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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.

President U Thein Sein welcomes ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak



President U Thein Sein and Korean President Mr Lee Myung-bak taking salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein extended a welcome to President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak who arrived here to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of President

U Thein Sein, at the lawns of the Presidential Palace, here, at 5 pm today.

On arrival at the Presidential Palace from Hotel Amara, the goodwill delegation led by the President of the Republic of Korea was warmly welcomed by President

U Thein Sein.

On the dais, President U Thein Sein and Korean President Mr Lee Myung-bak took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

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President U Thein Sein meets ROK counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met a goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 5.20 pm today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Industry U Soe

Thein, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Korea U Nyunt Hlaing and heads of department. Together with the President of ROK were Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Kim Sung-Hwan, Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Hong Suk Woo and Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and high-ranking officials.

Both sides discussed matters related to strengthening of bilateral friendship, official development assistance from the ROK, funds for economic development and cooperation, multi-sectoral cooperation between the two countries, extension of economic investment and other regional issues.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (14-5-2012)

Kyaikmaraw	(4.70) inches
Paung	(3.86) inches
Mawlamyine	(1.89) inches
Thaton	(1.14) inches
Kayan	(1.06) inches

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 15 May, 2012

Never ending task

Although, the government is in office for only over a year, it is making great strides in carrying out necessary reforms with might and main for practicing democracy correctly in all sectors and in every corner of the country.

It is taking measures that will help every government organization carry out effective reforms fulfilling the basic needs of the people, generating job opportunities, ensuring greater occupational safety, improving education and health sectors, creating business and investment

friendly environment, establishing industrial estates and deep-seaports which in fact are like tonic for our nation in transition process.

Here, co-operative efforts are what we all need for extending agricultural and livestock breeding businesses and industries and developing health, education and human resources with improvement of people's living conditions as the end result.

In this context, we must form a body that acts as middleman or in other words socio-economy advisory council in facilitating cooperation and coordination among social and economic organizations and private sector which in combination can give valuable suggestions to the government and organize active public

participation in the reform process.

In conducting reforms, we need to improve the morality and attitude of ward/village administrators and township administrators in performing their administrative duties so that they can avoid bribery and corruption, and provide better and hospitable services.

Some people may say our reforms are slow. Truly, we are trying our best in conducting reforms based on the country's objective conditions. In fact, reform is a never ending task. It continues depending on changing public attitude, maturity of all stakeholders and international trend. The government has already committed itself to democracy through ongoing reforms and there is no U-turn.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture meets EC members of MMPO



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Executive Committee members of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization.

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YANGON, 14 May— Union Minister for Information and for Culture U

Kyaw Hsan received EC members of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization at the meeting hall of the association in Bahan Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads and officials, the chairman of

MMPO and EC members, and those from media fields.

Making a speech on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and those from the film world are the ones who constantly keep in touch with the Ministry of Information. The ministry is trying its best in the framework of laws for individuals from the film world and the association to be able to enjoy higher status to the most possible degree, he said. How much progress did the MMPO make can be found when compares the present status of MMPO with that of 2004. And censor policies have been relaxed step by step in accordance with the wishes of those from the film world, he noted.

As the Ministry of Information will continue giving a helping hand to the

newly-formed MMPO according to its policy, it is incumbent upon all those from the film world to cooperate in that regard.

Next, Chairman of MMPO U Zin Waing submitted matters on the eight-point presentation of the association. The Union minister and the managing director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise touched upon it.

In his conclusion remarks, the Union minister said that the lines of today's discussion will contribute much to the successful realization of future cooperation, adding that any matters have something to do with agreement or contradiction. And all the future tasks will make progress if the contradiction is dealt on equal terms by both sides, he said. And the meeting came to an end.—MNA

Special Appellate Bench judges 12 special civil appeal cases, hears five

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— The Special Appellate Bench comprising Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo of the Union Supreme Court and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Mya Nyein, U Myint Han judged a

total of 12 special civil appeal cases, and heard five special appeal cases at Room No. 1 of the Supreme Court of the Union at 9:30 am today.

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Myanmar delegate arrives back from Dhaka after attending cultural diversity meeting

YANGON, 14 May—Pro-rector (Admin) U Tun Ohn of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of the Ministry of Culture arrived back this morning from Dhaka of Bangladesh after attending Ministers' Meeting on Cultural Diversity in Asia Pacific Region from 9 to 11 May.

The rector, head of department (admin/finance) and officials welcomed him back at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Mechanic course opens

YANGON, 14 May—Director-General U Myo Hlaing of Education and Training Department of Ministry of Border Affairs delivered an address at the mechanic course No 13 at Dekkhina Hall of National Races Development Parahita (Tiger) School, here, this morning.

The training course will be conducted to 47 national race youths from border areas during the 16-week period. On completion, certificates of mechanic grade III will be conferred on them. The ministry provides them accommodation, food and teaching aid during the training course.

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Aswedaw Library opened

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— The opening ceremony of Aswedaw Library was held in Yintha village in Pinlebu Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region on 8 May.

Township Administrator U San Lwin, Staff Officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Yin Min Aung and Village

Administrator U Thein Lwin formally opened the library.

The wooden facility with CI roof is 23 feet long, 15 feet wide and 15 feet high. It is built by the contribution of the local people.

MNA

International Cooperatives Day sales festival commences

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Deputy Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw U Sai Kham Hmat, Chief Justice of State Supreme Court U Kywe Kywe, State Finance and Revenue Minister U Khun Thein Maung, State Development Affairs Minister U Tu Maung, officials and award winners attended opening ceremony of sales festival and prize presentation ceremony of

essay contest in commemoration of 2012 International Cooperatives Day yesterday morning.

Deputy Director of State Cooperatives Department Daw Yu Yu Aye explained purpose of organizing the sales festival and the contest. Officials awarded the winners and viewed booths of cooperatives syndicates.—MNA

63rd ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—As Myanmar will host the 63rd ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) Meeting, the meeting organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology was held at

Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Nay Pyi Taw, from today to 18 May. The ten-related meetings will be held at the same venue.

MNA



FIRE BRIGADE DAY OBSERVED: The 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was observed at Hupaw fire station in Shan State (North) on 5 May. On behalf of the Township Administrator, Commander of Township Police Station Police Captain Kyaw Nyunt Hlaing speaking on the occasion.—MYANMA ALIN

Greek elections loom after leftist rejects coalition talks

ATHENS, 14 May—Greece's radical leftist leader spurned an invitation from the president for a final round of coalition talks on Monday, all but ensuring a new election that he is poised to win.

Greece's political landscape has been in disarray for a week since an inconclusive election left parliament divided between supporters and opponents of the 130 billion euro (\$168.3 billion) EU/IMF bailout, with neither side able to form a government.

Government officials have warned that Greece could run out of cash as early as the end of June if it does not have a government in place to negotiate the next aid tranche with its lenders.

"The country is up in the air," financial daily Imerisia wrote on its front page, warning in an editorial: "The country is moving to the brink of collapse and hopes for restoring the political stability are fading

away."

President Karolos Papoulias must call a new

to return to the presidential mansion at 12:30 pm EDT (1630 GMT) on Monday,



election if he cannot persuade leaders to compromise. After a day of fruitless negotiations on Sunday, he invited politicians from the biggest three parties

along with a small leftist group.

But an official from the second biggest party, the radical leftist SYRIZA, said its 37-year-old leader Alexis

Leader of Democratic Left party Fotis Kouvelis (2nd L) arrives for a meeting at the Presidential Palace in Athens on 13 May, 2012.
REUTERS

Tsipras would not attend. The anti-bailout vote was divided among small parties but has now rallied behind Tsipras.

Reuters

Iran says pressures may damage nuclear talks

DUBAI, 14 May—Iran warned Western powers on Sunday that applying pressure on Teheran could jeopardize talks on its nuclear programme, state television reported.

"The era of a pressure strategy is ended. Any strategic miscalculations would endanger success at the Baghdad negotiations," said Saeed Jalili, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, quoted by state television.

Jalili was speaking with French former Prime Minister Michel Rocard who visited Iran ahead of the talks on 23 May in Baghdad with the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany.

Jalili called on Western officials to avoid "unconstructive remarks" ahead of the talks, the television said, without elaborating. Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief, said on Friday

she hoped the talks would form the basis for Iran to eventually abandon its "nuclear weapons programme".

The West suspects Iran is seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Teheran says its programme is purely for peaceful purposes such as power generation. Ashton's use of the term "nuclear weapons programme" went beyond the language commonly used by Western officials, who usually describe Iran's efforts as an attempt to move towards a nuclear weapons capability.

In January, US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said Iran was keeping open the option to develop nuclear weapons, in part by developing various nuclear capabilities. But he said he did not know whether Iran would eventually decide to build nuclear weapons.

Reuters

As foreign troops leave, Afghan refugees and poverty increase

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, 14 May—Gulam recalls the evening she fled her home in northern Afghanistan on foot, running with her teen daughters under the cloak of darkness to avoid cooking a dinner for 20 Taleban militants.

"This Taleb burst through my door and demanded I cook for them. But I had no money, and I was scared they would take my daughters," Gulam said, pulling a striped shawl tightly around her gaunt and wrinkled face.

That night six months ago, Gulam and her family joined the half a million Afghans who are internally displaced, mostly from conflict but also natural disasters, a number which has been steadily increasing since 2008.

Intensifying violence as NATO combat troops prepare

to leave by end-2014 and a poor economic outlook in the face of shrinking aid could spell a humanitarian disaster for Afghanistan, where a third already live beneath the poverty line.

"Security in the country is terrible. Day by day there are more of us," Gulam told Reuters while visiting the UN compound in Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh Province.

She left her mountainous village for a district on Afghanistan's border with Uzbekistan, where she now lives in rented accommodation. Unable to find work, the widow receives meagerly handouts from male relatives. She says her husband was killed in an insurgent attack.—Reuters



A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, some 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 October, 2010.—REUTERS

Five killed in flash flood in Georgian capital

TBILISI, 14 May—An overnight flash-flood caused by a downpour drowned five people including two children early on Sunday in the capital city of Georgia. According to the emergency service and rescuers of the municipality, the flash-flood occurred around the Ortechal district in the city and rescuers had to use boats to evacuate people.

Several others were sent to hospitals where they had been receiving treatment for injuries. Rescuers also reported property damages to houses because of mudslides triggered by the flash-flood.

Tbilisi Mayor Gigi Ugulava said, "The (Tbilisi) City Hall has created a special commission to check upon the flood damage while rescuers and municipal emergency service have been working overnight to clean the flooded district and to restore roads".

