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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.

Job opportunities, income can be increased and triple growth realized only if current volume of financial investments be doubled

All must trim down uneconomical and redundant enterprises and cut expenses, while shrinking State-owned business sector and encouraging privatization

President invites successful economists, experts, businessmen doing well overseas to join hands with government for national development

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—With regard to processes of reforms for development of the State, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address in meeting with Union level organization members, Region/State Chief Ministers, Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone, deputy ministers and departmental heads at the meeting hall of the President office, here, at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Soe Win, Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, Chief Ministers of Region and State governments, chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone, deputy ministers, departmental heads and guests.

At the ceremony, President U Thein Sein delivered an address. The translation of the speech is as follows:-

Union level officials, chief ministers of Regions and States, chairmen of self-administered division/zone, deputy ministers and departmental heads and all those present here, I wish you all good health and happiness.

During its first year in office, our government conducted political reforms and national reconsolidation with might and main. We started the second phase of reform strategy this year and it gives special focus on promoting the interest of the Union and the people while maintaining the development momentum we have gained in restoring national reconsolidation, State peace and stability, the rule of law, and security of public lives.

The Union government has already drawn the National Plan (draft) and will submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw soon. It is a five-year short-term plan from fiscal 2011-2012 to fiscal 2015-2016. Two annual plans — the National Plan for fiscal 2011-2012 and the National Plan for fiscal 2012-2013 — were presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has already approved and put them on record. According to the discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, some sectors of the ministries have been reduced and the budgets for some sectors increased as necessary. Furthermore, additions and amendments were made to long-term plans that would be additional requirements for national development.

Based on nation's current economic situation, the Planning Commission will discuss the five-year short-term plan (draft) from fiscal 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 bearing in mind the nearest possible degree of future progress in drawing it. During the five-year period, the government has projected:

- a 7.7 percent annual average GDP growth based on 2010-2011 market prices;
- a decrease of agricultural sector ratio in

GDP from 36.4 percent to 29.2 percent; and an increase of industrial sector ratio in GDP from 26.0 percent to 32.1 percent and of services sector ratio from 37.6 percent to 38.7 percent respectively;

- a 1.7-fold rise in per capita GDP when compared with the base year.

Although we have projected a 1.7-fold per capita GDP increase in the fiscal 2015-2016 based on GDP growth rate calculations, our aspired goal is a triple increase in per capita GDP. Especially we will strive to fulfill the basic needs of our people to witness a real income growth.

For achieving a triple national economic growth within a five-year period, we must actively enlist the combined force of human capability, financial capital, and technology. A study of our current volume of financial investments and expenditure reveals the following main factors:

- limits in the State budget (the government budget)
- a requirement of more aids, grants and loans from abroad
- a requirement of a robust increase in the flow of domestic and foreign investments into the country

We will see increase in job opportunities and income and a triple growth as projected only if we double our current volume of financial investments.

A study of State budget shows a deficit of K 2,159,534 million in fiscal 2011-2012 and a deficit of about K 1,953,712 million in fiscal 2012-2013. We need to stop budget deficit as it hurts the national economy and beget ill consequences in the long-run. In doing so, our expenditures must be effective for the programs beneficial to the nation and the people. In addition we must trim down uneconomical and redundant enterprises and cut expenses, while shrinking the State-owned business sector and encouraging



President U Thein Sein delivers address on working procedures of state reforms in meeting with Union level organization members, Region/State Chief Ministers, Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone, deputy ministers and departmental heads.—MNA

privatization. Here, privatization covered by the second phase of reform strategy doesn't mean a big sell-off of government-run businesses. First we will make an assessment of the communication, electricity, energy, forestry, education, health and financial sectors where the ratio of government ownership is large. Then we will increase the ratio of private ownership in these sectors as per the international rules and practices followed by the government encouragement for efficiency promotion. Accordingly, we will form a new Privatization Commission with Vice-President at the helm for a change of methods in reassessing, reviewing and reforming Union ministry-wise scope of operations and ownership ratio.

In this context, each Union ministry must adopt and implement a Reform Strategy to determine exactly which functions of its sectors and businesses need reforms. As for drafting the reform strategy we have reached a level where we can conduct a certain degree of reforms thanks to the coordination

between economic experts of National Economic and Social Advisory Council and the departments. As the Union ministries are drawing sector-wise development plans, the Region/State governments are also forming bodies at different levels in drafting regional development plans, urban development plans and rural development plans in detail. As we are at the initial stage of reforms, the transition period sees requirements. But we believe we will become more and more efficient with the help of domestic and foreign organizations and experts. Here, the Union government is striving to adopt development plans for all the towns in the entire country. But it needs assessment to know whether it has manpower and financial power for the task and the actual ground situation. Region and State governments too can get a list of townships that need town and village extension plans, townships where clean water sufficiency and tree plantation are priorities concerns, townships

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Livestock breeding and fisheries

The global population is increasing at an alarming rate and Myanmar is no exception. Therefore, more food must be produced for more people. It is necessary to increase agricultural production through the extensive reclamation of virgin and fallow lands and the effective application of modern methods. We are now boosting the allround production of paddy, meat and fish.

Myanmar is a country rich in abundant natural resources on land, underground and underwater. There is enough land for cultivation of cash crops and for livestock breeding. We also have renewable fish resources and rivers and inundated areas are the breeding grounds for various species of freshwater fish.

Based on these endowments and potentials plus a more open economic system, livestock breeding and fisheries are given priority not only for the economic development of the country but also for the nutritional status of the people and export.

As livestock breeding provides extra income for rural people and contributes much to poverty alleviation, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has launched a project to breed local strains on manageable scale as an initial step and to breed quality strains on commercial scale as the next step with the establishment of modern livestock breeding villages and townships.

Meanwhile, the government is providing vaccines and medical treatment for farm and domestic animals, introducing quality strains and distributing feedstuff and modern technology. And it has opened the Myanmar Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank to disburse loans for the meat and fish sector to get off the ground.

At a time when efforts are being made for producing more and more food and exploiting viable resources, livestock breeding for food sufficiency will be of great help.

Tree growing ceremony held in Launglon

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2012, collective tree growing ceremony jointly organized by Launglon Township Women's Affairs Organization and Forest Department was held at Thabya Village on 15 June morning.

Chairperson Daw Yi Yi Maw of Launglon Township WAO and members, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, departmental personnel, members of fire brigade and local people cultivated saplings 1550 in total.

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Agricultural loans disbursed in Haka Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank Branch of Haka Township disbursed loans to farmers for cultivation of monsoon paddy at the rate of K 50,000 for one acre on 14 June.

The amount of loans disbursed to 116 farmers for 224 acres of farmland touched K 11,200,000 in total.

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2nd Meeting of Myanmar-Philippines Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held in Manila

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the 2nd Meeting of Myanmar-Philippines Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in from 14 to 15 June, at the invitation of Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Mr Albert F Del Rosario.

The meeting held at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila on 15 June was attended by Myanmar delegation led by Co-Chairman and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and the Philippine side led by Co-Chairman and Secretary of Foreign Affairs Mr Albert F Del Rosario. During the meeting, both sides discussed matters related to further strengthening of the friendly relations and



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin calls on Philippine President Mr Benigno Aquino III. MNA

cooperation between the two countries.

The adoption of the Agreed Minutes of the Meeting brought up the meeting to an end. Before the meeting the Senior Officials Meeting was held on 14 June.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin,

accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Aung Khin Soe and delegation members, paid a courtesy call on Philippine President Mr Benigno Aquino III at Malacanang Palace. During the call, they exchanged views on strengthening of

friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

On 15 June, the secretary of Foreign Affairs hosted a luncheon to the Myanmar delegation.

The Union minister visited Myanmar Embassy on 15 June and met embassy staff.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks in Monywa District

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 17 June met local people at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Natywa Village in Budalin Township in Monywa District.

On arrival at Ye Htut Village, he visited Daw Ni Gyi's pottery.

He inspected pumping water with solar energy in Thayoeon Village site chosen for construction of Kanthit village BEPS.

He provided villagers along the tour with stationery, sports gears and publications for the village libraries.—MNA

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Leshi, Khamti

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Deputy Director U Sein Myo Aung of Sagaing Region Immigration and National Registration Department met staff at the office of Homalin Township INRD on 29 May.

