Action Letter outlining actions it must complete at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station before seeking permission from the commission to restart two troubled units.

Officials committed themselves to working with the watchdog to fulfil all requirements before restarting the plant, an 84-acre (34 ha) site on the Pacific coast.

The SCE "will proceed deliberately and conservatively to implement these steps, always bearing in mind that safety is our first priority," the operator said in a prepared statement.

"We welcome the NRC's letter, which is a formal step in the process of restarting Units 2 and 3," said Ron Litzinger, president of the SCE said. "Our number one priority is, and always has been, the health and safety of the public and our employees. The utility will only bring the units on line when we and the NRC are satisfied that it is safe to do so." Unit 3 has been shut down since 31 Jan when it was taken off line as a precautionary measure after sensors detected a radioactive steam leak in one of the unit's steam generator tubes. Unit 2 was taken out of service for a routine maintenance on 9 Jan.—*Internet*



Iraqi fishermen prepare their nets in the port of Iraq's southernmost Faw peninsula in 2011.—INTERNET

Iranian coast guards, but Kuwait maintains they are detained only when they enter its territorial waters.

A Kuwaiti coast guard was killed in January 2011 in a

shootout with Iraqi sailors inside territorial waters. Iraqi authorities said three fishermen were wounded and four others went missing.

Internet

Total identifies source of North Sea gas leak

PARIS, 30 March — French energy giant Total said on Thursday it had identified the source of a gas leak on a North Sea platform which has sparked fears of an explosion and wiped billions of euros off its market value. Four days after the Elgin platform was hastily evacuated, Total said gas was emerging from a wellhead on the deck of the rig after rising 4,000 metres (13,100 feet) up a disused well from below the seabed.

Total said one option it was considering was to plug the well from the top using mud, but that would require a team to get on to the abandoned platform which is currently engulfed in a low-lying cloud of gas. Experts have warned of the risk of an explosion if the gas comes into contact with a flare left burning when the 238 crew were evacuated from the rig 150 miles (241 kilometres) off eastern Scotland on Sunday.

Total continued to insist on Thursday that there was little danger of an explosion because the wind was blowing the gas away from the flare, which is burning less than 100 metres above the leak on the deck of the

platform. The spokesman said the flare would carry on burning "until all the gas is out of the system", which could take "a few days".

Aerial surveillance showed that the volume of the gas 'sheen' on the sea

had reduced but that it had spread over a larger surface area. "The source of the gas is at 4,000 metres, but it is coming up through the well and coming out at the top on the wellhead platform," the spokesman said.—*Internet*



A picture released by Total taken on 27 March shows its Elgin platform in the North Sea, off the coast of Aberdeen.—INTERNET

Bulgaria suspends second nuclear power plant construction

SOFIA, 30 March—Bulgaria has decided to suspend construction of its second nuclear power plant (NPP), Deputy Finance Minister Vladislav Goranov told reporters after a cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

The 2,000-megawatt Belene NPP was approved in 2005. The Russian company Atomstroyexport, an engineering branch of the state-owned Rosatom, won the bid to build this NPP in 2006, but the project was frozen after the GERB party came to power in July 2009.

Russia has produced one reactor for Belene plant and it will be installed in Kozloduy, Bulgaria's only NPP, Goranov said.

Delian Dobrev, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, will go to Moscow on Thursday to inform Russia about the decision.

Last December, the Bulgarian government terminated the country's participation in another Russian project, Burgas-Alexandroupolis oil pipeline that had to transport Russian oil to Greek port Alexandroupolis via Bulgaria's Burgas port.—*Xinhua*

More Americans move to cities in past decade



The skyline of San Francisco is seen as it rises above the fog, from the Marin Headlands in Sausalito, California on 21 March, 2012.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 March—More Americans are living in cities now than a decade ago, according to US Census data released on Monday. The most urban state is California—one that dominates the popular imagination as a land of empty deserts, open beaches and thick redwood forests—the Census numbers showed. In 2010, a total of 80.7 percent of Americans lived in urban areas, up from 79 percent in 2000. Conversely, 19.3 percent of the US population lived in rural areas in 2010, down from 21 percent in 2000.

At the same time, the population of urban areas grew by 12.1 percent, much faster than the country's

growth rate of 9.7 percent from 2000 to 2010. More people residing in urban areas could drive up demand for housing, public transportation, road repairs and social services such as schools and healthcare, at a time when city budgets are starving from cuts in state aid and lower property-tax revenues.

In some places, the growth rate was more than 50 percent, including Charlotte, North Carolina, where the population increased by 64.6 percent over the decade. Altogether, there are 486 urbanized areas in the United States. They have an overall population density of 2,534 people per square mile.