"By nine (o'clock) this morning (Sunday) the situation had been brought to normal," said Ugulava.

Xinhua

Forty-nine headless corpses found in northern Mexico

CADEREYTA JIMENEZ, 14 May—Suspected drug cartel killers in Mexico dumped 49 headless bodies on a highway near the northern city of Monterrey, a sickening atrocity that prompted the government to condemn the "inhuman" violence plaguing the country.

The corpses of 43 men and six women, whose hands and feet had also been cut off, were found in a pile on a highway in the municipality of Cadereyta Jimenez early on Sunday, officials from the state of Nuevo Leon said.

The Nuevo Leon government said the notorious Zetas drug gang had claimed responsibility for the bloodbath, one of the worst to hit Mexico during its struggle against the powerful cartels.

The massacre follows several other mass slayings in Mexico. Many have occurred in the north, where

the Zetas have waged a war against rival groups for control of smuggling routes into the United States, the biggest market for illicit drugs.

The Mexican government said in a statement the evidence suggested turf wars between the Zetas and the Sinaloa cartel of Joaquin

"Shorty" Guzman were behind the surge in bloodshed.

Condemning the "inhuman episodes of irrational violence" the warring gangs had caused, the government pledged to uphold justice in Mexico with "all of its force and might."

Reuters



Residents look at shoes of missing people that have been arranged to form the number forty-nine, in memory of the mutilated victims dumped by hitmen in Cadereyta, at the Macroplaza in Monterrey on 13 May, 2012.—REUTERS



Photo taken on 14 May, 2012 shows the accident site after a coach collided with a truck in Ulanqab City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

Coach-truck collision leaves four dead, 36 injured in north China

HONHOT, 14 May—At least four people were confirmed dead and 36 others were injured after a coach collided with a truck in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region early Monday morning.

The fire department in Huade County said both of the vehicles rolled over after the collision at 1 am on Monday. The truck driver and two passengers on the sleeper coach died on the spot. Rescuers sent 37 injured people to hospital. One of them died in hospital after treatment failed.

There were a total of 39 people on board the sleeper coach, which was en route from Xilinhot City to the regional capital of Hohhot, when the accident happened on a crossing between two highways in Huade County, Ulanqab City.

Xinhua

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Canon seeks full automation in camera production



In this 10 Jan, 2012 file photo, a model poses with Canon's new digital camera Power Shot G1 X during its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, South Korea.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 14 May—Canon Inc is moving toward fully automating digital camera production in an effort to cut costs—a key change being played out across Japan, a world leader in robotics.

If successful, counting on machines can help preserve this nation's

technological power—not the stereotype of machines snatching assembly line jobs from workers, Jun Misumi—company spokesman, said on Monday.

The move toward machine-only production will likely be completed in the next few years, perhaps as soon as 2015, said Misumi, although he declined to give specific dates.

Japanese manufacturers have been moving production abroad recently to offset the earnings damage from the soaring yen.

And fears are growing about a hollowing-out of Japan Inc as jobs move to China, India and the rest of Asia, where labour costs are cheaper. Misumi was adamant that jobs won't be cut at Canon.

"When machines become more sophisticated, human beings can be transferred to do new kinds of

work," he said.

Since the late 1990s, like other manufacturers, Canon began using the "cell" production method, in which a team of workers or one worker puts together a major part, rather than doing a simple task over and over.

In recent years, robots have become so much a part of this cell production, Canon calls it "man-machine cell." Eventually, human involvement will be phased out in making some products, according to Canon. In the US, Amazon.com Inc is buying Kiva Systems, which makes robots and software to help companies fulfill orders, for \$775 million.

Amazon has been using automation at its order fulfillment centres for some time. But Kiva's technology is designed to lower costs and will be used to help workers pick and pack books.

Sano, the academic, stressed the need for a system so workers can communicate with robots. He also stressed that there will always be room for human intelligence, using the Japanese for "craftsmanship," or "takumi."

"Human beings are needed to come up with innovations on how to use robots," said Sano. "Going to a no-man operation at that level is still the world of science fiction."

Internet

Leica camera auctioned in Austria for record \$2.8 mln



A Leica 0 series camera, number 116, is seen on a shelf in Westlicht gallery in Vienna on 11 May, 2012.

INTERNET

VIENNA, 14 May—A rare 1923 Leica went for 2.16 million euros at an auction in Vienna at the weekend, making it the most expensive camera ever sold, the auctioneer said.

An anonymous buyer won the bidding battle for the German camera, which still works and is one of around 25 test versions of Leica 0-Series cameras produced in 1923, two years before the start of serial production. Only half of them have been preserved.

Including the buyer's premium, the price paid at the WestLicht auction on Saturday was more than seven times the starting price of 300,000 euros, WestLicht said. It did not identify the previous owner, who it said was a private collector in Europe.

A different Leica 0-series sold in November 2007 for 336,000 euros at auction, and then again in May 2011 for 1.32 million euros including the buyer's premium, WestLicht said.—Reuters

Ancient Peruvian find turns up in Florida

ORLANDO, 14 May—Experts are trying to determine how two ancient skulls and centuries-old Peruvian artifacts came to be buried in a former Florida migrant worker camp.

There is one clue that showed the burial occurred in comparatively recent times—pieces of a newspaper dated 16 March, 1978, the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported.

"This is definitely a secondary burial site," said Dr. Jan Garavaglia, medical examiner for Orange and Osceola counties.

The migrant worker camp in Winter Garden, about 30 miles west of Orlando, shut down in the 1980s and the area is now being developed. A swimming pool contractor found the skulls and artifacts.

John Schultz, an anthropologist at the University of Central Florida, said the skulls are typical of Inca remains from Peru. A woven purse, carrying bag and sling and pieces of pottery found with the bones appear to be from the Chancay culture of Peru, which flourished for more than 200 years before 1470 A.D.

Trading in archaeological finds has been illegal under a UNESCO convention since 1970. Before that tourists could often buy them in local markets, although many countries had laws protecting antiquities.

Another possibility is that the remains were brought to Florida by migrant workers, possibly for use in religious rituals.—Internet



File illustration photo shows a man look at his mobile phone with his children in Phnom Penh. Children must be taught to reflect before hitting the "send" button on something they might later regret, refrain from anonymous comments, and not to believe everything they read or see online.

INTERNET



The Yahoo! offices are pictured in Santa Monica, California on 18 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Yahoo CEO out, investor Loeb gets board seats

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 May—Yahoo Inc (YHOO.O) is replacing its CEO for the third time in as many years, and giving three board seats to a hedge fund led by Daniel Loeb, putting him in a strong position to influence strategy at the struggling Internet company.

Chief Executive Scott Thompson stepped down on Sunday, 10 days after Loeb accused him of padding his biography by faking a computer science degree. Loeb's Third Point LLC is one of Yahoo's largest shareholders with a 5.8 percent stake.

Yahoo did not give a reason for Thompson's exit but said the company's global media head, Ross Levinsohn, will be interim CEO. It also said it had settled a proxy battle with Third Point and will nominate three of the fund's slate of four candidates to the board, including Loeb.

Separately, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday that before resigning as chief executive of Yahoo over the weekend, Thompson disclosed to the company's board of directors and several colleagues that he has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. The paper had sourced the report to people familiar with the matter.

The decision to step down from Yahoo was in part influenced by Thompson's cancer diagnosis, a person told the Journal.

The diagnosis had occurred in recent days while the board was investigating why the executive's academic record had erroneously included a computer science degree, according to the newspaper.

Thompson's departure after just four months on the job throws into question the future of Yahoo as it struggles to revive growth amid fierce competition from the likes of Google Inc (GOOG.O) and Facebook Inc, and produce a long-term strategy to convince investors to reverse its share slide.

Yahoo recently resumed negotiations to sell all or part of its more than 40 percent stake in Chinese Internet and e-commerce company Alibaba back to the Chinese company, after torpedoing a previous plan to do a complex tax-free transaction.

"This is a big victory for Third Point. It strengthens their argument that this board was dysfunctional, and it's going to increase Third Point's ability to shape the direction of the company," BGC analyst Colin Gillis said.

Reuters

Scientists track manta rays by satellite

NEW YORK, 14 May—US, British and Mexican researchers say satellite tracking technology has uncovered feeding habitats and threats to a mysterious ocean giant, the manta ray. Conservationists from the Wildlife Conservation Society of New York, the University of Exeter in Britain and the government of Mexico have completed a ground-breaking study using satellite telemetry to track the open-ocean journeys of the world's largest ray, which can grow up to 25 feet in width, the WCS reported on Friday.

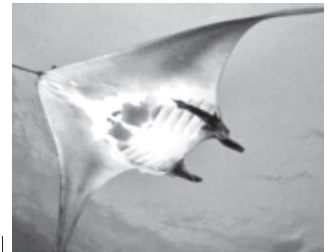
The manta ray, listed as "vulnerable" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, has become increasingly threatened by fishing and accidental capture and now needs more protection, the researchers said.

"Almost nothing is known about the movements and ecological needs of the manta ray, one of the ocean's largest and least-known species," said Rachel Graham, director of WCS's Gulf and Caribbean Sharks and Rays Programme. "Our real-time data illuminate the previously unseen world of this mythic fish and will help to shape management and conservation strategies for this species."

The research team attached satellite transmitters to six manta rays off the coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. "The satellite tag data revealed that some of the rays travelled more than 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) during the study period," Matthew Witt of the University of Exeter's Environment and Sustainability Institute said.

"The rays spent most of their time traversing coastal areas plentiful in zooplankton and fish eggs from spawning events."

Manta rays are declining in the Caribbean and in other tropical regions of the world's oceans because they are captured for shark bait or for use in the traditional Chinese medicinal trade, researchers said.—Internet



Manta Ray.—INTERNET

Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

Riskier assets hit as Euro zone worries grow

LONDON, 14 May—The euro hit four month lows and shares fell on Monday as the increasing likelihood of a new election in Greece worsened the sense of crisis in the euro zone and China's latest move to loosen monetary policy only added to investor risk aversion.

The refusal of a major leftist party to join a new Greek government has brought the prospect of its exit from the euro a step closer. The region's finance ministers, gathering in Brussels, also

face a worsening fiscal position in Spain.

Adding to the negative tone for the higher risk sector, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives suffered a crushing defeat on Sunday in an election in Germany's most populous state.

"Selling rallies in risk assets seems the best way to make money in most asset classes given the event risk is still very real this week," said Chris Weston, an institutional dealer at IG Markets.

Safe haven German bonds and the US dollar gained from the drive for safety with the June German Bund future setting a record high of 143.17, up 40 ticks, in early trade.