He discussed issuance of house registration and citizenship scrutiny cards in implementing Moe Pwint-3 plan.

On 1 June morning, Sagaing Region Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Shi Thi, member of Naga Self-Administered Zone Leading Body U Aung Win, Deputy Director U Sein Myo Aung and Township Administrator U Aung Cho presented citizenship scrutiny cards to locals at Leshi Township administrative office.

On 5 June morning, they gave away citizenship scrutiny cards to family members of regiments and units at the local battalion hall in Khamti.

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Member of Naga Self-Administered Zone Leading Body U Aung Win issuing citizenship scrutiny cards to local Naga national race.—NLM

Dy Construction Minister inspects road/bridge works in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 17 June met with staff at Bago Region Superintending Engineer Office and inspected approach road and installation of 120-ft-long steel plate girder at Sittoung Bridge (Natthangwin) construction project, being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group (2).

The 720 ft long Sittoung River-crossing concrete bridge is on the Penwagon-Kyaukgyi road. It has 24-ft-wide motor road and three-ft-wide two pedestrians lanes on both sides. Two of 15 steel plate girders have been installed and the rest will be completed in coming September.

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Duties assigned in Mohnyin District

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—A duty assignment ceremony of Mohnyin District General Administration Department took place at District GAD this morning. At the ceremony, District Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe urged responsible persons to exceed the set target of second year 2012-2013 of five-year short-term plan, and Assistant Director U Aung Soe Tun of District National Planning Department explained the objectives of 2012-2013 plan.

After that, the deputy commissioner presented duty assignment letters to Mohnyin, Mogaung and Phakant township administrators and officials from respective departments.—MNA

Tobacco Kills



People dressed in period uniforms re-enact the 1815 the Battle of Waterloo between the French army led by Napoleon and the Allied armies led by the Duke of Wellington and Field-Marshal Blucher, in Waterloo, some 20 km south of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 17 June, 2012. The event was free to the public, attracting many visitors from all over the world. — Xinhua

US, South Africa sign agreement to enhance trade, investment

WASHINGTON, 19 June — US Trade Representative Ron Kirk and South Africa Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies signed the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) on Monday, which aimed to deepen the bilateral trade and investment relationship and provide a forum to address trade issues. The agreement, which amended the previous one signed in 1999, “will not

only help to increase and diversify trade between the US and South Africa, but it will also provide for a regular dialogue on the full spectrum of trade and investment topics,” said Kirk.

Davies said he expected to sign the TIFA with the United States to promote trade between the two countries ahead of his trip to America a week earlier. TIFA sets the groundwork for the involved countries to come

to terms that allow all parties to trade with ease. A TIFA may also serve as a sort of peace treaty where disputes over import-export issues are resolved, which promotes an ongoing civil relationship. Now, the United States has such agreements in place with trade blocs in South America, Africa and Asia.

Total two-way trade between South Africa and the United States was at 22 billion US dollars in 2011. America's

exports to South Africa grew to 7.3 billion in 2011, up 29.5 percent from 2010. Primary exports include machinery, vehicles, precious stones like gold, mineral fuel, and electrical machinery. US imports from South Africa reached 9.5 billion dollars in 2011, a 15.7-percent increase from 2010. Primary imports include vehicles, machinery, iron, steel, platinum, diamonds, ores, slag, and ash. — Xinhua

US welcomes Mexico as new Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiating partner

WASHINGTON, 19 June — The United States and eight other countries negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement extended an invitation to Mexico to join the TPP negotiations, President Barack Obama announced on Monday.

“Mexico’s interest in the TPP reflects its recognition that the TPP presents the most promising pathway to boosting trade across the Asia Pacific and to encouraging regional trade integration,” said US Trade Representative Ron Kirk.

The TPP is a key element of the Obama Administration’s efforts to increase exports to the vibrant economies of the Asia-Pacific region. The TPP countries have completed 12 rounds of negotiations and the next round of negotiations is scheduled to take place from 2 July to 10 July in San Diego, California.

The original TPP agreement among Brunei, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore was signed on 3 June, 2005 and entered into force on 28 May, 2006. It aimed to eliminate 90 percent of all tariffs between member countries by 1 January, 2006 and reduce all trade tariffs to zero by the year 2015.

Xinhua



A tourist takes photos of the giant Olympic rings installed under the walkways of Tower Bridge in London, Britain, on 18 June, 2012. The rings measuring 25 metres by 11 metres will be lowered into view ahead of the London 2012 Olympic games. — Xinhua

Chinese oil giant starts operating Halfaya oilfield in Iraq

BEIJING, 19 June — China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), China’s top oil producer, said on Monday operations have begun at the first phase of its Halfaya oil field project in Iraq, with an initial annual capacity of 5 million tonnes.

The company said the Halfaya oil field project is its largest overseas investment unit for which it also acts as the operator. It said the completion of the first phase of the project marked a milestone in its cooperative business in the Middle East. Meanwhile, it has also started preliminary work on the

construction of the second phase, which is set for an annual capacity of 10 million tonnes.

Located in the southeastern part of Iraq, the Halfaya oil field is one of the country’s seven major oil fields. On 27 Jan., 2010, CNPC’s PetroChina and its partners Malaysia’s Petronas and France’s Total, signed a 20-year oil production agreement with Iraq’s South Oil Company, which took effect on 1 March, 2010. CNPC is one of China’s three oil giants and parent company of PetroChina Company Limited. — Xinhua

Sustainable forests key to development goals: UN report

UNITED NATIONS, 19 June — The world’s forests have a major role to play in the transition to a greener economy, but governments need to do more to ensure they are sustainably managed, according to a new report from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) issued on Monday. “Forests and trees on farms are a direct source of food, energy, and cash income for more than a billion of the world’s poorest people,” said Eduardo Rojas-Briales, FAO assistant director-general for forestry, in a news release commenting on the report.

“At the same time, forests trap carbon and mitigate climate change, maintain water and soil health, and prevent desertification,” he

said. “The sustainable management of forests offers multiple benefits — with the right programmes and policies, the sector can lead the way towards more sustainable, greener economies.” The report, titled *The State of the World’s Forests 2012 (SOFI 2012)*, will be officially presented at an event organized by FAO and its partners at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Rio+20’s high-level meeting runs on 20 and 22 June, and is expected to bring together over 100 heads of state and government, along with thousands of parliamentarians, mayors, UN officials, chief executive officers and civil society leaders, to shape

new policies to promote prosperity, reduce poverty and advance social equity and environmental protection. SOFI 2012 made the case that better and more sustainable use of forestry resources can make a significant contribution to meeting many of the core challenges being discussed at Rio+20. — Xinhua



Thanks Obama! Mexican illegals plan family reunions at last

IXMIQUILPAN, 19 June — Seamstress Paulina Gutierrez, an ethnic Otomi Indian, prayed every day for years for a miracle to reunite her with her two sons, who were smuggled into the United States as children and have lived in permanent fear of deportation back to Mexico. Now, thanks to a major immigration policy shift by US President Barack Obama, she can barely contain her excitement at the prospect of once again hugging her two boys — and two grandchildren she has never met.

Without papers to get back into the United States, Gutierrez’s sons cannot visit her in Mexico. She says at 58 she is too old to creep back across the US border with human smugglers, or “coyotes.” So she has not seen them since returning to Mexico in 2007. Sitting on a plastic chair in her humble provisions store on the outskirts of the heavily migrant city of Ixmiquilpan, 95 miles north of Mexico City, her eyes well with tears as she recalls making the heart-wrenching decision to leave her sons and husband behind in the United States. She had to return to Mexico to look after her ailing parents. So Obama’s order on Friday allowing young undocumented immigrants to stay legally and work as long as they meet a series of conditions was a godsend for her.

Reuters



A man who was deported from the US, sells jelly on a street in the town of Ixmiquilpan, in the Mexican State of Hidalgo on 24 April, 2012. — REUTERS

China gains confidence in space development

BEIJING, 19 June — Chinese astronauts entered the country’s orbiting space laboratory *Tiangong-1* for the first time on Monday, and they will live and work there for about 10 days, paving the way for the construction of a space station around 2020. China has become the third nation, after the United States and Russia, to acquire the skills necessary for extravehicular activities and space docking, and, by acquiring these skills, the nation has gained confidence in its high-tech development capabilities.