Reuters

Indonesian fires threaten Sumatran orangutan

JAKARTA, 30 March—Hundreds of critically endangered orangutans in western Indonesia could be wiped out by the year's end if palm oil companies keep setting land-clearing fires in their peat swamp forests, conservationists warned on Thursday.

"They are just barely hanging on," Ian Singleton, conservation director of the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme, said of the Sumatran orangutans who live in the Tripa forest on the coast of Aceh Province.

"It is no longer several years away, but just a few months or even weeks before this iconic creature

disappears."

The forest — though officially protected — is hemmed in by palm oil plantations, including one that was granted a permit just last year.

Land clearing fires, several set inside the perimeters, have sent orangutans fleeing. Some risk being captured or killed by residents, Singleton said. Others will simply die, either directly in the fires or of gradual starvation and malnutrition as their food resources disappear.

"We are currently watching a global tragedy," he said.

There are only 6,600 Sumatran orangutans left in the wild.

The Tripa forest — which in the early '90s was home to around 3,000 of them — today has just 200. But with eight individuals every square kilometre, its the densest population in the world.

Cloud-free images from December show only 12,267 hectares (30,311 acres) of Tripa's original 60,000 hectares (148,260 acres) of forest remains, said Graham Usher of the Foundation of a Sustainable Ecosystem.

Internet



Indonesian veterinarian Yenni Saraswati, top centre, of Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) examines the condition of an injured Sumatran orangutan found by environmental activists at a palm oil plantation in Rimba Sawang village, Aceh Province, Indonesia on 1 March 2012.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (439)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (439) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.3.2012 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.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BLPL LOGISTICS**

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

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

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Tea culture lives at Hangzhou expo

BEIJING, 30 March — Tea sellers are preparing to release their pre-Qingming tea varieties, the best tea collected in early April, in anticipation of the upcoming 2012 China Hangzhou West Lake International Tea Culture Expo, which is set to once again bring out the best of tea culture in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, said local officials.

Tea and its related customs have been involved in shaping and developing the city's key features for

1,500 years. Among its celebrated types of tea, Longjing, the Dragon Well Tea, is the most renowned and pricey.

Once the tea is soaked in fresh-boiled water, a sweet woody aroma rises out.

Its leaves bloom like flower buds and bounce slightly up and down, which makes the brewing process itself a sight to behold.

Longjing tea is an inseparable part of the city's cultural legacy, say local leaders.

One of the most famous pieces of folklore related to Longjing tea is a tale about when Emperor Qianlong, who reigned from 1711 to 1799, visited Hangzhou.

According to folk legend, the emperor randomly arrived at a tea garden underneath the Lion-shaped Mountain in the Hangzhou suburbs.

Amused by the girls who were busy gathering tea leaves there, he began to pick some himself.

Internet



The Venice of the Orient', as Hangzhou is sometimes called, has plenty of water resources and favourable weather for growing tea trees.— XINHUA

Man saved from mountain lion by bear

PARADISE, 30 March — A California man says he was saved from a mountain lion by a bear. Robert Biggs, 69, of Paradise, Calif., told the *Paradise Post* he was hiking Monday when he was attacked by a mountain lion. "They usually grab hold of your head with all four paws," Biggs said. "But my backpack was up above my head and (the mountain lion) grabbed it instead."



Shortly before the encounter, Biggs said he had seen mother bear with a pair of cubs—which he thinks is what the mountain lion was after. "It must have been stalking the little bear," Biggs said, "but it was on me in seconds." But just as quickly, the mother bear came to his aid he said. "The bear and the cat battled for about 15 seconds," Biggs recalled, before both ran away.

The hiker and self-described "naturalist" escaped with minor injuries. According to California's Dept of Fish and Game, mountain lion attacks on humans are fairly rare in the state.

Internet



A man walks into a primary school toilet where containers are placed to collect urine passed out by boys, in Dongyang, Zhejiang Province on 26 March, 2012.— INTERNET

Urine-soaked eggs a spring taste treat in China city

DONGYANG, 30 March — It's the end of a school day in the eastern Chinese city of Dongyang, and eager parents collect their children after a hectic day of primary school. But that's just the start of busy times for dozens of egg vendors across the city, deep in coastal Zhejiang Province, who ready themselves to cook up a unique springtime snack favoured by local residents. Basins and buckets of boys' urine are collected from primary school toilets. It is the key ingredient in "virgin boy eggs", a local tradition of soaking and cooking eggs in the urine of young boys, preferably below the age of 10. There is no good explanation for why it has to be boys' urine, just that it has been so for centuries.