The dollar rose 0.2 percent against a basket of major currencies to 80.45.DXY, helping send the euro to its lowest in nearly four months at \$1.2878.

China's cut in the amount of cash banks must hold as reserves only served to fuel fears the European crisis was



Traders work at their desks at Frankfurt's stock exchange.—INTERNET

hurting global growth, leaving the MSCI's broad world equity index. MIWD00000 PUS down 0.2 percent after it fell two percent last week. The key FTSE Eurofirst .FTUE3

index of top European shares opened down 1.1 percent at 1,011.48.

Oil and copper also eased on concerns over the demand outlook.—Reuters

Health Tip: Having an allergy to medication

If you're allergic to a medication, you can take steps to reduce your risk of a reaction, which could be life-threatening.

The University of Michigan Health System offers these suggestions:

- * Make sure you write down the names of any medications to which you are allergic.
- * Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about any newly prescribed medication to be sure it is not similar to another drug to which you are allergic.
- * Never share your medication with someone else or take someone else's medication yourself.

Internet



A model sits on a Yamaha motorbike displayed during the 9th Auto Expo in New Delhi on 16 January, 2008. INTERNET

Yamaha India to build new \$280 mln two-wheeler plant

NEW DELHI, 14 May—Yamaha Motor Co will spend 15 billion rupees over the next five years on a new two-wheeler factory in India, the Japanese automaker's Indian unit said, as the company ramps up capacity in the world's second-largest motorcycle market.

The new factory, to be built outside Chennai, will begin production in January 2014 with capacity of 400,000 vehicles, rising to 1.8 million vehicles by 2018, India Yamaha Motor said in a statement on Monday.

Yamaha currently has two plants in India and a total capacity of 1 million two wheelers.

Reuters

Asthma triggered by more than pollen

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, 14 May—People with asthma have to watch out for more than pollen—fruit, campfires, weather changes or insect bites can all trigger attacks, US allergists warn.

Dr James Sublett, chairman of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Public Relations Committee, said by planning ahead, seeing an allergist and knowing the causes of allergy and asthma, even those with the most sensitive noses and lungs can enjoy summer fun.

"Although symptoms may not always be severe, summertime allergies and asthma are serious and, in some cases, deadly," Sublett said in a statement.

Sublett said some surprising asthma triggers include:

— An otherwise healthy snack can mean an oral allergy syndrome for people whose

lips begin to tingle after sinking their teeth into a peach, melon, apple, celery, and other fresh fruits and vegetables.

— Sudden changes in the weather can trigger an asthma attack.

— Smoke is a common asthma trigger. Sit upwind of the smoke and avoid getting too close.

— Stinging insects. It is possible to develop a life-threatening allergic reaction

to the sting of yellow jackets, honey bees, wasps, hornets and fire ants. Cover up when outdoors, avoid brightly colored clothing, forget perfume and take caution when eating or drinking anything sweet.

— Although not an allergen, the smell of chlorine from pools or hot tubs can be an irritant and cause flare-ups of either allergy-like eye and nose symptoms or asthma in some people.—Internet



This file photo shows a girl crying as a medic injects a measles vaccination, in Lahore. An outbreak of measles in part of Pakistan's lawless tribal northwest has killed 12 children in three weeks and is spreading due to a shortage of medicines, according to doctors. INTERNET



Measles kills 12 children in Pakistan tribal area

MIRANSHAH, 14 May—An outbreak of measles in part of Pakistan's lawless tribal northwest has killed 12 children in three weeks and is spreading due to a shortage of medicines, according to doctors.

Doctor Mohammad Ali Shah, chief of the main hospital in Miranshah, the biggest town in North Waziristan, told AFP that military operations, power cuts and curfews meant there was a shortage of medicines.

The restive and

impoverished district bordering Afghanistan is Pakistan's most notorious Taleban and al-Qaeda stronghold, and hit frequently by US drone strikes targeting Islamist militants.

"For the past three weeks we are daily receiving five to 10 children suffering from measles," Shah said, adding that he would normally see only one or two deaths from the disease in a year.

"We do not have proper storage for measles vaccination because of long power outages and curfews and

most of our stock expires due to these reasons."

He urged the government to send mobile vaccination teams to the area and warned of a possible typhoid outbreak if action was not taken promptly.

"Inoculation teams have not visited the area for a long time and that is the reason for the spread of such diseases," he said.

Measles is highly contagious and spread by a virus that is easily prevented by proper immunisation but can be fatal.

It caused nearly 140,000 deaths worldwide in 2010, according to the World Health Organization — 95 percent in low income countries with poor health infrastructure.

Another doctor, Mohammad Sadiq, said 12 children and a man had died from measles, and that there were up to 70 confirmed cases in hospital.

Local government officials were not available to comment.

Internet

Broad-based sell-off drags Britain's FTSE lower

LONDON, 14 May—A broad-based sell-off headed by heavyweight banks and commodity stocks dragged Britain's top share index lower on Monday, as twin fears over the euro zone crisis and the global growth outlook killed any recent underlying enthusiasm.

Talks to form a new government in Greece looked to have failed, deepening the euro zone crisis, and China cut its bank reserve requirement ratio for a third time in six months in further efforts to boost its slowing economy, underlining global growth concerns.

At 03:13am EDT (0713 GMT), the FTSE 100 FTSE index was down 70.92 points, or 1.3 percent at 5,504.60, just clinging on to the psychologically important 5,500 level, having rallied 0.6 percent higher on Friday.—Reuters

Babies benefit from music lessons

HAMILTON, 14 May—One-year-old babies exposed to music lessons demonstrated better communication and more sophisticated brain responses to music, Canadian researchers say.

Laurel Trainor, director of the McMaster University's Institute for Music and the Mind in Ontario, and David Gerry, a music educator and graduate student, said the study involved groups of babies and their parents who spent six months participat-

ing in one of two types of weekly music instruction.

All the babies had shown similar communication and social development and none had previously participated in other baby music classes.

One music class involved interactive music-making and learning a small set of lullabies, nursery rhymes and songs with actions. Parents and infants worked together to learn to play percussion instruments, take turns and sing specific songs. In the other music class,

infants and parents played at various toy stations while recordings from the popular Baby Einstein series played in the background. "Babies who participated in the interactive music classes with their parents showed earlier sensitivity to the pitch structure in music," Trainor said in a statement.

"Specifically, they preferred to listen to a version of a piano piece that stayed in key, versus a version that included out-of-key notes, while the passive listening infants did not show the same preferences."

Internet

Iraq bomb attacks against security kill five

BAGHDAD, 14 May—A series of bomb attacks mostly targeting security forces, including a suicide car bombing, killed five people across Iraq and wounded several more on Sunday, security and medical officials said.

Two people, including an Iraqi army first lieutenant, were killed when a suicide car bomber attacked an Iraqi army checkpoint in Fallujah, west of Baghdad in Sunni Anbar Province, a police captain who spoke on condition of

anonymity said.

He said six others, including four soldiers, were also wounded in the attack. Omar Dalli from Fallujah general hospital confirmed receiving two bodies and treating six people.

In Ramadi, the provincial capital of Anbar, a parked car bomb that detonated as a police patrol was passing wounded at least six people, including four policemen, a police major and a medic said.

Two people were also killed when a magnetic "sticky

bomb" attached to their car detonated in Iskandariyah, south of Baghdad, police said. A medical official in Mussayib general hospital, the nearest medical facility, confirmed the toll.

In another attack, a bomb blast outside a soldier's house in the town of Himreen, in Diyala Province, killed the soldier's mother and left his sister wounded.

The casualties were confirmed by doctor Ahmed Ibrahim from the main hospital in Diyala's provincial capital



A crane removes the debris of a vehicle following a car bomb attack in Ramadi. A series of bomb attacks mostly targeting security forces, including a suicide car bombing, killed five people across Iraq and wounded several more.—INTERNET

of Baquba.

In western Baghdad's Mansur neighbourhood, a suicide bomber wounded four

people, an official in the interior ministry said.

He added that policemen shot the suicide bomber

before he reached a checkpoint, but the bomber managed to blow himself up. Internet

Pakistani daily workers have their breakfast at a roadside food vendor, in the Pakistani border town of Chaman along the Afghanistan border, early on 14 May, 2012.

INTERNET



ISLAMABAD, 14 May—The United States has been holding intense negotiations with Pakistan to get the country to reopen its border to supplies meant for NATO

troops in Afghanistan, a US official said on Monday, a day before senior Pakistani decision makers are set to

discuss the issue.

The clock is ticking ahead of a NATO summit in Chicago on 20 to 21 May that is largely focused on the Afghan war. Pakistan will

US, Pakistan negotiate reopening NATO supply line

likely only receive an invitation if it ends its nearly six-month blockade of NATO supplies.

A team of US negotiators has been in the country for several weeks working out the nuts and bolts of a potential agreement to reopen the supply line, said a US official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. The Americans met with their Pakistani counterparts all day on Sunday and were scheduled to resume discussions on Monday, the official said.

Pakistan closed its Afghan border crossings to the US-led coalition at the end of November, in retaliation for American

airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers at two small outposts in the northwest. The US expressed its condolences, but that wasn't enough for Pakistan.

Pakistan's government then threw the issue to parliament, which used the opportunity to try to renegotiate the country's relationship with the US, a popular move in a country where anti-American sentiment is rampant despite billions of dollars in annual US aid. Passing the gauntlet to parliament was likely meant to provide the government political cover, but the lawmakers' stark demands have made it more difficult for Pakistani officials to maneuver.—Internet

Bomb kills nine at market in northern Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 May—Authorities say a bomb has exploded at a market in northern Afghanistan, killing nine people, including a local official.

The Ministry of Interior says the bomb went off on Monday morning inside a shop in a market in Faryab Province's Ghormuch District. The ministry's statement says the nine dead included a council member from a neighbouring province. The ministry says it has no other details.

In a separate statement Monday, the ministry said police killed 18 militants in operations across the country over the past 24 hours.—Internet



An Afghan National Army soldier patrols the gate of the military hospital next to an ambulance in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 13 May, 2012. INTERNET

Five killed in east China car accident

JINAN, 14 May—Five people were killed, and another five injured after a truck-tractor slammed into a passenger bus on Monday morning in Shandong

Province, local authorities said.

The accident happened around 5:40 am in the province's Yangxin county, according to the county's

public security bureau.

Two people died on the spot, and eight were injured and sent to hospital, where three of them died, the bureau said. An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.—Xinhua

File photo of an Agni Air Dornier Do 228 light passenger aircraft at northern Nepal's Jomsom Airport. Fifteen passengers died on 14 May, 2012 when a plane carrying Indian pilgrims crashed near a treacherous high-altitude airport in northern Nepal, while six made a miraculous escape, police said.—INTERNET



Nepal plane crash kills 15

KATHMANDU, 14 May—Fifteen passengers died on Monday when a plane carrying Indian pilgrims crashed near a treacherous high-altitude airport in northern Nepal, while six made a miraculous escape, police said.