Acquiring space docking skills allows China to supply manpower and material to an orbiting module, marking a significant step for

China’s manned space programme that celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. More importantly, China’s ancient dream of “Flying Apsaras,” as enshrined in the frescoes of the Dunhuang Caves, has been realized. The leapfrog development of China’s manned space programme can be attributed to the country’s initiative of reform and opening-up, according to Zhou Jianping, the chief designer of the space programme. The progress of the programme has greatly benefited the lives of ordinary people. It is estimated that an investment of 1 yuan (0.157 US dollar) into the space programme will yield a return of 7 to 12 yuan. The development of the programme has also sped up the research of new materials. However, China is undoubtedly a latecomer in space development compared with the US and Russia. — Xinhua

Mexican President Felipe Calderon gives a speech during the opening ceremony of the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Los Cabos, Mexico, on 18 June, 2012.

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Govt requests to censor content 'alarming': Google

BRUSSELS, 19 June—Google(GOOG)has received more than 1,000 requests from authorities to take down content from its search results or YouTube video in the last six months of 2011, the company said on Monday, denouncing what it said was an alarming trend. In its twice-yearly Transparency Report, the world's largest web search engine said the requests were aimed at having some 12,000 items overall removed, about a quarter more than during the first half of last year.

"Unfortunately, what we've seen over the past couple years has been troubling, and today is no different," Dorothy Chou, the search engine's senior policy analyst, said in a blogpost. "We hoped this was an aberration. But now we know it's not."

Many of those requests targeted political speech, keeping up a trend Google said it has noticed since it started releasing its Transparency Report in 2010. "It's alarming not only because free expression is at risk, but because some of these requests come from countries



A company logo is placed on the roof of the Google building in Zurich on 25 May, 2010. —REUTERS

you might not suspect — Western democracies not typically associated with censorship," said Chou.

In the second half of last year, Google complied with around 65 percent of court orders and 47 percent of informal requests to remove content, it said. The censorship report offers an overview of which officials have asked Google to delete content and why. In one case, Spanish regulators asked Google to remove 270 links to blogs and newspaper articles criticising public figures, including mayors and public prosecutors. So far Google has not complied. In March, Spain's highest court asked the European Court of Justice

to examine whether requests by citizens to have content removed were lawful.

In some countries, Google says it has no choice but to submit to these requests, because certain types of political speech are unlawful.

In Germany, the company removes videos from YouTube with Nazi references because these are banned.

Chou said that in Thailand videos featuring the monarch with a seat over his head have been removed for insulting the monarchy. The country has some of the world's toughest "lese-majeste" laws.

In Canada, Google was asked by officials to get rid of a YouTube video showing a

citizen urinating on his passport and flushing it down the toilet. But in that instance the company refused.

Google and many other online providers maintain that they cannot lawfully remove any content for which they are merely the host and not the producer, a principle enshrined in EU law on eCommerce since 2000.

In January 2012 the European Union's executive Commission announced it would introduce clearer guidelines on handling such requests, outlining under which circumstances it would be legal to have content removed from the Web and when it would curb free speech and fundamental rights.

The Commission has launched a public consultation called "a clean and open Internet" and has asked companies how many requests they get to take down content, from whom and for what reason. Among examples of material that should be taken down EU regulators cite racist content, child abuse or spam. The rules are expected to be announced before the end of the year. —Reuters

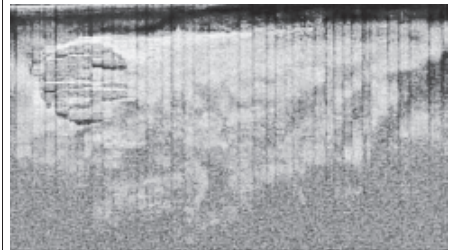
Undersea object probably not a UFO

STOCKHOLM, 19 June — A mysterious object at the bottom of the Baltic Sea isn't a UFO, Swedish researchers say, but they add they don't have a sure idea of what it is, either.

The object, located on the sea floor between Sweden and Finland, is some sort of "natural, geological formation," Peter Lindberg, the leader of the Ocean Explorer team, told FoxNews.com. Lindberg and other scientists and divers spent 12 day exploring the 200-foot-wide roughly circular object under the Baltic they had first seen in sonar scans a year ago.

"It's not obviously an alien spacecraft. It's not made of metal," he said.

Lindberg concedes that it could be an alien space ship but only if aliens chose to construct their spacecraft out of meteor-like rocks.



"Who says they had to use metal?" Lindberg joked. "This trip has raised a lot of questions." The central object appears to be a giant stone, "the kind divers see in keys and harbours," Lindberg said. "There are other, loose stones lying around as well," he added. "The formation of rocks is 60 metres (200 feet) in diameter."

Strangely, there appears to be a pillar holding up the 200-foot-wide object, Lindberg said. "We're going through the footage right now," Lindberg said. —Internet

FACTBOX — Microsoft's Surface takes on Apple's iPad

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 June—Microsoft Corp (MSFT O) took the wraps off its "Surface" tablet on Monday, taking aim at a market dominated by Apple Inc's (AAPL O) iPad.

The Surface will come in two versions, one running Windows RT, based on the same chip designs that power most tablet computers today, and a higher-performance version running Windows 8 Pro.

Here's how the basic Surface measures up against the iPad:

* The RT Surface boasts a thickness of 9.3 millimeters, versus the iPad's 9.4 millimeters.

* It will weigh about 1.5

pounds. Apple's iPads weigh 1.44 pounds and 1.46 pounds for the WiFi and 4G LTE

GB of storage. Apple's iPad has 16 GB, 32 GB and 64 GB options.

New Surface tablet computers by Microsoft are displayed at its unveiling in Los Angeles, California, on 18 June, 2012.

REUTERS



versions, respectively.

* A 10.6-inch-diagonal screen, compared with the iPad's 9.7-inch screen. The Surface also features a unique 16:9 aspect ratio.

* The RT Surface is configurable with 32 GB or 64

* Pricing was not revealed on Monday, except that it would be "competitive" with current tablets and Intel-powered Ultrabooks. Apple's iPads go for \$499 to \$699 for the WiFi model, and \$629 to \$829 for various storage sizes of the 4G LTE model.

* The RT Surface features a built-in kickstand and comes with a cover that doubles as an ultra-thin keyboard. Apple's iPad supports a plethora of third-party covers, stands and keyboards, as well as its own Smart Cover for \$39 to \$69.

* The Surface features USB ports, 2x2 MIMO antennae and MicroSD slots, as well as display outputs. Apple's iPad features the 30-pin dock connector port.

Reuters

Intel to buy InterDigital patents for \$375 million

NEW YORK, 19 June—InterDigital Inc said on Monday it had agreed to sell to Intel Corp about 1,700 wireless technology patents for \$375 million, sending InterDigital shares up 29 percent.

The companies said they expect the deal to close in the third quarter. Intel is currently pushing to expand its chip business beyond computers and into mobile devices.

InterDigital said in January it would keep looking for buyers for its patent portfolio after it failed to find one for the whole company.

In July 2011, InterDigital said it was looking into a possible sale of the company or its patents in the hope that other big patent deals would boost its value.

InterDigital shares were up \$6.73 or 29 percent at \$29.61 on Nasdaq after the news. —Reuters

Docomo: strategy not in sync with selling iPhone in Japan

TOKYO, 19 June—The president of Japan's largest mobile carrier, NTT Docomo Inc (9437.T), said on Tuesday it would be difficult for it to sell Apple Inc's (AAPL O) iPhone in Japan given Docomo's current strategy of pushing multiple smartphone platforms.

Docomo has balked at Apple's condition that the iPhone comprise half of Docomo phone sales, President Ryuji Yamada told a general shareholders' meeting.

Not being able to map Docomo-specific networks onto the iPhone is also a

problem, Yamada said.

As of Monday, Docomo had sold 2.1 million smartphones since the start of April, he said.

Reuters

A logo of the Japanese telecoms giant NTT Docomo is seen at Wireless Japan 2012, a smartphone and mobilephone technology exhibition, in Tokyo on 31 May, 2012.

REUTERS



A Microsoft representative (L) hands the new Surface to a member of the press as it is unveiled by Microsoft in Los Angeles, California, on 18 June, 2012.