The scent of these eggs being cooked in pots of urine is unmistakable as people pass the many street vendors in Dongyang who sell it, claiming it has remarkable health properties. "If you eat this, you will not get heat stroke. These eggs cooked in urine are fragrant," said Ge Yaohua, 51, who owns one of the more popular "virgin boy eggs" stalls.

Reuters

Archaeological findings show Georgia one of earliest to collect, use honey

TBILISI, 30 March — The South Caucasus country of Georgia may have joined Spain, Egypt and China as one of the earliest nations in the world to have collected and used honey as food. Local television Rustavi2 reported Thursday findings had led Georgian archaeologists to think Georgian honey was 2,000 years older than Egyptian honey, of which the first known sample turned up in the tomb of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun, popularly known as the King Tut, who lived from 1341 BC to 1323 BC.

The fertility god of Egypt, Min, was once offered honey as well. Georgian archaeologists have found honey remains on the inner surface of clay vessels unearthed from a robbed tomb of a Georgian lady. The tomb was found during the construction of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline some years back. Further tests could show Georgian honey to be 5,500 years old.

A Chinese publication dating back to the Spring and Autumn Warring States period (770 BC-221 BC) depicted honey collection and usage as food and medicine. The world's oldest known reference to honey collection was found in ancient cave paintings located in Valencia in Spain. Honey seekers were depicted on the 8,000-year-old Arana Caves.— *Xinhua*



Learn how to play with your food. Take a look at the hilarious scenes you can create using foods.— XINHUA

An eagle, fox and two cats hang out peacefully on Alaska woman's porch

NEW YORK, 30 March — In this unique video, a woman living in Alaska opens her front door to find an eagle, a fox and her two cats hanging out peacefully on the porch. She says during the video that the eagle keeps calling out to her, while the fox and cats remain silent. The adorable fox not only doesn't seem afraid of the woman, but it also wants to come into her house and warm up. From her YouTube page:

"See how the fox, eagle and cat are all just fine hanging out and no one is trying to attack anyone and they are getting along just fine? Notice the eagle in the background on the lamp post down by the street. That is the partner to this eagle. They aren't always out to attack and kill each other. Our fox and eagles and cats basically get along just fine here. Sometimes if there is food they might fight over the food some." — *Internet*

Wanted man text messages detective

A man wanted on felony warrants was arrested after he sent a text message to a detective, police in Edmonds, Wash., said. Police detective Brian McIntyre said he received a text message from a number he didn't recognize. The text said, "Who are you?" and the detective responded with a similar question, KOMO-TV, Seattle, reported Wednesday. McIntyre said there was no response until he received another message from the phone number two days later. "And it said 'Come get me,' and then a not-so-nice word," he said. "I was like, oh, that sounds like a criminal." McIntyre said he plugged the number into a

police computer and discovered it belonged to Jason Wrenchy, 29, a man McIntyre had previously arrested for burglary and drugs. He said Wrenchy had two outstanding warrants on felony charges. "We just decided I'll text him and see if he wants to meet me somewhere," he said.



Funny moments of kids

Owner hopes stolen parrot annoys thieves

The British owner of a stolen parrot said he hopes the thieves will bring the bird back once they've had enough of her singing the hits of Queen.

Malcolm Booth, 44, said the African Grey parrot named Chico was stolen from his Hattersley home last weekend, along with a

PlayStation 3 game console, Britain's *The Sun* reported Wednesday. He thinks the thieves won't be too happy when they realize Chico loves to squawk out the lyrics to "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions" and "Killer Queen." "I'm a great fan of Queen and am used to Chico squawking and whistling their tunes but I'm not sure it's everyone's cup of tea," Booth said. "I don't think the people who have her will appreciate her squawking 'Scaramouche', 'Galileo' and 'I'm just a poor boy' at them all the time."

News Album

100-year-old reading tutor going strong

The oldest reading tutor in Utah said she does not plan to let her 100th birthday stop her from working with children.

Gaitha Woosley Butterfield, who is known as Grandma Butterfield at Green

Acres Elementary in North Ogden, said having topped the century mark last Wednesday will not slow down her twice-a-week volunteer efforts teaching children at the school to read, *The Salt Lake Tribune*

reported Tuesday.

Butterfield the key to her longevity is "just living the good life." "I'm doing pretty great. I feel about 50 and that's a good age," she said.

Butterfield said she hopes to keep working with

the Green Acres second-graders for a long time to come. "I have them read for me and I read for them," Butterfield said. "I learn a lot from them and they learn a lot from me. You learn so much when you're reading."

Cate Blanchett takes first steps on Paris stage

PARIS, 30 March—Oscar-winning Australian actress Cate Blanchett takes her first steps on the Paris stage on Thursday, playing a lonesome woman in the lead role of the surreal 1970s play "Big and Small".