The Agni Air plane plunged into a hill close to Jomsom near the Annapurna mountain range, police spokesman Binod Singh told AFP. "The plane was about to land at Jomsom airport. It hit a muddy slope and the plane is now buried in the side of the hill," he said.

"Fifteen people have been killed. Thirteen of them were Indian tourists and the other two were Nepali pilots.

"There are six survivors, among them one Nepali air hostess," he added.

The passengers had chartered the flight to take them from the central tourist hub of Pokhara to Muktinath, a sacred place for Hindus and Buddhists at the foot of the Thorong La Himalayan mountain pass, said Rajendra Singh Bhandari, Nepal police regional spokesman.

"A Nepal army barracks

was near the accident site which made the rescue of survivors easier," he added.

Agni Air marketing manager Pramod Pandey said two Danish nationals were among the passengers, although their condition was not known.

The crash was the second deadly air accident for Agni Air in less than two years. In August 2010 one of the private carrier's Everest-bound planes crashed in bad weather near Kathmandu, killing all 14 people on board, including four Americans, a Japanese and a British national.

Internet

Qaeda suspects blow up Yemen gas pipeline

SANAA, 14 May—Suspected al-Qaeda militants blew up a gas pipeline supplying Yemen's Balhaf export terminal in the Gulf of Aden, the second such attack in a month, a government official said on Monday.

"A gas pipeline was blown up near Mayfaa" in Shabwa Province in southeast Yemen late on Sunday, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Al-Qaeda blew up the pipeline in response to the raids that targeted it" over the past week, the official said.

Witnesses told AFP that flames were seen flaring into the sky from the site of the explosion that took place around midnight, some 30 minutes after soldiers guarding the pipeline clashed with a group of gunmen.

The amount of damage to the pipeline was not immediately clear and it was not known to what extent supplies of gas, from a field in Marib Province, were affected.

On Saturday, Yemeni forces launched a multi-pronged assault aimed at recapturing the southern city

of Zinjibar, held by the jihadists for a year.

Earlier last week, air strikes by US drones in eastern Yemen killed jihadist network leader Fahd al-Quso, wanted by Washington in connection with the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Aden harbour.

Quso's name figured on an FBI list of most wanted terrorists, along with a reward of up to \$5 million for

information leading to his arrest. Further air strikes were launched by US drones against al-Qaeda targets on Saturday, in which according to a tribal chief and witnesses 12 militants were killed.

The 320-kilometre (200-mile) pipeline linking Marib Province to Balhaf, in Yemen's mostly lawless south, has been repeatedly sabotaged by al-Qaeda.

Internet



File photo of the Balhaf liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant on the Gulf of Aden in Yemen. Suspected al-Qaeda militants blew up a gas pipeline supplying Yemen's Balhaf export terminal in the Gulf of Aden, the second such attack in a month, a government official said on Monday.—INTERNET

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—A Chinese delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of Communist Party of China and Vice-Chairman of National Committee of People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Wang Gang called on Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this noon.

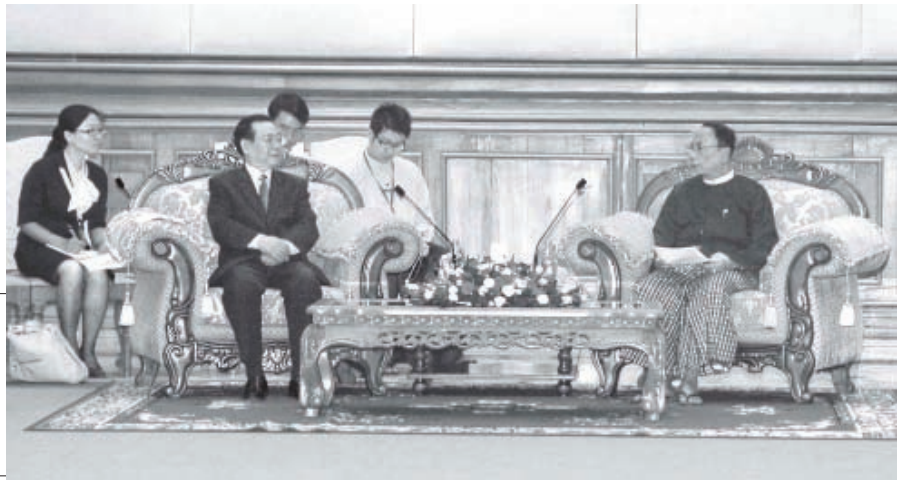
They exchanged views on peaceful coexistence between Myanmar and China, closer cooperation in international issues, friendly ties in 60 years of diplomatic relations, parliamentary undertakings, future socio-economic development of the people, strides for environmental conservation, poverty alleviation tasks, all-inclusiveness in Myanmar's politics and developments of national reconciliation.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chairmen and secretaries of committees, and officials at Hluttaw Office and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.—MNA

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets Chinese delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of Communist Party of China and Vice-Chairman of National Committee of People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Wang Gang at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex.

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Member of CPC Central Politburo calls on Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint



Delegation led by Member of CPC Central Politburo arrives in Mandalay



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Member of CPC Party of China and Vice-Chairman of National Committee of People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Wang Gang exchange gifts.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—A Chinese delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of Communist Party of China and Vice-Chairman of National Committee of

People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Wang Gang arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 11.55 am yesterday to pay goodwill

visit to Myanmar.

They were welcomed by Mandalay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing,

CEC Member U Aung Tun of Union Solidarity and Development Party, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, Consul-General Mr Yu Boren and officials at the airport.

The delegation visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace and Cultural Museum and paid homage to Buddha Image on Mandalay Hill where they viewed the scenic beauty of Mandalay. They signed visitor's book and donated cash through the Pagoda Board of Trustee.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint met the delegation at Mandalay Sedona Hotel and exchanged gifts. The Chief Minister hosted a dinner to the delegation.

Mr Wang Gang cordially greeted the artists who performed songs and dances at the dinner and presented bouquets.

The delegation proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw at 8.20 am today.—MNA

Myanmar, Philippines to cooperate in agricultural sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met a delegation of the Republic of the Philippines led by Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ma. Hellen B. De La Vega at the ministry today.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on production of rice, rubber, sugarcane, oil palm and foodstuffs by cooperating technologies; and investment for the development of the agricultural sector of both nations. And then, the ambassador and the merchants discussed investment in the agro-based industries that will produce value-added products of Total Solution Co., Ltd through WIN-WIN Practice.

Deputy A & I Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, Director-Generals of the departments, the Rector of Yezin Agricultural University, Executive Director Mr. Edward Tortoric, Mr. Kevin Sietho (Director Indo Food), Mr. Sony Lianto (Director Indo Food), Mr. Noel E. Torres (Business Development), Ms. Maribelle F. Manlangit (Attaché) and members of First Pacific Group of the Philippines attended the meeting.

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Private Microfinance Development Supporting Committee holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—The Private Microfinance Development Supporting Committee's 2/2012 meeting was held at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun stressed the need to push all organizations to register and submit applications for licences. He said that international organizations, private banks and companies observe microfinance institutions of Myanmar. Thus, he said it is necessary to provide assistance for their convenience. He noted that it is needed to supervise tasks of microfinance institutions in line with law, rules and directives.

Secretary of the Committee Managing Director of Myanma Microfinance Supervisory Enterprise U Htein Lin reported on progress of works.—MNA

Labour laws and bylaws briefed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Ayeyawady Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing addressed the briefing on Labour Organization Law, Labour Dispute Law and bylaws at Town Hall of Pathe on 12 May.

Officials explained the laws and bylaws.

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CPC Central Politburo Member calls on USDP Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—At the invitation of Secretary-General U Htay Oo of Union Solidarity and Development Party, the 25-member delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of Communist Party of China Mr Wang Gang arrived here from Mandalay at 9.45 am today.

USDP CEC Member U Soe Naing and Nay Pyi Taw USDP members and officials from the party headquarters welcomed the delegation at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The delegation accompanied by the Chinese ambassador called on the Secretary-General of USDP at the party headquarters at 5.30 pm.

The meeting focused on strengthening friendly relations between USDP and CPC and continuing cooperation.

USDP Secretary-General U Htay Oo hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation at Myat Tawwin Hotel.—MNA

Training courses of UMFCCI conclude

YANGON, 14 May—The Office Management Course, International Trade Course, Systematic Distribution & Management Course, Higher Sales and Marketing Course, Business English Course, Human Resource Management Course and Office Management Course, organized by Human Resources Development Work Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry concluded at the federation in Lanmadaw Township yesterday morning.

President of the federation U Win Aung and Vice-President U Aung Lwin made speeches.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Human Resources Development Dr Myo Thet explained training courses of the UMFCCI Training Institute.

The President and officials presented completion certificates and prizes to the trainees.

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President U Thein Sein welcomes ROK President...

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The State Band played the National Anthems of both countries.

President U Thein Sein and ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak inspected the Guard of Honour.

The ROK President presented his entourage to President U Thein Sein. After that, President U Thein Sein introduced his entourage Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Nyunt Hlaing.

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President U Thein Sein and ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak inspect the Guard of Honour.

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President U Thein Sein hosts dinner to goodwill delegation led by ROK President



NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein hosted a dinner to the goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak, who is on a goodwill visit to Nay Pyi Taw, at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this evening.

Those present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein were Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Soe Thein, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK

U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental heads and together with the Korean President were Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Kim Sung-Hwan, Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Hong Suk Woo, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and senior officials.

Artistes of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture performed songs and dances before and during the dinner.

The artistes entertained the visiting Korean President with traditional songs and dances after the dinner.

President U Thein Sein presented the Korean counterpart the documentary photo album of the latter's visit.

The two leaders then presented bouquets to the artistes and posed with them for documentary photo.—MNA

President U Thein Sein hosts dinner to goodwill delegation led by Republic of Korea President Mr Lee Myung-bak at Credentials Hall, Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw.

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President U Thein Sein meets goodwill delegation led by CPC Central...

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The essence of five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence is mutual respect, equal respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of the other country. China has gone against sanctions of the western countries long ago.

China always desires to bring about good to the peoples of the two countries.

China was heartened by economic development and socio-economic development of the people as the relationships, at home and abroad, become lively under the President's administration. China would always support political reforms in Myanmar.

The international community should offer constructive assistances to Myanmar in flourishing its national characters, and ensuring stability, peace and development.