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BRICS economies to boost IMF funds, study currency swaps

LOS CABOS, (Mexico), 19 June—The five BRICS emerging economies said on Monday they agreed to enhance their contributions to the International Monetary Fund and to explore currency swaps as part of efforts to promote global financial stability.

Leaders of developing world powers Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa met on the margins of the G20 summit in Los Cabos, Mexico, and "agreed to enhance their own contributions to the IMF," they said in a statement.

The group did not say how much cash they would offer the IMF, which is seeking a \$430 billion infusion of funds, but underscored that the monies

would come with conditions on how they were used and were linked to reforms that would give the developing world more say at the Washington-based fund.

"This is with the understanding that these resources will be called upon only after existing resources ... are substantially utilized," said the statement.

"These new contributions are being made in anticipation that all the reforms agreed upon in 2010 will be fully implemented in a timely manner, including a comprehensive reform of voting power and reform of quota shares," it added.

In another sign the big emerging economies were pushing for more influence in



(L-R) Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, China's President Hu Jintao and South African President Jacob Zuma pose for a picture after a BRICS leaders' meeting in Los Cabos on 18 June, 2012. —REUTERS

the global financial system, and seeking wider use of currencies other than the dollar and euro, the BRICS statement said the five leaders had "discussed swap arrangements among national currencies as well as reserve pooling."

BRICS finance ministers

and central bank governors were instructed to study the swaps and pooling arrangements and relevant internal legal issues and report back to the leaders at next year's BRICS summit in South Africa, the statement said. —Reuters

their medicine regularly," he said. Meanwhile, patients living solo should think twice before ignoring changes that might be a sign of health problems. "Many times people just adapt to their circumstances," he said. "Perhaps just lower your threshold a little bit and realize it's better to call (the doctor) than not to call." But that might not be the whole story, he acknowledged.

"Other mechanisms by which living alone could increase cardiac risk have to do with possible social isolation and loneliness, and these are more challenging to fix," Bhatt said.

Indeed, another report published along with Bhatt's shows older people who felt lonely had more difficulty performing basic tasks of daily living and died younger than those who didn't feel alone. —Reuters

Loneliness, living alone tied to shorter lifespan

NEW YORK, 19 June—People with heart disease who live alone tend to die sooner than those sharing their home with others, a new study shows.

Although the reasons for the gap are still murky, lead researcher Dr Deepak Bhatt said access to regular medicine might be involved.

"Patients living alone may have more difficulty getting their medications refilled and taking them regularly," Bhatt told Reuters Health. "They also don't have anyone at home to call the doctor's office or emergency room if they are not looking well."

Earlier research has yielded mixed conclusions, but studies have linked

social isolation to everything from heart attacks to weakened immune systems.

Bhatt, of Harvard Medical School in Boston, and his colleagues focused specifically on people with known heart disease or at very high risk for it. They included more than 44,000 people, all of whom were 45 or older, from multiple countries across the globe. Over the four years the study lasted, 7.7 percent of participants younger than 65 who lived on their own died, compared to just 5.7 percent of those who didn't live alone.

The gap was smaller for people age 66 to 80, but it remained statistically reliable even after accounting for age, sex, employment,

ethnicity and country.

The living situation of those over 80, however, wasn't tied to death rates.

Writing in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*, the researchers speculate that in people under 80, living alone could signal psychological and social problems like job strain or loneliness.

In contrast, very old people who live on their own may be healthier and more independent than those who don't. Whatever the explanation, Bhatt said cardiologists should routinely ask their patients if they live alone.

"If the answer is yes, that might be a red flag and they should make sure the patients have a way to get

Gold ticks lower after 7-day winning streak

SINGAPORE, 19 June—Gold edged down on Tuesday as equities gave up some of the gains driven by enthusiasm over a weekend victory for pro-bailout parties in Greek elections, and investors shifted their focus to a policy meeting by the US Federal Reserve.

Investors are looking for hints for another round of quantitative easing (QE) in the United States when the Federal Open Market Committee releases a policy statement at the end of its two-day meeting on Wednesday.

Fundamentals

* Spot gold eased 75 cents to \$1,627.19 an ounce by 0034 GMT, having hit an intraday low of \$1,625.54. On Monday, bullion posted its seventh day of gains on lingering worries about the debt crisis in Europe.

* US gold for August delivery added \$1.50 an ounce to \$1,628.50 an ounce.

* World leaders pressured Europe on Monday to take ambitious new steps to resolve its debt crisis after a victory for pro-bailout parties in a Greek election failed to calm



Gold bars are displayed at a gold jewellery shop in Chandigarh on 8 May, 2012. —REUTERS

markets or ease worries that wider turmoil could derail the global economy.

* Given a US outlook that is weak but not recessionary, the Fed meeting on Wednesday could opt for extending "Operation Twist", its effort to drive down long-term borrowing costs by selling short-term securities to buy longer-term ones, economists said.

Market News

* The Nikkei .N225 eased 0.4 percent to 8,689.46, losing some of its hefty gains from the previous session as initial enthusiasm over the victory for pro-bailout parties in Greece gave way to persistent concerns over Spain and its banks.

The euro on Tuesday held most of its losses from the previous session after the optimism over Greece gave way to the worry over Spain, pushing its borrowing costs to levels seen as unsustainable.

* Crude futures continued to slide on Tuesday as an increase in bad Spanish loans fuelled fears that Europe's debt crisis was taking a turn for the worse, further crimping global oil demand. —Reuters

Indian and Chinese energy firms to renew pact



A technician opens a pressure gas valve inside the Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) group gathering station on the outskirts of the western Indian City of Ahmedabad on 2 March, 2012. —REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 19 June—Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) (ONGC NS) and China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) have signed an agreement to renew a cooperation pact in areas such as exploration, the chairman of the Indian

company told Reuters.

The energy-hungry Asian nations — widely blamed for inflating global oil prices — usually compete for stakes in foreign oil and gas projects to secure supplies.

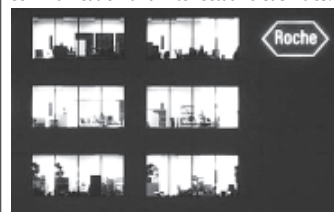
But the rapid growth of their economies has helped them form a strong foundation for greater cooperation. "This (agreement) is for examining possibilities of mutual interest in upstream downstream and all related area" Sudhir Vasudeva told Reuters.

Reuters

Roche in deal to treat root cause of autism

ZURICH, 19 June—Swiss drugmaker Roche plans to work with US firm Seaside Therapeutics to develop treatments for autism spectrum disorders and fragile X syndrome that differ fundamentally from other methods by targeting their molecular basis.

Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) include Asperger's syndrome and autism, with symptoms that range from social awkwardness and narrow interests to severe communication and intellectual disabilities.



A logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is pictured at a company's building in Rotkreuz, on 12 April, 2012. —REUTERS

Fragile X syndrome is a rare genetic disease with symptoms that are very similar to ASD. Although treatments exist that alleviate the symptoms of these disorders, none targets the underlying causes.

The latest figures from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that as many as 1 in 88 children in the United States has autism, a near-doubling of the rate reported in 2002.

"Recent discoveries in genetics have shed light on the biological underpinnings of these conditions," said Luca Santarelli, head of Roche's neuroscience division.

"We sought to build a solid partnership with Seaside Therapeutics, a company that has successfully pioneered the research and development in this novel and uncharted area," Santarelli also said. Seaside, a privately held firm based in Massachusetts that focuses on treatments for autism and related disorders, will license patents and Roche will then lead the development and commercialization of them, they said. —Reuters

Samsonite's Tokyo Chic hit by Hong Kong health scare

HONG KONG, 19 June — US luggage maker Samsonite said on Monday it had withdrawn some of its suitcases from Hong Kong stores after a consumer group found they contained high levels of chemicals that may cause cancer. The company said its Tokyo Chic brand had been taken off the shelves even though its own tests indicated there was no threat to consumers from the Polycyclic Aromatic Hydro-carbons (PAH) in the side-carrying handles. "The company's independent test results found PAH levels that were significantly lower than those reported by the Consumer Council," Samsonite said in a statement, referring to a local consumer watchdog.