Written by German playwright Botho Strauss in west Berlin before the fall of the Wall, and adapted in English by Martin Crimp, the work tells the story of Lotte, who falls apart when her husband deserts her during a holiday in Morocco.

Directed by Australia's Benedict Andrews, this version of the play was first created by the Sydney Theatre Company, of which the 42-year-old actress and her playwright husband



Joe Perry (L-R), Steven Tyler, Joey Kramer, and Tom Hamilton of the band Aerosmith answer questions during an announcement of their *Global Warming Tour* in Los Angeles on March 28, 2012.—Reuters

Aerosmith says new album brings "a little of 1975 back"

LOS ANGELES, 30 March—Veteran rock band Aerosmith said on Wednesday they were bringing "a little of 1975 back" on a long-delayed album of new material to be released this summer to coincide with a US tour. The band said they were working on finishing up the album - the first of new material since 2001's "Just Push Play" - ahead of the tour, but kept the title under wraps.

"The camaraderie's there, there's some songs that are new rock, and old rock and middle-of-the-road rock, and blues, piano. Joe Perry singing a couple of songs, I'm playing the drums, Joey sings, just all kinds of stuff," frontman Steven Tyler told Reuters.

Aerosmith, whose previous attempts to make a new album were dogged by a litany of health problems and internal strife, said they had been working with their long-time producer Jack Douglas to bring "a little bit of 1975 back." The band will kick off their North American "Global Warming Tour" on 16 June in Minneapolis, playing 18 cities from Toronto to Oakland, California and Atlanta, Georgia. Tickets go on sale from Friday. "You're going to get some new songs from the

new album and some old songs from the old albums and you're going to get new us and old us, and we're just going to go out and rock your world," Tyler, 64, told Reuters. Reuters

Hollywood to shoot film in Myanmar

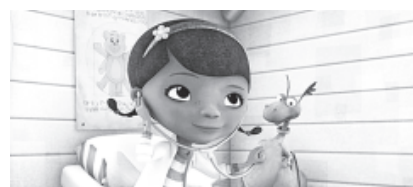
YANGON, 30 March—Hollywood will shoot films in Myanmar in cooperation with Myanmar's Motion Picture Enterprise, a local media reported Monday. The film titled "Dream Hotels Myanmar", which takes 100 minutes, will mainly feature the country's famous tourist sites — Yangon, Ngwe Saung beach, Bagan and Inlay, the *Myanmar Posts* said. The film making, sponsored by European Television Network and assisted by Oriental Palace Hotel and Air Bagan of Myanmar, will begin by the end of March. Famous film stars from Germany and Switzerland will play in the film. The cooperation in film shooting will create the opportunities to boost Myanmar tourism sector in the country. On completion, the film will be broadcast in Europe and Asia in July and August this year.—Xinhua

Disney signs UK movie rental pact with YouTube, Google Play

LOS ANGELES, 30 March—"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" and "Con Air" will soon be available to rent for YouTube and Google Play users in the United Kingdom, thanks to a new deal between Disney UK & Ireland and Google. The pact also includes Disney's distribution partner DreamWorks, which will make such titles as "Real Steel" and "Fright Night" available.

Prices range from £2.49 (\$3.97) for standard definition to £3.49 (\$5.57) for high definition films.

Customers will have 30



In this image released by Disney Junior, the character Doc McStuffins is shown with Stuff in a scene from Disney Junior's animated series "Doc McStuffins".—INTERNET

days to begin watching their rentals and 48 hours to finish the films. "We're looking forward to working with Google to launch a broad range of titles to suit audiences of all ages and tastes," Catherine Powell,

general manager of media distribution at the Walt Disney Company EMEA, said in a statement.

As Disney continues to navigate the emerging world of streaming video it has increasingly allied itself with

YouTube. In November, Disney Interactive Media and YouTube said it would spend \$10 million to \$15 million to produce family friendly video series that would be distributed on a co-branded channel on Disney.com and YouTube.

Weeks later, Disney joined the likes of Sony and Warner Bros. by making hundreds of movies available for rent on YouTube in the United States. For YouTube, the pacts with major studios represent an ongoing effort to offer premium movies and television shows in addition to cat videos and other user-generated content.—INTERNET



Oscar-winning Australian actress Cate Blanchett, seen here in 2007, is to take her first steps on the Paris stage, playing a lonesome woman in the lead role of the surreal 1970s play "Big and Small".—INTERNET

Andrew Upton are co-artistic directors.

Blanchett says she found a resonance with the lonely character of Lotte, who she played once before at university, citing her optimism faced with constant disappointments, and her struggle to strike up links with the people around her.