China believes that Myanmar people would achieve the goal of development under the leadership of the President. China would support Myanmar for ever.

For his part, President U Thein Sein expressed his thanks for the message of greetings conveyed from Chinese

President Mr Hu Jintao. He next offered his sympathy for the Chinese families in north-western China for the lost of property in extreme weather condition. He added that during his visit to China in May last year after the new government taking office, it was a great pleasure for him to be able to forge multilateral strategic partnership with the Chinese President. Exchange of visits of leaders of the two countries and bilateral amity over the past 60 years have further strengthened bilateral amicability and cooperation.

The President expressed his wish to have a continued developed bilateral relationship, adding that Myanmar is always grateful to China of its more than 20 years of support and standing up for some issues.

He continued that although Myanmar is trying to have balance between the three pillars of the nation, it still has to be careful about every step for reforms due to immature democratic experiences and practices. Efforts are also being made to ensure peace and stability and national economic development, which are two key requirements for flourishing democracy. Myanmar is working together with internal political organizations for prevalence of peace and stability. In an effort to make peace with national ethnic armed groups, understanding and peace have been achieved with 10 groups. However, peace has yet to be made with Kachin State sharing border with China. While Chinese leaders and people wish to see peace and tranquility of the border

region, Myanmar is also exerting peace efforts. So, Myanmar here asks for help and support of China for this issue.

The President went on to say that Myanmar is inviting international investments for the development of people's socio-economy. Without complete lifting of all sanctions against Myanmar, foreign investors have yet to dare to come to the country. This is why Myanmar is making continued endeavours for having those sanctions lifted completely. Deepest thanks are due to China for offering help with economic investments for more than 20 years. Myanmar will continue to support one China policy.

Then, President U Thein Sein conveyed his message for Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao and Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and other Chinese leaders wishing their good health and happiness.

Also present at the meeting together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads. Together with Mr Wang Gang were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and high-ranking officials.

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Myanmar wants ROK to share its experience of...

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In his greetings, President U Thein Sein said he warmly welcomed the goodwill visit of the Korean President. It is a great pleasure for him to have met again with the Korean President since they last met at the 20th anniversary of establishment of ASEAN-Korea friendship held in the Republic of Korea in 2009. It has been the first ever visit of a President of Korea to Myanmar over the past 29 years. As this is also the very first visit during the time of new Myanmar government, it will surely serve as a milestone in the history of bilateral relations. Myanmar and Korea established their diplomatic ties in 1975 and the bilateral friendship has been further cemented. With this improvement, a new chapter has been opened in the field of friendly relations. It is heartening to see the relations between the two peoples improving. So, based on those results, Myanmar wishes to further promote bilateral cooperation in the future.

The President continued to say that now is the time when Myanmar is prioritizing State peace and stability, national economic development and human resource development. For peace and tranquility of the nation, peace talks are being held with national ethnic armed groups. As a result, it is hoped that all those groups will participate in the peace process. In the national reconciliation effort, Myanmar is also trying to cooperate based on common ground for the interests of the nation and the people, sidelining different ideologies. In the agricultural sector, reforms necessary for monetary, financial, trade and investment-related organizations are being conducted. Likewise, Myanmar is striving for development of agricultural sector, rural development and poverty alleviation and rural socioeconomic development. Indeed, the Korean government and people have much experience in promoting democratic reform, economic development and people's living conditions. So, Myanmar and its people want to be shared with such experience.

The Korean President said he took pride of being the first Korean President to visit Myanmar in 30 years. He

assumes the Myanmar President as a new and very close friend. As Myanmar is building a new nation with new system and promoting democracy and human rights, she will make more new friends in international community who could assist with Myanmar's development. It is right choice Myanmar took human resources development as sine qua non for development.

Also in development of Korea, HRD played a significant role. For development of a nation, political commitment, comprehensive plan and human resources development are needed. Various Korean officials accompanied him in this trip and it is intended to start practical cooperation.

Then, the two leaders frankly discussed matters related to strengthening friendly ties, technical assistance for development of Myanmar, human resources development, investment, finance, economy, education, infrastructure, industrial development, environmental conservation, tourism, transportation, communications, science and technology, energy and mining sectors.

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President of Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—A goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak arrived here at 2.15 pm today to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The Korean President was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by national race youths with bunches of flowers. The Guard of Honour saluted the President.

The delegation was welcomed by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, departmental heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officials, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong and embassy officials.

School children waved flags of the two countries along the road as the delegation proceeded from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to Amara Hotel where they would stay.

MNA

A delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak arrives at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—At the invitation of His Excellency Mohamed Kamel Amr, Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 9 to 10 May.

The Meeting held in Maritim International Congress Centre was also attended by the Representatives from 102 Member Countries, 30 countries and nine UN and international organizations. At the Ministerial Meeting, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin delivered a statement in General Debate at the Plenary Session on 9 May 2012.

In his statement, the Union Minister stated that

as a founding member of the Movement, Myanmar has consistently adhered to and faithfully followed the principles of the Movement, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations; refraining from interference in the internal affairs of other countries; settlement of disputes by peaceful means; and refraining from acts of aggression or threats or the use of force against any country. He pointed out that in the face of new challenges and complex international environment, the Movement has demonstrated its continued relevance and validity as the defender of the developing world against the dominance of the rich and the powerful. Therefore, it is vital for the Movement to be further strengthened and continue to promote and protect the interests of its member countries. The Union Minister also briefed the

Union Foreign Affairs Minister attends Ministerial Meeting of Coordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement

Meeting on recent political development and the Government's efforts for socio-economic development of the people in Myanmar.

During the meeting, the Union Minister held separate meeting with Foreign Ministers from Republic of Serbia, Armenia, Palestine and Deputy Foreign Ministers from Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Republic of Korea, and Executive Secretary of Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization. They had exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and promotion of bilateral relations.

At the Ministerial Meeting, as Myanmar was elected as one of the Vice-Chairmen for Asia and



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin chairs at Ministerial Meeting of Coordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.—MNA

Pacific Region, the Union Minister chaired the plenary session on 10 May afternoon.

The Ministerial

Meeting adopted the Sharm El Sheikh Final Document, the Declaration on Palestine and the Declaration on the Centenary Year of the

African National Congress. The Ministerial Meeting was preceded by Senior Officials Meeting on 7 and 8 May.—MNA

Paletwe hybrid paddy harvested in Einme



EINME, 14 May—A ceremony to harvest model plot of Paletwe hybrid paddy was held at field No. 40/41 of Yethoe Nyaungwaing Village-tract in Einme Township of

Myaungmya Township in Ayeyawady Region on 27 April morning.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Yazar Win, Head of Township Agriculture Department U

Soe Myint Aung and staff, Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Khin Maung Win and staff, Manager of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading U Htwe Thein, Head of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department U Kyaw Kyaw Thet and farmers.

The harvesting of paddy produced 162.2 baskets of paddy per acre in dry status.

Those wishing to take Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds and agricultural technology may contact Agriculture Department.

Township Agriculture

Import permit for migrant workers allowed

YANGON, 14 May—The applications to import vehicles submitted by Myanmar workers in foreign countries was temporarily suspended in the past. These

applications are allowed as of 3 May, according to the Labour Department.

Those wishing to work abroad are being allowed at No. 43 of Panglong Hall of

Labour Department on Minye Kyawswa Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township of Yangon. They may submit applications in line with the prescribed rules.—*Kyemon*

New school building handed over in Hmawby Township



HMAWBY, 14 May—A ceremony to hand over the 80x30 feet new school building donated by

wellwisher U Kyaw Khin-Dr Daw Mya Mya and family was held at Basic Education Primary School in

Kinmalinchaung Village of Yindaikpin Village-tract in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region on 5 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Lwin Soe, Township Education Officer U Khin Maung Htay and wellwisher formally opened the new school building.

The wellwisher handed over documents related to the school building to officials.—*Education*

Sub-power station launched for supply of electricity

PYU, 14 May—A ceremony to launch the 160 KVA sub-power station was held in Thabyehla model village of Chikhin Village-tract in Pyu Township of Toungoo District in Bago Region on 5 May with the aim of supplying electricity on a self-reliant basis.

Region Minister for Industry and Electricity U Baby Ohn pressed the button to launch the sub-

power station.

Superintending Engineer of the region U Ko Naing and Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Mya Thein Tun formally opened the station.

Village electricity supply committee U Aung Moe explained the efforts made for supply of electricity and progress of tasks.

Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Orchid Nurturing Course 1-8 June

YANGON, 14 May—Organized by Myanmar Floriculturists Association, the Orchid Nurturing Course on commercial scale 1/2012 will be conducted at the hall of the association at the People's Square, here, from 1 pm to 3 pm daily from 1 to 8

June 2012.

A total of 50 trainees will be admitted for the course whose fee is K 15,000 per head.

Those wishing to attend the training course may dial 379361.

Kyemon

WORKERS' DAY OBSERVED: *The Workers' Day was observed at Ayeyay Hall in Kyangin Township of Ayeyawady Region on 1 May. Township Administrator U Soe Than reads the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.*
TOWNSHIP IPRD



Bo tree watered for 11th time in Insein Township



YANGON, 14 May—A ceremony to pour water at Bo tree was held on Mindhamma Hill on which Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image is being kept in Insein Township on 5 May morning.

At the ceremony, Head of Township Administration Department Township Administrator U Tin Naing

Soe, departmental officials, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social organizations, ward administrators and pilgrims offered meals, water and lights to the Image and took the Five Precepts from members of the Sangha.

Later, the people poured water at Bo tree as performing meritorious deeds.

Myanma Alin

Seintalon mango fruits of Mandalay exported

MANDALAY, 14 May—As Mandalay Region is blessed with favourable weather and it is suitable for cultivation of mango, and the region is designated as mango special cultivation zone for cultivation of quality mango plants.

Thanks to pre-Thingyan rains, fruits from mango plantations in Kyaukse, Hanmyintmo, Myogyi, Tada U, Amarapura, Myitnge, Shwelaung and Patheingyi in Mandalay Region are ripening and these fruits are now being transported to fruit

brokerage in Mandalay.

Mango fruits from various surrounding areas of Mandalay flow into the fruits brokerage on 85th Street in Mandalay. Prices of fruits are depending on their sizes and quality.

Seintalon, Machitsu, Shwehintha, Yinkwe and Aungdin mango strains are different in prices.

Ripened Seintalon fruits are packed with boxes to be exported to the market of China via Muse border route, setting the price at one box per 1.5 yuans.