"Based on the independent test results, as well as on expert advice the company has received, the company is confident that consumers can continue to use its luggage products

without any safety or health concerns." It said that to "allay any concerns that consumers may have", Tokyo Chic luggage had been withdrawn from all of its points of sale in the southern Chinese city, a regional banking hub and key market for luxury brands. The side-carrying handles on Tokyo Chic luggage would be replaced with a "next-generation handle" for concerned customers in Hong Kong.

The statement to the Hong Kong stock exchange, where the US company is publicly traded, added that there were "no legal standards prescribing PAH levels in luggage". "The company continually monitors applicable legal requirements and strives to ensure that its products meet not only legal standards but also the highest standards of product quality and safety," it said. Samsonite said the move to withdraw Tokyo Chic bags from the



Photo illustration shows people waiting at a tram stop next to Samsonite advertising in Hong Kong. Samsonite said on Monday it had withdrawn some of its suitcases from Hong Kong stores after a consumer group found they contained high levels of chemicals that may cause cancer. — INTERNET

Hong Kong market would have no material affect on its financial results.

The Hong Kong Consumer Council published an article last week saying certain Samsonite suitcases contained unsafe levels of PAH, according to benchmarks set under a voluntary German certification scheme. It said

the Customs and Excise Department has advised agents for suitcases with high PAH levels to "stop the sales of the concerned model and to replace the handles". Samsonite shares were 7.95 percent higher on Monday morning at HK\$13.04 as traders welcomed its swift action.

Internet



A worker pipes the industrial oil produced from waste cooking oil into a tank for further processing in the Luneng waste oil recycling company in Jiaxing, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 14 June, 2012. Everyday from 4:00 to 10:00 am, some 60 workers of Luneng will gather the swill-cooked oil, nicknamed "gutter oil," from nearly 2,000 restaurants which have signed recycling deals with Luneng. After a series of processing procedures, the gutter oil will be turned into industrial oil, bio-diesel or other kinds of fuel. Luneng can recycle about 78,000 tons of waste cooking oil each year at present, from which 2,405 tons of industrial oil are produced. — XINHUA

Indonesia's oil reserves down faster than others in region

JAKARTA, 19 June — Indonesia's crude oil reserve has been in a steady decline during the past two decades, faster than that in other ASEAN member countries, which is unable to replenish to meet growing demand, the *Jakarta globe* reported on Monday.

Indonesia's proven oil reserves have fallen by 1.9 billion barrels since 1991, faster than the rate in any other Asian countries, according to British oil giant BP's annual report on oil and gas. The report, "Statistical Review of World Energy 2012," was released last week.

Indonesia, a former OPEC member, had 4 billion

barrels of proven oil reserves last year, down from 5.9 billion barrels in 1991. Reserves India dropped by 800 million barrels and 400 million barrels in the same period, respectively, though oil consumption in both countries has historically been higher than in Indonesia. In last year's BP report, Indonesia's reserves for 2010 were 4.2 billion barrels, down from 5.4 billion barrels in 1990.

Elisabeth Proust, chairwoman of the Indonesian Petroleum Association, called for more incentives in the exploration stage as oil companies must venture out to new frontiers where potential fields are

offshore and often deeper and riskier. Mexico had the fastest depletion rate in the world, according to the BP report. The country's reserves plunged to 11.4 billion barrels last year from 50.9 billion barrels in 1991. In the same period, Venezuela's reserves surged to 296.5 billion barrels from 62.6 billion barrels, overtaking Saudi Arabia with the world's biggest stockpile.

Malaysia managed to raise its proven oil reserves to 5.9 billion barrels in 2011 from 3.7 billion barrels in 1991, reflecting a 60 percent increase in reserves worldwide.

MNA/Xinhua

Nine executives sentenced for fatal coal mine accident

TAIYUAN, 19 June — Nine executives have received sentences from three to four years for a deadly coal mine accident occurred two years ago in Shanxi Province, north China.

The People's court of Xiangning County last Thursday ruled that the nine people were liable for a fatal flood in Wangjialing Coal mine in March, 2010. Jiang Shijie got the sentence of four years, while the rest eight got three years, according to local media reports.

In the accident, 38 miners were killed and 115 were rescued from the flooded Wangjialing coal mine. The nine sentenced neglected signs of flooding and failed to take proper measures before the Wangjialing Coal Mine was flooded on 28 March, said the court verdict. The accident incurred 49.37 million yuan (7.84 million US dollars) in direct economic losses. — Xinhua

Two Palestinians shot dead by Israeli lorry driver

GAZA, 19 June — Two Palestinians were shot dead by an Israeli truck driver after they tried to steal his vehicle in the south Hebron Hills on Sunday morning, Israeli police said.

Palestinian officials confirmed the two deaths but had no information about the circumstances of the shooting which took place at the Shani junction near Al-Samua, in the southernmost part of the West Bank.

Israel police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the incident occurred after the two men tried to attack the truck driver.

"Two Palestinians were shot when an Israeli truck driver opened fire at two or three attackers who tried to steal his vehicle," he told AFP.

"Before he opened fire, the driver was seriously wounded by his attackers who

hit him on the head.

The hospital has since informed us that the two Palestinians were killed," he added.

Yatta Mayor Zaharan Abu Qbeita confirmed the two died after being hit by several bullets in the neck area, with the bodies taken to Yatta hospital.

The two men were named as Anwar Abed Rabbo, 35, and Naim al-Najjar, 29, both of whom lived in the Yatta area.

Speaking to AFP at the hospital, a member of Abed Rabbo's family denied the Israeli claim that the two men were car thieves.

"They were just on their way to work in Israel," he said. A Palestinian police source also denied the two had been involved in any criminal activity when they were shot.

Internet

Swedish zoo worker killed in wolf attack

STOCKHOLM, 19 June — Media reports say a zookeeper has died after being attacked by wolves in their enclosure in Sweden's largest zoo.

The TT news agency quoted Kolmarden Wildlife Park animal director Mats Hoggren as saying the

experienced 30-year-old woman was by herself in the pen when the attack occurred on Sunday morning, and that zoo workers often enter the area alone. The enclosure reportedly contains eight wolves. Park workers first realized that something had gone wrong when their colleague failed to maintain radio contact.

The *Aftonbladet* daily quoted Hoggren as saying zoo workers and paramedics entered the pen after forming a human chain and arming one person, but it was too late. Hoggren said there were no witnesses to the attack at the park, which is 90 miles (140 kilometres) south of Stockholm. — Internet

Iran nuclear talks "intense" but no breakthrough

MOSCOW, 19 June — Iran had "intense and tough" talks on Monday with the six world powers concerned about its nuclear programme, but there was no clear progress towards ending a decade-long dispute which risks sparking a new Middle East war. A spokesman for the head of the delegation talking to Iran held out hope for a result on the second, final day of talks.

"We had an intense and tough exchange of views," said European Union foreign policy head Catherine Ashton's spokesman Michael Mann. "We agreed to reflect overnight on each others' positions." The Moscow talks follow two rounds of negotiations since diplomacy resumed in April after a 15-month hiatus during which the West cranked up sanctions pressure and Israel repeated its threat to bomb Iranian nuclear sites if diplomacy failed to stop Teheran getting the bomb.

During five hours in a Moscow hotel, Iran - which says its nuclear activities are entirely peaceful — insisted

on an easing of sanctions and an acknowledgment of its right to enrich uranium. Western diplomats said, conditions that the United States and EU are unlikely to accept. "We haven't reached an agreement but it is more complex than that. We haven't got to the end the



European Union Foreign Policy Chief Catherine Ashton (L) meets with Iran's Chief Negotiator Saeed Jalili in Moscow, on 18 June, 2012. — REUTERS

conversation," said one western diplomat present at the talks in the Russian Capital.

A series of UN Security Council resolutions since 2006 have demanded Iran suspend all its enrichment-related activities due to

concerns about the nature of the nuclear programme. Rather than halt enrichment — a process which refines uranium for use as fuel or, if done to a much higher level, nuclear bomb material — Iran has increased its activities.

Reuters

Insa bridge put into service in Sagaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—A ceremony to open Insa Bridge, built by of Bridge Construction Project Special Group (14) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, was held at Insa village in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region

yesterday, attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint. At the ceremony, Sagaing Region Forestry, Mines and Energy Minister U Than Htaik, deputy Superintending engineer of Bridge Construction Project

Special Group (14) U Kyaw Lin and Sagaing Township Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Win Tin opened it.