Internet

Santos hails Barclays Premier League quality

Arsenal's Brazilian left-back delighted to be playing his football in England



Andre Santos made his return to first-team action as an Arsenal substitute on Saturday.—INTERNET

LONDON, 30 March — Arsenal defender Andre Santos has praised the quality of the Barclays Premier League and says he is loving life in England.

The 29-year-old Brazilian joined the Gunners in

December and was out for more than three months, but he made his comeback as a second-half substitute in the 3-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday.

And Santos is delighted at how his first season in English football has gone so far. He told the club's official website: "The Premier League is something different—it's the best League in the world. It's hard to play in, the pace is different, the fact that almost every pitch is wet makes the ball run more, the tackles are harder, and it's just really good."

"I'm not saying that the Turkish league is not good, it has quality as well, but the Premier League is different from anything I've ever seen." —INTERNET

August 2011 from Turkish club Fenerbahce and enjoyed an impressive start to his career at the Emirates Stadium. Santos suffered an ankle ligament injury in Arsenal's UEFA Champions League match at Olympiakos in



Angel Cabrera of Argentina watches his tee shot on the third hole during the first round of the Shell Houston Open at Redstone Golf Club in Humble, Texas. —INTERNET

Cabrera, Pettersson set pace at rain-hit Houston Open

HUMBLE, 30 March — Angel Cabrera and Carl Pettersson were home and dry in the clubhouse on seven-under 65, heading the leaderboard as thunderstorms stopped play at the USPGA Tour Houston Open. Only 51 players completed their rounds before the inclement weather on Thursday brought play to a halt at Redstone, the first such delay for the event since 2009.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples and South African Ernie Els — who needs a victory to qualify for next week's Masters — had yet to make the turn when play was suspended.

The first round will resume Friday morning, with officials hopeful of getting the event back on schedule by Saturday. Tournament director Steve Timms said more than an inch of rain in a matter of hours had left spots in several fairways submerged.

—INTERNET

Newcastle defender says there is enough quality to cover skipper's absence

LONDON, 30 March — Newcastle United defender Mike Williamson says his side will be able to cope with the loss of skipper Fabricio Coloccini. Coloccini has been ruled out of Sunday's Barclays Premier League contest against Liverpool because of a hamstring injury suffered during the victory over West Bromwich Albion last weekend. Earlier this week, Magpies boss Alan Pardew suggested the 30-year-old Argentine could miss the next four matches.

But despite the setback,

Williamson believes there is enough quality in the squad to handle Coloccini's absence. "It's a big loss. Coloccini has been huge for us this season," Williamson told Newcastle's official website. "He's not



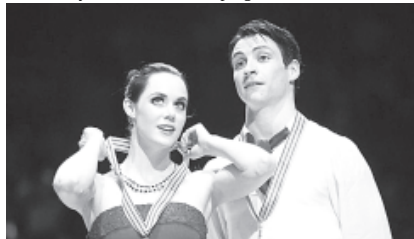
Mike Williamson (left) has made 14 Barclays Premier League appearances this season. —INTERNET

only our captain, but also a fantastic player. "But the second half at West Brom showed that we have enough in the squad to cope without him while he is out." —INTERNET

Virtue, Moir dance to second world gold

NICE, 30 March — Olympic champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir turned on the glamour of 1950s Hollywood to reclaim their ice dancing crown at the world figure skating championships here on Thursday. Skating last the Canadians recreated the film version of Gershwin's "Funny Face" which starred Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn on the ice at the Acropolis rink to take back the title they last won in 2010.

And despite a nail-biting wait for the final scores the duo finished a comfortable 4.03 points ahead of reigning champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White of the United States. France's Nathalie Pechalat and Fabian Bourzat won bronze. Virtue, 22, and Moir, 24, achieved 110.34 points for the free skate, scoring an overall 182.65 points after also leading Wednesday's short programme.—INTERNET



Canada's Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue pose on the podium at the end of the Ice Dance Free programme during the 2012 World Figure Skating Championships in Nice, southeastern France.—INTERNET

Real Madrid to open China academy

GUANGZHOU, 30 March — European giants Real Madrid are to open a football academy in southern China next year in a tie-up with Super League leaders Guangzhou Evergrande, the Chinese club's owner said on its website.

Madrid, who have been champions of Europe a record nine times, are striving to promote their brand in fast-developing China, as are a host of other top European sides.

The academy in the southern city of Guangzhou will take in over 3,000 promising players in its first year and use the same training techniques as those used by Real Madrid in Spain according to Chinese property giant Evergrande. The Spanish club's youth team coach Fernando Sanchez Cipitria has been appointed technical director.