Thiha Ko Ko-Mandalay



Child-centred academic system discussed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 14 May—The Trainer Course for Child-centred Teaching Course at Mandalay Region level concluded at Aung Yazar Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Region at 3 pm on 4 May.

Present on the occasion were the Mandalay Region Education Officer (Inspection), assistant region education officers, township education officers, instructors and trainees.

At first, Mandalay Region Education Officer U Soe Myint Tun delivered a concluding remark.

The Ministry of Education adopted a project of 93 townships to launch the child-centred teaching as of 2012.

The ministry will adopt the project to be implemented in 85

townships in 2013, 73 townships in 2014 and 75 townships in 2015.

After that, the system of child-centred teaching will be covered all townships across the nation.

The teacher-centred teaching prioritized the easy learning and it could not give thinking power to the children, but gives facts to the childre.

The child-centred teaching can motivate inborn capabilities of the children, exchange of thoughts and views, and field test.

Thus, the system can train the children to have thinking capability in line with the developing the world.

The child-centred teaching courses at regional level instructor course were opened in Mandalay from 22 April to 4 May.

Thiha Ko Ko-Mandalay

MLF invites cash, book donations

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Leftist Mexican presidential candidate rises in poll

MEXICO CITY, 14 May—Leftist Mexican presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has moved up into a second-place tie in the latest voter survey by pollster BGC, but front-runner Enrique Pena Nieto maintains a large lead.

With seven weeks to go until the 1 July election,

Lopez Obrador, the 2006 runner-up, rose 3 percentage points to 26 percent, according to the poll for Monday's edition of newspaper *Excelsior*, which BGC published on its website on Sunday.

The first survey by BGC since last Sunday's televised debate between the

presidential contenders showed Josefina Vazquez Mota, of President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party (PAN), slipping 2 points to 26 percent.

Both remained far behind hot favourite Pena Nieto, candidate of the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party or PRI, who dipped 2 points to 45 percent, BGC said.

Pena Nieto's debating skills had been seen as a potential liability ahead of the debate, but analysts said he held his own.

Initial opinion polls after the showdown suggested Lopez Obrador had performed better than Vazquez Mota in the exchanges.

BGC interviewed 1,200 eligible voters between 7 and 9 May for the survey. The margin of error was 2.9 percentage points, it said.



Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, presidential candidate for the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), speaks to supporters during a political rally in Jiutepec near Cuernavaca on 3 April, 2012.

REUTERS

Spain faces corrosion not collapse from euro crisis

BARCELONA, (Spain), 14 May—Students are protesting on Barcelona's elegant boulevards, public-sector wages are being cut for the second time in three years and resentment is growing against the central government and beneficiaries of bank bailouts.

Such is the daily fallout from the euro zone's debt crisis. Like the rest of Spain, Barcelona is looking at several years of hard grind as the country adjusts to living within its means after the collapse of a debt-financed housing bubble that has brought much of the banking sector to its knees.

Yet unless the most pessimistic projections of the cost of rescuing the banks prove right, the signs are that Spain faces corrosion not collapse.

Greece risks suddenly not being able to pay for vital imports if it cannot form a new government that sticks to the terms of an international bailout. But Spain is more representative of the generally insidious, demoralizing nature of the crisis: austerity is sapping trust in politicians across the euro zone and fraying the social fabric as the bills for years of economic mismanagement are shared out.

"The problem is social. What are we going to do when we have 25 percent unemployment? It's dramatic," said Joan Ramon Rovira, head of economic studies at the Barcelona chamber of commerce.

Even though every fourth Spaniard is unemployed, job protection is being eroded. In Barcelona, capital of the northeastern region of Catalonia, hospital wards are being closed, class sizes are growing and university fees are rising.

The result is a hardening of attitudes as various groups campaign to preserve their entitlements. The crisis has also ratcheted up political tensions with Madrid as supporters of Catalan independence increasingly begrudge helping to bankroll the central government, which they feel treats them with disdain.

"Spain is a backpack that is too heavy for us to keep carrying. It's costing us our development," said the spokesman for Catalan President Artur Mas, Joan Maria Pique.—Reuters

Office rental signs hang on balconies of a block in central Barcelona on 11 May, 2012.—REUTERS



UK's Royal Mail eyes London property cash boost

LONDON, 14 May—Britain's Royal Mail said plans to turn over half of its main London sorting office—Mount Pleasant—into a prime residential hub will be submitted next spring, as the group tries to boost its value ahead of a 2014 privatization.

The 12-acre former prison site in north London is undergoing a 32 million pound (\$51.72 million) facelift to increase production, move operations and parking into the building from elsewhere and free up as much as 6.5 acres of land for housing.

Royal Mail, working with architects Farrells, said local councils Islington and Camden had backed the planned 1 million square foot development, which would see as much as 85 percent of the project turned into housing next to its sorting office.

"We have a strong track record in using the proceeds from disposal of surplus property to invest in the mail operation ... This is vital in



Workers are seen at the dismantlement site of the Lianshuihe Bridge in Loudi, central China's Hunan Province, on 13 May, 2012.—XINHUA

Four pupils dead after Hunan wall collapse

CHANGSHA, 14 May—Four pupils have been confirmed dead after a section of a middle school's wall collapsed on them in central China's Hunan Province on Monday due to persistent heavy rain.

Six students from Miaowan Primary school in Hengyang county in the city of Hengyang were buried by the collapsed wall of Huishui Middle School at about 7:30 am, when they were en route to school, the city's publicity department said.

Two of the pupils were killed on the spot, one died on the way to hospital and another died in hospital. The remaining two students are still being treated in hospital. Further investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.

Torrential rain battered Hunan over the weekend, leaving 1.09 million people affected, 80,400 hectares of cropland damaged and 1,568 houses toppled with direct economic losses of 840 million yuan (133 million US dollars).—Xinhua

Reuters



A street cleaner passes a Royal Mail post box in central London.—REUTERS

order to put Royal Mail on a sound and sustainable footing for the future," Royal Mail Property Director Martin Gafsen said.

It gave no anticipated value for the project.

With losses at its letters business hitting almost 1 billion pounds over the last four years as customers increasingly turn to email, Royal Mail has responded with a major modernisation of its operations and a condensing of its sites.

Capacity increases at sites on the outskirts of London like Croydon and Romford have left the group with a handful of owned locations inside the capital

ripe for redevelopment. Most of its locations across the country are large, leased factory sites.

Royal Mail has already secured planning permission for a new development at its South London mail centre near Vauxhall, which includes over 1,800 residential units and a primary school. It plans

to stop using the site later this year. The group is also marketing a six-acre mail centre in Reading, which has permission for mixed commercial use, and said it is in planning talks with Westminster council about the redevelopment of an old mail centre in Paddington.

Reuters

Hollande's DS ride foreshadows auto industry test

PARIS, 14 May—Francois Hollande will arrive at his first appearance as French President in one of Citroen's flagship cars, handing the struggling company some welcome television exposure. Hollande has picked out a hybrid from PSA Peugeot Citroen's upscale DS line for the ride to his inauguration on Tuesday - a seemingly auspicious start to relations between France's biggest automaker and its new Socialist head of state.

Few doubt they are bound to degenerate fast. Restructuring by Peugeot will test Hollande's determination to avoid factory closures and layoffs, and the company's smaller domestic rival Renault may follow suit. "The honeymoon will be very short if there is one at all," said economist Denis Ferrand, managing director of Paris think tank COE-Rexcode.

"The decline in France's industrial competitiveness is the fundamental issue facing Hollande, and it's particularly impressive in the auto sector." The week before his 6 May victory over centre-right incumbent Nicolas

Sarkozy, Hollande said companies that had postponed job cuts until after the election should think again. "We're not going to let our arrival be the trigger for redundancies," he told French daily *Le Parisien*. "We won't accept them without reacting."

In a document leaked last June, Peugeot executives had outlined plans to close the Aulnay plant near Paris - and warned that an announcement would be impossible before the election due to political sensitivities.

Chief Executive Philippe Varin later acknowledged that Aulnay's future was in doubt beyond 2014, while insisting no decision had been made. "There's a European problem with overcapacity," Peugeot spokesman Jonathan Goodman said, declining to comment on individual sites. "We and other manufacturers have to look at the various options." As soon as one major European automaker announces closures, others including Renault are likely to be forced to follow, the car maker's chief Carlos Ghosn said in March.—Reuters

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Indonesia airline boom raises new safety questions

JAKARTA, 14 May—Dozens of fledgling airlines that have sprung up to serve Indonesia's island-hopping new middle class could jeopardize the archipelago's recently improved safety reputation, aviation experts say.

The trend threatens to erode higher standards established during what one analyst called a "tremendous amount of soul searching" by major carriers and the government after 2007, when frequent crashes prompted the European Union to ban all Indonesian airlines from landing on its runways for two years.

With growth rates of nearly 20 percent per year, Indonesia is one of Asia's most rapidly expanding airline markets, but

the country is struggling to provide qualified pilots, mechanics, air traffic controllers and updated airport technology to ensure safety. And with so many new, small carriers, it's hard to monitor all their standards.

"We are not ready for this boom," said Ruth Sima-tupang, an Indonesian aviation consultant and former safety investigator. —Internet

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In this 12 May, 2012 photo, a Lion Air passenger jet takes off from Juanda International Airport in Surabaya, Indonesia. Dozens of fledgling airlines that have sprung up to serve Indonesia's island-hopping new middle class could jeopardize the archipelago's recently improved safety reputation, aviation experts say. —INTERNET

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Four killed, one injured in Kansas plane crash

KANSAS CITY, 14 May—A small airplane that crashed in southeast Kansas was carrying five people with connections to Oral Roberts University to a Christian youth rally in Iowa, a friend of three of the victims said on Saturday. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that four of the passengers died in Friday's crash and one was badly injured. Those killed were identified on Saturday as pilot Luke Sheets, 23, of Ephraim, Wis.; Austin Anderson, 27, of Ringwood, Okla.; Garrett Coble, 29, of Tulsa, Okla.; and Stephen Luth, 22, of Muscatine, Iowa.

Hannah Luce, 22, of Garden Valley, Texas, was critically injured and admitted to the University of Kansas Medical Centre in Kansas City, Kan. Luce, a recent Oral Roberts graduate, is the daughter of Ron Luce, a trustee at the school and the founder of Teen Mania Ministries, which was sponsoring this weekend's Acquire the Fire rally in Council Bluffs, Iowa. —Internet

Lincoln's sword replaced with replica

A Chicago sculptor created a replacement for a copper sword that was stolen and broken from Abraham Lincoln's tomb, officials said.

The 3-foot sword was stolen from Lincoln's tomb last fall by a teenager, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

However, when police caught up to the thief, the sword was broken in two.