After that, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint pressed the button to open the bridge's archway

and strolled along the bridge.

In meeting with local people from Insa village, the Union Minister explained rural development tasks and presented certificates of honour to two bridge donors.

The bridge with one lane road is 162 ft long and 14 ft wide and can withstand 12 tons of load. It is located on Shwegywepon-Taunggyar-Insa-Talnegyun road.—MNA



Myanmar Women's Day
3rd July

Cash, food, clothes collected for displaced persons in Rakhine State

Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people of Rakhine State through officials at head office of Fire Services Department.

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YANGON, 19 June—Donors contributed aids including cash and food today to the humanitarian aid programme for the refugees in Rakhine State, reaching over K123 million in humanitarian aid so far.

The displaced people in Rakhine State are facing difficulties for their current livelihood as they lost their homes and property due to recent unrests.

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Deputy Director-General of the Fire Services Department, and officials accepted the donation at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donation includes K 2 million by the

International Enterprise Co Ltd, K1.5 million by the Myanmar Restaurants Entrepreneurs Association, K 700,000 by U Zaw Lin and Daw Aye Myint, K600,000 by U Aye Maung and Dr Sandar Kyaw, K 350,000 by "Shwe Myanmar" Family, K 300,000 by U Kan Hla and Daw Tin Hsaing and daughter Ma Khin Yu May, K140,000 by Daw Cho Myanmar Food Restaurant, and K100,000 each by "Shwehlaygar" Literary House in memory of late Daw Tin May and U Hla Htoo, K100,000 and clothes by Dr Aung Zaw and Daw Lay Myint, K100,000 and clothes by Daw Khin Than family, 100 bags of rice and two bales of clothes worth K1.915 million and two packs

of clothes by Ko Yan Shin Linn and friends (Margha Production Co Ltd, K50000, clothes, blankets, mosquito nets, exercise books and coffee mix packs by Botahtaung Township office of Yangon City Development Committee, K 50000 by U Myint Aung and brothers (Mandalay), K 20,000 by U Tin Zaw, clothes worth K1.2 million by U Mya Hlaing and Daw Cho Cho Sein family, K 10000 and clothes by U Kyi Min Swe and family, three packages of clothes by Daw Tin Thein, one package of clothes by U Khin maung Lwin and Daw Moe Sandar Thein and K 10000 by U Nyunt Swe and Daw Yi Yi Myint.

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Asia Energy refilling station opened in Mandalay

YANGON, 19 June—Asia Energy refilling station was opened in Mandalay on 15 June, causing fuel available for vehicles in Mandalay.

The new station is located on 78th street and

outside Chanmyathazi Airport and it keeps open from 6 am to 8 pm daily.

Fuels from Singapore are available at the station.

Mandalay Region Development Affairs Minister Mayor of

Mandalay U Aung Maung, Mandalay Region Electric and Industry Minister Dr Myint Kyu and Managing Director of Asia Energy Co Ltd U Thet Wai formally opened the refilling station.

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Map of Bagan (MOB-14) in circulation

YANGON, 19 June—The Map of Bagan (MOB-14) has been published to travel shows, embassies, tourists and travel companies.

The MOB-14 has a circulation of 30000 and is published by Design Printing Service Co Ltd (DPS) which has also published tour guide maps as from 1995.

So far, the circulation of 1.88 million of guide maps has been distributed by the company under the directive of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism as part of efforts for development of tourism industry in the country.

Hotels and tourism companies and tourist guides can get the map free

of charge at Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services near Sule Pagoda and Design Printing Service Co Ltd (DPS) within office hour.

The map is also available at No 165-167, First Floor, 35th Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Ph: (95-1) 204020, 204200 and Phone/Fax (95-1) 245230.

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Palethwe paddy fields inspected in Sagaing, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than together with Sagaing Region Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Sein Win and officials on 16 June made a field trip to 1000-acre plantation of palethwe hybrid paddy strain in Leinpin Village, Wetlet Township of Shwebo District.

The deputy minister left necessary instructions on plantation

of palethwe hybrid quality paddy strain with 14 points of GAP, using of five basic factors to produce more agriculture products, taking awareness of insect preventive measures and using effectively fertilizer in farms. He said that the farmers will get K 50000 from K 40000 as disbursements by Agriculture Development Bank for permonsoon paddy acre.

A ceremony to

disburse K 100 million to farmers was held at briefing hall near the plantation with the attendance of the deputy minister and officials concerned. On arrival at 44 acres palethwe hybrid plantation field of farmer U Myo Thant in Yankintaung Village, Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region, he then with officials concerned inspected the conditions of 80-day palethwe hybrid strain.

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Myanmar new generation golfers win five medals

Five awards winning Myanmar new generation youth golfers being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials.

MGF



YANGON, 19 June—The Myanmar new generation golfer team led by Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Min Thein, Manager U Myo Tun, Coaches U Chan Han and U Soe Kyaw Naing bagged five medals in the 10th Mercedes-Benz Junior Golf Championships Asian Masters Final 2012 at Burapha Golf & Resort from 13 to 15 June.

The victorious

Myanmar youth golfer teams arrived back at Yangon International Airport yesterday evening. They were welcomed back at the airport by General Secretary of MGF U Aung Hla Han and executives.

Altogether 161 youth golfers from Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, China (Taipei), the Philippines, India, Canada, Japan and the US

participated in the championships.

Yin May Myo stood first in the U-18 women's event; Hein Sithu in U-12 men's event and Wint Phu Nadi Aung in the U-12 women's event secured the most progressive awards; Zin Min Thu won the third prize in the U-23 men's event and May Oo Khaing bagged the second prize in the U-23 women's event.

Ba Kyaw

In memory of late relatives and husband U Kyaw Sein, Daw Ahmar and family of Myindawtha Road in Ward 2-South of Thakayta Township donated K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi recently.

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which must pay attention to the establishment of seasonal and perennial plantations, industries and services for job opportunity creation, and townships whose main requirements are health, education, electricity supply and communication through an overall view of all their townships. So they must have a priorities agenda based on the given overall view to look into the requirements of their townships through year-wise plans. They should have year-wise plans at different levels to obtain and distribute budget, external aid, and domestic and foreign investments. In fact it is the town and village development plan.

The State after adopting the fifth five-year short-term plan will carry out the task of reviewing and drawing the 30-year plan. In addition, it will keep on drawing the National Development Plan till it becomes a Comprehensive Development Plan through the following plans:

- rural development and poverty alleviation plan
- human resources development plan
- investment plan



Dignitaries seen at ceremony to deliver a speech on working procedures of reform process by President U Thein Sein in meeting with Union level organization members, Region/State Chief Ministers, Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone, deputy ministers and departmental heads.—MNA

- trade sector development plan
- industrial development plan
- financial and currency sector development plan
- regional plans
- sector-wise plans

Union ministries and Region and State governments should give priority more to People-Centered Development than to the GDP growth in increasing per capita income, individual household income, and socio-economic development while bringing in real development on the ground through systematic schemes.

The second part of my speech concerns with the successful implementation of National Development Goals and UN Millennium Development Goals through effective utilization of foreign aids.

The developing countries have to acquire international grant/aid, loans and technological assistance in their pursuit of the development goals and millennium development goals since the national budget alone is not enough. In this juncture, donor countries and organizations have different priorities programmes according to spheres/areas and objectives while receiver countries have priorities sectors/areas in effective implementation of development plans and reform strategy. Thus, careful consideration is to be made to spend the government budget and grant/aids on far-flung areas where the private sector has less interest in making investments as the profit prospects are low and to utilize local and foreign investments in regions which are economic for private investors. As to loans, consideration is to be made on its interest rate, repayment period, economically beneficial projects, benefits, repayment.

Funds should be spent on infrastructure projects such as education, health, electricity, communications, roads, bridges and ports although those sectors do not bring immediate benefits but serve the long-term interest of the State and the people. Therefore, based on international experiences, the government formed the Central Committee for Management of Foreign Grants/Aids, the Work Committee and the National Economic and Social Advisory Council for effective management of foreign grants/aids.

This being the case, the ministries and region/state chief ministers are to carefully consider priorities sectors and regions where grant/aids are required and tasks that need loans in line with their development plans and reform strategy to ensure that they serve the interest of the State and the people. With this end in view, bottom-up approach is to be widely applied rather than top-down approach.