Stadium in Guangzhou, southern China, in 2011. Real are to open a football academy in southern China next year in a tie-up with Super League leaders Guangzhou Evergrande, the Chinese club's owner said on its website.—INTERNET

"We will send a high-profile coaching team here and build up selection, training and evaluation systems, and a competition mechanism of the same standard as we use in Spain," the China Daily quoted

Cipitria as saying. "We will also train Chinese coaches at schools and select some outstanding players and coaches for more comprehensive training at Real Madrid."

—INTERNET



Novak Djokovic of Serbia makes a difficult return to David Ferrer of Spain at the Miami Masters at Crandon Park Tennis Center on 29 March in Key Biscayne, Florida. —INTERNET

Djokovic downs determined Ferrer at Miami tennis

KEY BISCAINE, 30 March — World number one Novak Djokovic booked a semi-final showdown with Juan Monaco at the Miami Masters by holding off a determined David Ferrer of Spain 6-2, 7-6 (7/1).

"It's always going to

tough against David, he's one of the greatest competitors on the circuit," said Serbia's Djokovic, winner of the last three Grand Slams. "I didn't want to get to the third set because physically he's always there."

Defending champion Djokovic opened the match playing superb tennis, dictating the rallies and giving fifth-seeded Ferrer little opening and at one point winning 13 straight points. He pocketed the first set in just 32 minutes and broke Ferrer in the first game of the second before the tenacious Spaniard turned the tables.

Ferrer broke back and was holding his own against the world's top player until a loose service effort from the Spaniard saw Djokovic break for a 5-4 lead and a chance to serve out the match.

Ferrer denied him as they battled to the tie-breaker, where Djokovic claimed a quick advantage as Ferrer swatted an ill-judged forehand into the net to fall behind on his serve on the first point.

Djokovic was firmly in control from there as he advanced to a meeting with Monaco, who celebrated his 28th birthday by surprising eighth-seeded American Mardy Fish 6-1, 6-3.

—INTERNET



Maria Sharapova, of Russia, returns the ball to Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, during the Sony Ericsson tennis tournament, on 29 March, 2012, in Key Biscayne, Fla.—INTERNET

Sharapova beats Wozniacki to reach Miami final

KEY BISCAINE, 30 March — Three-time runner-up Maria Sharapova booked her second straight Miami final Thursday, rallying for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Caroline Wozniacki — who was irked by an umpire's overrule on match point. Sharapova clinched the semi-final victory after two hours, 34 minutes. She led 40-30 in the final game when her second serve was called long — a call overruled by the chair umpire who said it was on the line and ordered the point replayed.

Wozniacki didn't like it, but was out of challenges, unlike Sharapova who still had a challenge remaining. Sharapova stepped up to serve again, working her way into position so she could eventually hit an easy forehand smash for the victory. Wozniacki said it didn't matter that television

replays showed the umpire was correct and the ball was in.

"I think when the ball is so close that I think he should give her a chance to challenge at least when I don't have any challenges," Wozniacki said. "She was going to challenge it, anyways. So if it shows it's good, it's good. If it shows it's out, it's out. The ball was so close that it might as well have been out." —INTERNET

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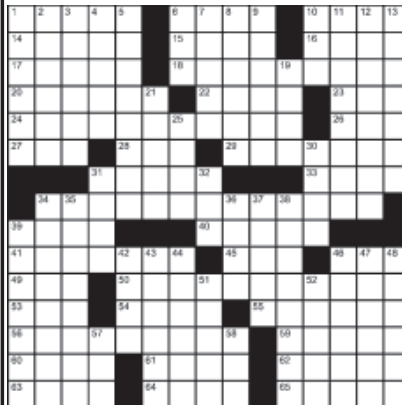
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(31-3-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:40 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 8:00 am
3. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
4. Poem Garden
- 8:45 am
5. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
6. Joint Performance by State Traditional Orchestra & State Orchestra
- 5:15 pm
7. Song Varieties
- 5:30 pm
8. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:35 pm
9. Game For Children
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 8:00 pm
11. News
12. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Aseayone)
13. Cartoon Series
14. TV Drama Series
15. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Pie chart, for one bomb
6. Kuwaiti, e.g.
10. "___ Smile" (1976 hit)
14. Scalawag
15. Pith helmet
16. Airy
17. Small, long-tailed Old World tropics lizard
18. Black mineral, MnO(OH)
20. Small bell-shaped bomb
22. Cold cuts, e.g.
23. Branch
24. As fast as possible (music)
26. "Flying Down to ___"
27. Balaam's mount
28. "Dig in!"
29. Wanton
31. Boredom
33. "Cast Away" setting