Marshall Svendsen, director of an art production house, volunteered to create

a new sword from the pieces. The entire process for Svendsen and colleague Loc Hong about 40 hours.

Svendsen and Hong installed the finished product Friday. "The whole experience was a real pleasure," Svendsen, 32, said Saturday. "I feel I've been compensated in how much attention the project has received and to be part of such an important historical monument."



This is the three-foot long copper sword stolen from Abraham Lincoln's Tomb in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. It was there sometime in September (left) and now is gone (right).

This is the second time the sword has been replaced, the news report said.

The original bronze version was stolen in the 1890s.

Canadian woman: No memory of hitting moose

A Canadian woman says she has no memory of driving 25 miles down the highway after hitting a moose.

The windshield of Michelle Higgins' car was smashed and the roof was ripped open by the collision, which occurred while she was on her way to work in Gander Monday, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported. "I can remember pulling into the

driveway and my co-workers came out and asked me if I was OK and I said 'Why?' and they said 'Well Michelle you're bleeding and look at your car. I looked at my car and I was devastated,' Michelle Higgins told the CBC Friday.

"The roof was like a sardine can. I thought, 'this is impossible.'"

"I know my head did take a good impact and my forehead has a scuff mark that we are thinking may have been caused by the moose's hoof."

She said Sunday not only doesn't she remember the episode, she's surprised no one reported seeing her severely damaged car as she toolled along the Trans-Canada highway.

She wonders if she was driving "like some sort of lunatic." The Norris Arm, central Newfoundland, resident was badly bruised and fractured two neck bones. The moose died.

British rugby player to swim Atlantic

British rugby player Dan Martin says he put on 56 pounds in preparation for reaching his goal of being the first person to swim across the Atlantic Ocean.

Martin, 30, has been training for more than three years to swim 3,500 miles from New York to Brest in France, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

The swim — the first stage of his 18-month "global triathlon" — will take him between four and six months, Martin estimated. Then, once

he reaches France, he plans to bike across Europe and through Siberia. Finally, he will run across North America and Canada, back to New York.

Martin said he put on the extra weight while training to help defend himself against the Atlantic's cold temperatures. He said he has been eating four meals a day with 3,500-calorie energy drinks. While in the water, Martin will be accompanied by the Ice Maiden, a 50-foot research yacht, with a five-

person team to supply him with fluids and snacks. He will swim for about 8 hours a day and sleep aboard the yacht.

The only other person to successfully swim across the Atlantic was Benoit Lecomte, a Frenchman, in 1998, which he accomplished in 73 days. However, Lecomte slept on a drifting boat each night, which helped him cover more distance. Martin said he plans to use a GPS device each morning to return to where he finished the previous night.

Bronze Age boat replica sinks

A replica of a Bronze Age boat created by British craftsmen and archaeologists failed to float when it was launched, officials said.

Crowds gathered in Dover Saturday to watch the launching of the replica boat, Kent Online reported.

The team that built the boat worked on it for several months using the same tools and methods employed during the Bronze Age 3,500 years ago.

However, before a team of rowers boarded the vessel,

it began to sink. The boat started listing minutes after it was lowered into the Dover Marina and had to be hoisted back out.

Archaeologist Peter Clark, who has led the project, said the team will continue its efforts to come up with a usable boat.

"We are hopeful that we can think again and make the boat good," he said. "We have come an awfully long way in the past three and a half months and we think we are nearly there."

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Amber Riley wraps up 'Glee' role

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—American actress-singer Amber Riley said via Twitter she has wrapped her role of Mercedes on the popular music-themed series "Glee."

"Access Hollywood" said her character will graduate at the end of the

current third season of the show.

"That's a wrap on Amber Riley! Just closed a chapter in my life, the only thing I've known day in and day out for three years," the actress tweeted last Wednesday.

"I'm going to miss the whole Glee family, seeing them everyday," she said.

"I have so many brothers and sisters now :) But I am looking forward to a much needed and deserved summer vacation! SCHOOL'S OUT Glee Kids! Let's play! ... Stay tuned to see what's next for Mercedes."

Internet



American actress-singer Amber Riley

Matthew Morrison praises Cheryl Cole

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—Actor Matthew Morrison was pleased to meet Cheryl Cole on the set of "What to Expect When You're Expecting" and described her as "beautiful".

"I am usually good with accents, but it did take me a second to understand Cheryl. It was actually really refreshing to meet her, because as someone who comes to London a lot, you can't leave there without hearing about Cheryl Cole - she's everywhere," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Morrison as saying.

"So it was great to have a conversation with her as a



Actor Matthew Morrison

human being and to get to know her. She was lovely... and so beautiful," he said.

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Beach Boys' Bruce Johnston slams Obama

NEW YORK, 14 May—Beach Boys singer and keyboardist Bruce Johnston was captured on video criticizing US President Barack Obama while signing

Beach Boys singer and keyboardist Bruce Johnston

autographs this week in New York.

"Obama is an [expletive]," the *New York Daily News* quoted him saying in a video posted on TMZ. "Unless you're interested in never having any money and being socialized."

The 69-year-old musician

went on to say if Obama is re-elected this fall, "you're [expletive]." He also had no kind words for presumptive Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, the *Daily News* reported.

"Our guy isn't any good," Johnston said.

Internet

Alexandra Burke dumps footballer boyfriend

LONDON, 14 May—Singer Alexandra Burke has reportedly dumped her boyfriend, Jermain Defoe, after he allegedly slept with another woman.

The singer started dating the British soccer player earlier this year. "Alex is heartbroken but she has ended it. It's all over. They are not together any more. She thought Jermain might be the one but has now decided to move on with her life," a source told the sun.co.uk.—Internet



Singer Alexandra Burke

Will Smith's daughter in 'Madagascar 3'

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—Actors Jada Pinkett and Will Smith's daughter has lent her voice to one of the newly introduced characters in "Madagascar 3 - Europe's Most Wanted".

This makes two Smiths in the movie with Jada having been an integral part of the previous two parts where she has lent her voice to the character of Gloria, said a statement.

"Willow loves the Madagascar movies and she



Willow Smith, daughter of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith.

INTERNET

is pretty excited to participate in the film," said an insider.

Willow, 11, made her debut with pop song - "Whip my hair".

The animated comedy film is produced by DreamWorks Animation and directed by Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath and Conrad Vernon.

It is set to release in India 8 June.—Internet

Singer Christina Aguilera

Christina Aguilera fined for coming late

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—Singer Christina Aguilera has reportedly been fined for being late on the sets of NBC's music reality show — "The Voice". "Christina is consistently about two hours late. For season three, this has got to stop," showbizspy.com quoted a source as saying.

"Whatever her fine is now doesn't bother her. She

has so much money she probably doesn't notice. Higher-ups on the show want to raise it to a number that does bother her so she actually arrives on time.

"Adam Levine, Cee Lo Green and Blake Shelton can't stand how late she is. They know she's a girl and she takes longer to get ready, but this is ridiculous. And when she gets to the set she still has

to go through hair and makeup," the source added.

Internet



Di Matteo in dark over Chelsea future



Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo, pictured here on 5 May, oversaw his side's final day Premier League victory over Blackburn Rovers on 13 May in what could be his last game in charge at Stamford Bridge.

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LONDON, 14 May—Roberto Di Matteo has admitted he has no plans to meet with the Chelsea hierarchy to discuss his future.

The interim first-team coach oversaw his side's final day Premier League victory over Blackburn Rovers in what could be his last game in charge at Stamford Bridge.

Di Matteo will lead the club into their meeting with

Bayern Munich in the Champions League final at the Allianz Arena on 19th May.

Club officials have always maintained they will not decide on a permanent successor to Andre Villas-Boas until after the end of the season but Di Matteo does not believe his chances of landing the job hinge on the outcome of the Bayern clash.

Asked if he thought that

success or failure in Munich would influence the decision, he said: "I don't think so. But I have no problem with it."

And admitting no firm arrangements had been made to talk about the club's next move, he added: "My wife has booked our holidays. And I am looking forward to it. There are mobile phones. They work everywhere these days."

While the manager's position remains unresolved, Di Matteo admitted the final day of the season had underlined his connection with the club he once played for. "It's been great. We have had a very intense nine weeks together and it has been fantastic and we are all looking forward to next Saturday as well," he said.

"It's been very emotional because I feel very responsible with this club because I have played here and been part of it so it's been a nice day."

Didier Drogba's future also remains unresolved, with the striker so far yet to agree a new deal.—*Internet*

Real Madrid hit 100-points mark in La Liga final

MADRID, 14 May—Champions Real Madrid beat Mallorca 4-1 to break the 100-point barrier on the final day of La Liga season as Villarreal sensationally slipped through the

target as Jose Mourinho's Real smashed Barcelona's previous record of 99 points from the 2009-10 season.

The Santiago Bernabeu was given the first chance to celebrate Mourinho's

Casillas lift the trophy after the match.

In the celebrations that followed, Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain indicated he may be about to leave Madrid, with recent speculation linking him with a move to Paris Saint-Germain.

"They have been almost six great years here in which I have had to fight for everything. I'm very grateful to the club and I've always tried to show this whenever I've taken to the pitch. I hope everything turns out well," he said. Mallorca needed a win to qualify for next season's Europa League and battled hard against a Real side who claimed their 32nd Spanish title two games ago.

Ronaldo headed home an 18th-minute opener and two minutes later Benzema finished off a swift passing move after receiving a Ronaldo pass to double the lead.—*Internet*



Real Madrid players hold the Spanish League trophy at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 13 May. Champions Real beat Mallorca 4-1 to break the 100-point barrier on the final day of La Liga season.

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relegation trapdoor. Mesut Ozil scored twice while Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema also hit the

maiden Spanish title with 'los blancos' and resonated with a celebratory atmosphere to see skipper Iker

Federer, Serena hammer out French Open threat



Swiss Roger Federer holds his trophy after winning the final tennis match of the Madrid Masters against Czech Tomas Berdych at the Magic Box (Caja Magica) sports complex in Madrid. Federer won 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

INTERNET

MADRID, 14 May—Roger Federer and Serena Williams took home trophies on Sunday from the Madrid Masters, with the pair of veteran champions hoping to channel their clay success into more glory at Roland Garros.

With the French Open starting in a fortnight, both

the Swiss, who put his best tennis on display to beat Tomas Berdych 3-6, 7-5, 7-5, and Williams, who crushed world number one Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-1, 6-3, are confident of their form.

"There are exciting times ahead for me," said Federer, who will fly to Italy on Monday but will decide only before his opening match on Wednesday whether his body feels fit enough to compete at the Rome Masters.