Ministries (For example, Communications, Electric Power, Industry) should take the responsibility of evaluating the amount of loan for an investment and degree of sector-wise development the investment can bring. Therefore, if the sector under their responsibility sounds economically viable, the Union ministers must take loans from abroad and must take bold measures through calculated risk. Only then, will the nation develop. In this context, investments

posterity.

Unlike many other countries, land use and land speculation is one of our difficulties in the implementation of housing development and investment projects. We have found some neighboring countries are enjoying higher status of development project, living standard and socio-economy than us. Thus, to keep pace with them, regional development plan, city development plan, township development plan and village development plan have been drawn by committees at different levels starting from township level. Appropriate measures are to be taken as to land use policy and land use management to fulfill the needs of the people such as farmlands, perennial crop plantations, industry, forest, environment, drinking water, transport, electricity, communications, education, health, trade, etc, in providing basic needs and job opportunities in proportion to the area and population of a township.

We have difficulties in land management as squatters on forest land, virgin and fallow land and others are acting as if they originally own the plot they illegally occupied. The result is the widespread problems and because of these problems we are not in a position to allot a large number of hectares of land for investments as other countries do.

For the development of short-term and long-term industrial raw materials and production sectors, efforts are to be made for establishment of town and village plots, arrangement of farmlands for livelihoods along with the setting up of forest, perennial crop and commercial plantations rather than allowing the people to illegally reside in forest land and virgin and fallow land. With sustainable development of environment, it is time to embark on land reform for regional development, job opportunity, economic development and higher living standard.

The government has established Land Allocation and Utilization Scrutiny Committee for Urban Development Projects and Investment Projects so as to formulate land utilization policy for utilization of land in line with laws and rules and regulations. So, the Union ministries and region/state governments will have to submit the proposals for land allotment and utilization for their urban development projects, investment projects, mines, gems, energy and mineral mining, plantation and livestock farming projects to the committee for its approval. The committee, after its scrutiny over the proposal, will coordinate with the Union government, Myanma Investment Commission, Privatization Commission and departments concerned for further actions.

Currently, procedures and land allotment specifications of respective land-related departments are different from each other and thus are not in a position for practical management on the ground. Effective management could not be streamlined without reformulation and enactment of practical laws and procedures and taxation system which meet the conditions of present time and international norms.

In addition, we have to build solid foundation for such measures as recording and registration of accurate and correct number of city plot, village plot, housing plot, farming plot and other industrial plots and accuracy of list of asset possession calculated on trading volumes and taxation procedures.

In so doing, to enable ethnic communities and migrant workers reside and earn a livelihood and grasp job opportunities in border regions and overseas migrant workers come back home and settle in own regions, the region/state governments and self-administered zones and division, in coordination with the Ministry of Border Affairs and ministries concerned, have to swing into a series of action as

- systematic allotment of land in line with town/village development projects,
- fulfilling the requirements in education, health and socio-economic status,
- systematic establishment of commercial plantations and livestock production industries and industrial estates for expansion of agriculture, livestock farming and manufacturing industries from manageable scale to commercial scale production,
- developing the market of products from those manufacturing industries from retail outlets to wholesale brokerages and trading zones,
- extended opening of border trade stations for development of commerce and trading.

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Only then, people who were forced to part families to work overseas amidst difficulties could come back and earn a proper livelihood.

Likewise, heartily I would like to invite successful economists, planning experts of different sectors, and businessmen who are doing well overseas to join hands with the government for development of the nation.

As the fourth part, I would like to elaborate on planning for urgent need and short-term and long-term requirements for development of electric power sector. The former government had established Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Ministry of Electric Power No (2) to focus on the requirements for development of electric power sector. From 1988 to 2010-2011, it had spent K 2,802,897 million from State's fund inclusive of general expenditure and capital expenditure and over 6.7 billion USD for four hydropower projects implemented with foreign loans. Thanks to those efforts, power generation had increased from 2,226 million KWh in 1988 to 9,711 million KWh in 2011-2012. However, the increased production still cannot meet the demand due to growing population and increase in power use. Recently, people have expressed their demand for electricity.

Thus, the government has sought outside help at home and abroad and launched emergency power supply programmes urgently. Nonetheless, we will need to manage a systematic link between energy and electricity to meet the requirements of people in the short- and long-run and for national development as well. So, we will establish National Energy Management Committee at Planning Commission for overall matters for energy sector of the State and implement National Energy Plan for short- and long-term objectives in compliance with National Energy Policy. We will have to implement such energy projects as oil, natural gas and coal after drafting national electricity plan.

We have to carry out

reforms to trading of the country's natural resources in raw as the main priority in order that we can manufacture such public goods as fertilizer and petrochemical products apart from electricity to meet domestic demand in the long run in line with the concept of people-centred development.

The National Energy Management Committee, in putting short- and long-term plans into action, will have to manage the electricity production and supply of the government, regional governments and private investors in accordance with internationally-practiced procedures. In the time of the former government, only hydroelectricity was produced based mainly on calculating low production and distribution cost but now in response to the electricity demand of the people, we will have to make efforts to generate electricity as much as we possibly can from natural gas, diesel, coal, solar and wind power and other bio and waste fuels depending on the geographical features, climate and natural resources of the regions and affordability of the people.

In moving forward to the goal of industrialization and industrial development, we need to adopt energy plan and industrial development plan systematically as energy development and industrial development have interdependent relation. Only then, we can improve commodities and services and job creation which is the requirement of the State and people.

Here, we need to adopt a pricing policy setting the reasonable price both for investors and end users depending on the value of natural resources used as fuel, production cost and distribution cost calculated on varying distances in line with international market prices. In addition, the government will have to introduce long-term practicable initiatives for annual increased production, going partnership with private companies and switching over to different forms of private investments like the other nations. I would like to

ask National Energy Management Committee, Privatization Commission and Myanma Investment Commission to coordinate plans for resetting the ratio of State ownership to private ownership with Union ministries concerned and region/state governments.

The government adopted the national plan based on objective condition of the nation and by laying down four economic policies when it took over in transition period.

The first economic policy is to accomplish industrial development to keep abreast of other world countries while keeping up momentum of development of agro-industry the majority of people get involved.

For stimulating agro-industry, rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, and increased investment in the agricultural sector are crucial. The government will accelerate rural development and poverty alleviation tasks as the Rural Development Department has been established to concentrate on the tasks. Promotion of agricultural and industrial investment which could generate more employment opportunities for the people will be given priority.

I would like to urge all related departments and organizations to establish savings banks by both public and private sectors and microfinance by various organizations at home and abroad; to guarantee increased income to farmers after reviewing crops production, transportation and trading processes; to reduce transactional costs; and to advance towards technological and industrialized farming system. As regards a fall in paddy price, private and public partnership is purchasing the paddy. Region or state governments need to seek ways to bring about reforms by organizing workshops for township-wise field trips, and development of agro-industry and breeding of the farmers.

The second economic policy is to grant every region and state equal share of budget and taxation, foreign aids according to the poverty indexes; and to plan invitations of foreign and local investments for regional development depending on sector-wise

and regional development projects. To make the effective use of the budget and the foreign aids, administration committees down to the township level need to be tasked.

The third economic policy is improving economic indexes of regions or states for each period for socio-economic development of the people. I would like to urge the effective implementation of people-centered development including development of township-wise GDP, increase in per capital income and improvement of household-wise education, health and living standards.

The fourth economic policy is to compile quality and accurate statistics through field studies, check, recheck and countercheck on reports, and feasibility study. Only with reliable statistics and information, will correct decisions and policies be made.

Today, the government is undertaking reforms to develop the country in line with the democratic practices. Inviting harmonious participation of the people in the people-centered development tasks by seeking public opinion through mutual trust may facilitate rapid political, economic and social development. While we are in incremental and peaceful

transition to such discipline-flourishing democratic system, the nature of mass instigations taking the people's desire onto the street could suddenly lead to losses of lives and property of many people. The government, the parliament, the entire people and the Fourth Estate must safeguard it in unison to stand tall on the world stage as cultured and united people who strive for development of the country till our descendents.