Down

34. Decorative handicraft and design (3 wd)
39. Particular, for short
40. Antipasto morsel
41. Male sheep
45. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wd)
46. Telekinesis, e.g.
49. "To ___ is human ..."
50. Fertilization
53. Pilot's announcement, briefly
54. Comparative word
55. Unsaturated alcohol
56. Power
59. About to explode
60. Coastal raptor
61. Antares, for one
62. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
63. Medical advice, often
64. Ballyhoo
65. Demands
9. Having two spouses simultaneously
10. "My boy"
11. Beekeeper
12. Courtroom do-overs
13. Buttermilk family member
19. Above
21. Goddess of the hunt
25. Bowl over
30. Abounding
31. Carve in stone
32. Altar avowal (2 wd)
34. Crack
35. Teaches new skills
36. The Kennedys, e.g.
37. Hard outer layer of cheese (pl.)
38. Science of flying planes
39. Carpet cleaner
42. New news
43. Discuss again
44. Lean
46. Plagiarist
47. Covered with fine black carbon particles
48. Coastal features
51. Open, as a bottle
52. Third canonical hour
57. Undertake, with "out"
58. "... ___ he drove out of sight"

Amy Yang of South Korea lines up a putt on the 15th hole during the first round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship at Mission Hills Country Club on 29 March, in Rancho Mirage, California.



INTERNET

Amy Yang seizes Kraft Nabisco golf lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, 30 March—South Korean Amy Yang fired a six-under 66 to take a one-shot lead over Australian Lindsey Wright after one round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship. Breathing down their necks was world number one Yani Tseng of Taiwan, who was third after a first-round 68 in the first major championship of the women's golf season. Tseng is a five-time major champion who has won two straight LPGA tournaments and three of her five LPGA events this season, while Yang and Wright are both seeking a first LPGA Tour title.

Yang, 22, nabbed five birdies in the span of seven holes from the fifth at Mission Hills, in the California desert east of Los Angeles. She also chipped in for birdie from the fringe at 13. Overall she had eight birdies and two bogeys. A former teenage sensation, three years removed from a win on the Ladies European Tour, Yang has five top-10 finishes in major championships but hasn't been able to claim an LPGA title.—Internet

S'pore puts CCTV images online to monitor flash floods

SINGAPORE, 30 March—Singapore's water agency Public Utilities Board (PUB) is putting images of flood-prone areas online starting from Thursday and updating them every five minutes in a bid to help members of the public deal with flash floods. The images of the 24 flood-prone areas and hotspots islandwide are captured through the closed-circuit television systems that have been put in place to monitor these areas. Currently 65 CCTVs are installed at areas which are flood-prone or have recently experienced flash floods. The PUB said the 24 selected CCTVs are located at roads with higher traffic flow.

The images will help improve public preparedness as part of Singapore's overall flood management effort, it said. "We have installed CCTVs at various locations to help us better monitor real-time site conditions during heavy rainstorms," said William Yeo, PUB's deputy director of catchment and waterways.—MNA/Xinhua

First hole-in-one woman golfer emerges at Monywa Golf Club

YANGON, 30 March—While playing together with partners U Aung Khant (Police Captain-Rtd), Aung Ye Lwin (Communication) and U Aung Swa (merchant), Daw Nu Nu Tin scored an ace at 160-yard distance hole No 4 with the use of Titleist No 1 ball and Honma Wood 4 at Monywa Golf Club on 16 March.

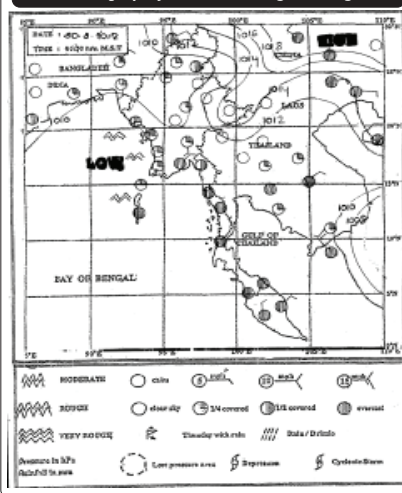
Daw Nu Nu Tin was the first-ever woman golfer in the hole-in-one scorer at Monywa Golf Club.

Kyaw Moe Khaing



BRIDGE COMMISSIONED: No 3 Myitta Paungku RC bridge between Ward 8 and Ward 9 was inaugurated in Shwepyithra Township of Yangon North District on 27 March. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Win, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo, ward administrators U Thein Naing and U Tun Wai and Bridge Committee U Shwe Soe formally open the bridge.—MYANMA ALIN

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 31st March, 2012

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
2	Kayah	35/95	17/63	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayah	40/104	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
4	Chin	25/77	15/59	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	37/99	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	20/68	Partly cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
8	Bago	39/102	23/73	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	39/102	24/75	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	41/106	25/77	Partly cloudy	
11	Moen	38/100	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
12	Yangon	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Bhamo	33/91	22/72	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	32/90	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	12/54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	35/95	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
17	Ayeyarwady	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	40/104	22/72	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	41/106	25/77	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been reported in Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, Bhamo and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (°C) above March average temperatures in Magway, Shan (North and South), Kayah and Mon States, and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Monywa, Chindwin and Mandalay (40°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Mandalay (0.45 inch).