"I'm winning so many events and playing so well. I believe that I can win the slams."

"I know the difficulty of the French, the focus will be on Novak (Djokovic) who is going for four slams in a row and on Rafa (Nadal) because he's the defending champion."

"It's an exciting event and I'm playing well, let's see how it plays out."



Serena Williams of the US poses with the Ion Tiriac trophy after winning the final tennis match over Victoria Azarenka of Belarus at the Madrid Open tennis tournament on 13 May, 2012.—REUTERS

French Open," said the 30-year-old.

"It's a myth about me not liking the clay - I like it more than grass. Hopefully I can start doing better."

day on a course that severely punishes inaccuracy. While his challengers stumbled at various hurdles, the American kept out of water and greenside sand throughout a confident 18 holes.

"You think of this as one of the strongest fields in golf and to come out as champion is an amazing feeling," the 33-year-old told reporters.

Kuchar, who found 10 of 14 fairways and struck 15 greens in regulation, wrapped up the tournament when he coolly sunk a 15-foot birdie putt on the 16th to surge three strokes clear.—*Reuters*

"Roland Garros conditions are much different from here. Conditions are different every week on clay. Definitely my goal is to do well in Paris."

Federer, with 16 Grand Slam titles, will now stand behind Djokovic on Monday on the ATP list after sending Nadal back to third on the rankings with his winning performance on the controversial blue clay laid down at the Caja Magica.

Playing in his first event after six weeks off, the Swiss star surprised even himself.

"It's surprising to come back and win a title right away," said Federer.

"I was worried about getting through the first round, I was very realistic coming in. I guess I forgot that I had such a great record (now three titles) in Madrid, I was able to draw from that."

Internet



Japan's Tomoko Fukumi walks away as China's Wu Shugen celebrates after their women's -48kg judo competition at the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, on 16 November, 2010.—REUTERS

Japan pins judo hopes on young blood

TOKYO, 14 May—Japanese judo has been in a state of decline in recent years but the country is pinning its hopes on an infusion of new blood at the London Olympics. Japan tops the Olympic medal table for judo since the martial art was introduced at the 1964 Games with 35 golds, compared to 10 for France in second place.

Japanese competitors won eight out of 14 judo gold medals at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens but four years later that figure fell to four in Beijing.

Tomoko Fukumi, who won the women's 48 kilogramme class at the final qualifier at the weekend, said on Monday that making the cut had triggered an instant bout of Olympic nerves.

"It has a sobering effect, more than feeling elated," the 26-year-old told a news conference in Fukuoka, southern Japan, after bagging

her first title in two years.

"The London Olympics are just around the corner so I can't afford to waste a single day," added Fukumi, one of seven women judoka headed for the Games in July and August. "Everything was on the line and I was so charged up for it." Twelve of the 14 judoka who qualified to represent Japan will be making their Olympic debut following a spate of upset results during the course of the two-day meet. Two-times world champion Haruna Asami left the arena in tears after a shock first-round loss. "I was over-confident," sobbed Asami. "My world title is meaningless."

World champion Misato Nakamura, who beat world number one Yuka Nishida to win the 52kg title, was in a buoyant mood and vowed to improve on her bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Games.

Reuters



Matt Kuchar after sinking his final putt on the 18th green to win the Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Florida, USA, on 13 May, 2012.

REUTERS

International Sports

Kuchar holds steady to clinch Players title

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 14 May—American Matt Kuchar won the Players Championship on Sunday by two shots to secure the biggest win of his career and a \$1.71 million pay check.

To the delight of his watching family, Kuchar shot a final round two-under 70 to finish 13-under for the tournament, two clear of Briton Martin Laird (67) and Americans Zach Johnson (68), Rickie Fowler (70) and Ben Curtis (68).

Overnight leader Kevin Na had a disappointing finish, making six bogeys in a 76 that saw him slip back into a

tie for seventh, a day after being heckled by spectators for his slow play and constant practice shots.

Tiger Woods ended well down the field at joint 40th after shooting a 73 to finish one-under.

England's Luke Donald finished strongly with a 66 that elevated him to sixth, four strokes behind Kuchar, but not enough for him to regain top place in the world rankings from Northern Irishman Rory McIlroy, who missed the cut.

Kuchar, who tied for third at the Masters, consistently avoided trouble on the final

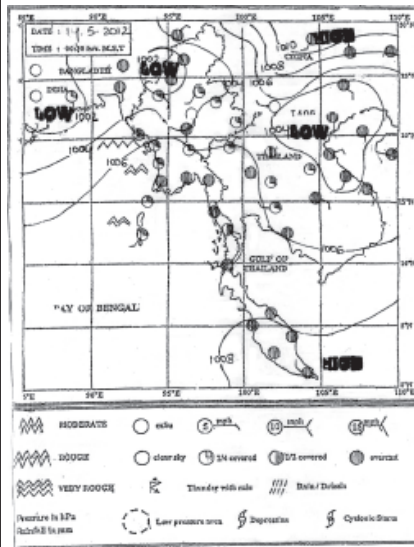
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7. Martial Song
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 15th May, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	Percent
		Minimum	Maximum		
1	Kachin	30/100	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	33/91	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Magway	35/95	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	22/73	15/59	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/100	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	40/104	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	23/73	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	32/90	24/75	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	28/82	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	37/99	27/81	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring May Pyi Taw	30/102	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	25/77	Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Region and Mon State, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with locally heavy falls in Mon State. Day temperatures were 7°C to 4°C above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chak (44°C), Mong Hsat (47°C), Nyaung-U and Mawla (42°C) each. The non-significant amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyeikmayaw (4.70) inches, Paung (3.86) inches, Mawlamyine (1.89) inches, Thant (1.14) inches and Khamar (1.50) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Michael Jackson costumes to be exhibited, sold

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—Michael Jackson's glittery gloves, spangled jackets, stage-worn costumes and personal fashion effects are going on a world tour.

Celebrity auctioneer Darren Julien says clothing created by Jackson's longtime costume designers will be exhibited in South

America, Europe and Asia before being sold to the highest bidder in December.

The exhibit opens May 18 at the Museo de la Moda in Santiago, Chile. It features items such as Jackson's Captain EO shirt, the black spandex outfit from his "Scream" video and the breakaway suit he wore

during his BAD tour in the late 1980s. The items will be sold by Julien's Auction on 2 December, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Guide Dogs of America and Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas.—Internet

An undated image released by Julien's Auctions, shows a Michael Jackson's HIStory costume consisting of a jacket with hanging belt and denim pants, designed by Tompkins & Bush.—INTERNET

**Pendleton 'can't wait' for Olympic Games**

Victoria Pendleton (centre) rides in the women's Keirin at the 2012 Track Cycling World Championships in Melbourne last month.—INTERNET

LONDON, 14 May—Britain's Victoria Pendleton said Monday she was in even better shape heading into the London Olympics than when she won cycling gold on the track in Beijing four years ago.

"Training has been going really well, I'm really pleased with it," said Pendleton, one of Britain's leading hopes for a home gold medal.

"I took a two-year training programme to build up to the Olympics and I'm really pleased with the way it's panned out and I think I'm in the best form I've ever been in at this stage.

"Definitely compared to the last Olympic cycle I'm in better condition.

"I don't really think I could get any fitter. As an elite athlete you're always on the limit, push yourself any further and you could get injured."

World champion Pendleton said she couldn't wait to start the Olympic campaign.

"I'm feeling really positive about it, I just want to get out there now! It's nearly here, I've got a 100-days-to-go chocolate calendar and I'm opening the doors and can see how close it's getting."—Internet

Entrance fee for cultural sites in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 14 May—If anyone pay US\$ 10 as entrance fee at branches of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, they will get the opportunity to visit the cultural sites under Mandalay branch within five days.

The cultural sites in Mandalay are Kuthodaw Pagoda, Kyauktawgyi Pagoda, Shwekyauungyi, Atumashi Monastery, Nanmyo, Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Bagaya Monastery in Amarapura Township, U Pein Bridge, Mei Nu Brick Monastery in Inwa and Fort Hsinkyon.

Maung Saytana (Mandalay)



CASH DONATED: A ceremony to donate cash for needy older persons of above 65 years old by youths of Parahita Social Association was held at the free clinic in Kyaukme Township on 12 May. They present medicines and medical equipment worth K 289,000 to Chairman of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Wai Wai Than.—KYEMON

Neville joins England coaching staff

LONDON, 14 May—Former Manchester United defender Gary Neville has been named as part of new England manager Roy Hodgson's coaching staff, the Football Association said on Monday.

Neville, who has impressed as a TV analyst since hanging up his boots, will join Ray Lewington and goalkeeping coaches Ray Clemence and Dave Watson at the European

Championship that starts next month.

The FA said Neville, who won every domestic honour with United, played 85 times for England and featured at two World Cups, had agreed a four-year contract. "Roy asking me to be a part of his staff and to work with the national team is not only an honour but a very special moment for me," Neville said in a statement.

"I had absolutely no hesitation in accepting this role and I am relishing the opportunity to work alongside Roy and the team at the Euros and through to the next two tournaments."

Hodgson, who will name his Euro 2012 squad on Wednesday, said Neville would bring a wealth of experience.

"Gary has achieved so much in the game as a player with Manchester United and England," Hodgson, who signed off as West Bromwich Albion manager on Sunday, said.—Internet



Former Manchester United defender Gary Neville.—INTERNET

Myanmar wants ROK to share its experience of democratic reform, economic development and promoting living conditions of citizens

President U Thein Sein

It is right choice Myanmar takes HRD as sine qua non for development

President Mr Lee Myung-bak



President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar holds discussion with Korean goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak at President Office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar held discussion with a Korean goodwill delegation led by President

of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak at the Hall of the Presidential Palace

here at 5.20 pm today.

Present at the meeting together with President U

Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister

for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental heads.

Together with the President of ROK were Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and high-ranking officials.

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President U Thein Sein meets goodwill delegation led by CPC Central Politburo member

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets goodwill delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of the Communist Party of China Mr Wang Gang at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Member of Central Politburo of the Communist Party of China Mr Wang Gang at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 11 am today.

Mr Wang Gang said in his greetings that Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao extended his greetings to the

Myanmar President. The diplomatic relations of 60 years developed by leaders of the two countries survived changes of the world.

The exchange of visits of top leaders of both countries could strengthen mutual trust during recent years. Sector-wise cooperation could bring successes. The two countries opened new chapter of friendly ties by agreeing multilateral

strategic partnership meeting with the Myanmar President and Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao on the Myanmar President's visit to China.

Friendly relationship for over 60 years is the outcome of equal respect, mutual respect and cooperation for win-win situation.

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