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

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

Cyclonic risk: subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Kyeeshn Kyeewa Dam could irrigate 96,000 acres of farmland and generate 74-megawatt electricity, satisfying somewhat to power demand of the nation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, together with Union Ministers, the Magway Region Chief Minister, and deputy ministers attended the opening of Kyeeshn Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam and Hydropower Plant in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region this morning.

The opening ceremony was held at the pavilion near the dam, with an address by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham. Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi and U Aye Myint, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Kyaw Lwin, U Aung Than Oo, U Ba Shwe and Dr Win Myint and departmental officials, region ministers of Magway Region government, Region/District/Township-level departmental personnel, social organizations and locals from Pwintbyu, Sedoktara, Minbu, Salin and Magway townships reaching over 4,000.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said today was a red letter day in Myanmar history as Kyeeshn Kyeewa Dam was commissioned into service today which also coincided with the first anniversary of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The foundation stone of the dam was laid down in 2002-2003, which depended on water flow of Mone Creek. The dam was 3280 feet in length, 164 feet in height with maximum storage capacity of 463,000 acre feet of water. Kyeeshn Kyeewa Dam could irrigate 96,000 acres of farmland and generate 74-megawatt electricity, satisfying somewhat to power demand of the nation.

In adopting the work programmes for rural development and poverty alleviation in the interests of the citizens, the government was giving priority to better socio-economic life of rural farmers and workers which represented the 70 per cent of the whole population as well as to agricultural development.

Adequate supply of irrigation water was a must for agricultural development. In this regard, the government was



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham launches No. 2 generator of Kyeeshn Kyeewa Hydropower Plant.—MNA

building dams, reservoirs and river water pumping stations to bring benefits to million acres of farmland with water from those facilities.

So, instead of allowing rainwater, the gift of the nature and freshwater from rivers and creeks flowing into the ocean uselessly, the government was constructing dams like Kyeeshn Kyeewa enabling the locals use appropriately.

Looking out of Myanmar into the global panorama, the world's population had now hit over 7,000 million. It was required to boost agricultural production to feed the daily growing mouths while 40 per cent of the world's population was facing water shortage due to climate change and reckless consumption of humans.

Water resources experts had calculated that two third of the world's population would face drinking water shortage in 2025. The time of abundant water had been left and now was the time to utilize the remaining water.

Magway Region was one of the arid regions of

Myanmar. In some regions, the extent of drinking water scarcity was often described with a saying but not hyperbole like this: They need neither gold nor silver but water.

Water scarcity was attributable to less development in socio-economy resulting from hindrance in farming as livelihood, vulnerability to diseases due to lack of personal hygiene.

The Vice-President then called on utilization of water, stressing that the government had spent a large sum of money to store water which is globally going scarce gradually.

Farmers needed to grow summer paddy besides monsoon one, make a shift from conventional cultivation method to scientific mechanized farming, study to predate at least two to threefold from normal harvest of 50 to 60 baskets of rice per acre, use high yield strains and apply agricultural methods and cultivate other crops the year round for their livelihood, agriculture.

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Students must be prepared to become medical experts when foreign countries come to open their hospitals and universities in Myanmar



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Library of Magway University of Medicine.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visited Magway University of Medicine and Myathalon Pagoda in Magway Region yesterday. Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo and Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads and officials accompanied the Vice-President on his tour.

On arrival at Magway Airport from the capital, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, region ministers, departmental officials and personnel of social organizations.

The Vice-President then went to Magway University of Medicine and

looked round physics lab, chemistry department, anatomical lab, post-graduate research lab, computer room and library.

The Vice-President met Rector Dr Win Myat Aye, professors, faculty heads, instructors, nurses and staff at the assembly hall of the university.

First, the rector reported to the Vice-President on location and brief history of the university, ratio of students from regions and states, number of lecture halls, ratio of house surgeons from the University assigned to hospitals in regions and states, transport services for students, conducting of information technology courses, environmental greening works and requirements of the university, followed by supplementary report of Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint on projected expenditures for the university in the coming fiscal years.

The Vice-President made coordination with personnel concerned to attend to the needs and made a speech. In his speech, he said he was there to learn developments, academic matters and capacity of the workforce of the university.

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