In conclusion I have one special instruction about workshops in regions and states. Workshops are crucial for sector-wise or region-wise development. If we seek solutions to difficulties and challenges of the people with pearls of wisdom of economists and desires of entrepreneurs to engage in trade and make investment in close and frank manners, we will enjoy much more profits from:-

- designating prioritized sector and area in the regional government and Hluttaw, rather than taking considerable time to present needs for regional development and needs of roads and bridges, and economic and social requirements to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;
- close coordination for

regional development tasks through drafting township development plans by Hluttaw representatives, town-sellers, and social and economic associations in townships;

- emergence of Good Governance and Clean Government as transparency prevails between the government institutions and the people;
- increased participation of businessmen in regional development tasks;
- more technical assistances in agricultural, breeding and industrial sectors;
- facilitation of regional, urban and rural development plans; and
- averting street protests by addressing issues of the people at the lower level on the spot and at the regional workshops democratically and systematically.

I would like to conclude my address with the call for successful realization of every task by reaching the lowest level with the mindset that our government is responsible to bringing about national development and improving living conditions of the people.

Community animal health workers course concludes

MOHNYIN, 19 June—As part of efforts to improve manageable-scale livestock breeding tasks in undertaking rural region development and poverty alleviation, the

community animal health workers course No. 1/2012 concluded at the office of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Mohnyin on 15 June.

On the occasion, Head of Mohnyin District LBVD Dr Khin Maung Myint presented prizes to outstanding trainees and Staff Officer of the township department Dr Win Oo, certificates to all trainees.

It was also attended by Township Administrator U Sai San Win and ward and village administrators. Community animal health workers from 10 village-tracts attended the five-day course.

NLM 001



Assistant Director Dr Khin Maung Myint speaking at concluding ceremony of community animal health workers course.

NLM 001

Moe Pwint-3 plan implementing rural area

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Head of Monywa District Immigration and National Registration Department U Aung Soe of

Sagaing Region and Head of Budalin Township INRD U Sai Myint Aung and staff made field trip to grassroots level.

They presented citizenship scrutiny cards to 177 eligible citizens in implementing Moe Pwint-3 plan in Thitkhe Village on 12 June and Latyatkyn Village on 13 June.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay makes discussions.—MNA

Country has been introducing...

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collect taxes in the pursuit of national and regional development projects. The recent tax reform was launched with the aim of increasing the population of tax payers and of boosting collected taxes.

The country has been introducing market-oriented economic system like other countries of the world while striving for national development. Globally, for example, prices over the use of land, water, electricity have been fixed weighing the production costs in order ensure income of a nation.

As regards launching the development project of a township, it can be found that



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing makes explanations.—MNA

extended measures are taken weighing incomes and expenditures of the township which levies residential tax, commercial tax, industrial tax, car parking tax, utility tax, property tax, business tax etc.

In land reform also, location of squatters in forest land and virgin and fallow lands requires funds. The funds are to be extracted at a proportional rate from premiums of land investors, industrial investors and other investors in the township. Therefore, the ministries and region and state governments in coordination with the respective committees are required to seek ways over land reform and tax reforms and educate people in that regard in line with the township development plan.

In a similar manner, the urban development project is to be launched with the consent of both investors and local



Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt participates in discussions.—MNA

people. The region and state governments are to introduce administrative reforms weighing taxes such as utility taxes and car parking tax and laws such as condo laws.

In the drawing of the national electricity plan, only when 75 per cent of population is facilitated with electricity will the nation can reach the status the industrialized neighbours enjoy. To reach such a status a total of US\$ 16 to 20 billion needs to be invested in the electricity sector. In addition to hydro power, gas-fired power and coal-fired power are to be supplied as much as possible, import of electricity from other countries and seek ways of buying electricity from abroad apart from using all electricity generated in the country. In doing so, an energy policy is to be adopted and implemented. It could take ten years to use US\$ 16 to 20 billion at the rate of two billion a year to generate 16,663 megawatt for 75



Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung makes clarifications.
MNA



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun participates in discussions.
MNA

per cent of population. It means building a power plant with a generation capacity from 500 to 1000 megawatt yearly. Thus, efforts are to be made to widely introduce all power plants ranging from gas-fired, fuel, coal-fired to supply electricity to small townships and villages in regions and states in addition to import of electricity from abroad.

In conclusion, the President called on those present to change their mind-set and procedures in the reform process to be able to fulfill the basic needs of the people and improvement of socio-economic status.

The first meeting of Planning Commission came to an end in the evening.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye makes discussions.—MNA



Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min holds discussions.—MNA



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win makes clarifications.—MNA

Dy Health Minister looks into healthcare services in Meiktila, PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin met the Head of Region Health Department, the Medical Superintendent, Specialists, doctors, nurses and hospital staff at 200-bed People's Hospital in Meiktila of Mandalay Region on 17 June morning.

Then, the Deputy Minister inspected Meiktila traditional medicine clinic and fulfilled the requirements.

In the evening, the Deputy Minister met the Head of Region Health Department, the Medical Superintendent, Specialists, doctors and nurses at the hall of 300-bed

People's Hospital in PyinOoLwin. U Aung Zaw Myint-Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin family donated K 500,000 to medical fund of the hospital to the Medical Superintendent.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister inspected the hospital.

Yesterday afternoon, the Deputy Minister met health staff at rural health centre in Pyinsa Village-tract of PyinOoLwin Township and urged community healthcare staff to take part in rural development tasks.

MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects development tasks in Twantay, Kawhmu

YANGON, 19 June—Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected Myasein, Kanpatyoe and Daw Hla Concrete Bridges on Twantay-Maubin tarred road built by Twantay Township Development Affairs Committee this morning.

The upgrading concrete bridges have 36 ft in length, 22 ft in width and 15 ft in height each and they can withstand 40 tons of loads.

On arrival at Basic Education Middle School in Apyinyekyaw Village in Kawhmu Township, he presented stationery. He

donated cash to Kyaikhtaw Basic Education High School (branch).

He viewed construction of earthen road to Kawhmu, Twantay and Kyungyangon townships in Apyinyekyaw Village in Kawhmu Township. He looked into alignment of concrete bridge linking Apyinyekyaw Village in Kawhmu Township and Atwinyekyaw Village in Twantay Township.

He presented stationery and K 100000 to Yekyaw Village Basic Education Primary School.

MNA

Motorcycles allowed to get registration in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 19 June—The registration plan of motorcycle at the Directorate of Road Administration (District Office) of Mandalay is being realized by registering the motorcycles as of 5 June.

Within four months period starting from 5 June, registration will be issued to the motorcycles from 9 am to 4 pm. In the first, the directorate has allowed registration of over 350 motorcycles.

After receiving checkup for the vehicles, the



motorcycle owners are to pay prescribed fees at Customs Department, Internal Revenue Department,

Myanmar Insurance, Myanmar Economic Bank and Directorate of Road Transport through one stop service.—Kyemon

22 containers of marine products exported

YANGON, 19 June—Thanks to supplying more electricity, the marine product factories in Yangon can operate their works, so export product increased in June of 2012-2013 fiscal year, according to the regular meeting No. 21/2012 of the meat and fish entrepreneurs.

During the period from 1 April to 10 June in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the export products fetched US\$ 62.87 million through regular trade, US\$ 11.54 million from Muse border, US\$ 1.1 million from Myawady, US\$ 5.99 million from Kawthoung, US\$ 0.58 million from Sittway, US\$ 23.77 million from Myeik, US\$ 20 million from Maungdaw and US\$ 0.004 million from Tamu. In total, the export items fetched US\$ 107.487 million, exceeding 15.36 per cent of earning foreign exchange.

"Up to 10 June, a total of 22 containers have been exported. Although the amount of export items declined in the last month due to shortage of electricity, more electricity supply raised volume of export items. In the rainy season, rain water flows into dams for generating more volume of hydropower. Thus, factories are expected to export greater number of their products," said an official of FIQC Branch of Fisheries Department.—Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Expired medicines, foodstuff, personal goods incinerated in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 19 June—Mandalay City Development Committee is joining hands with the Mandalay Region Health Department in shaping Mandalay City as hygienic city. So, the committee is undertaking the tasks to give educative talks not to sell expired medicines, foodstuffs and personal goods in the market and take

action against the offenders. The companies and entrepreneurs engaging in importing the goods dutifully contribute to the tasks of the MCDC.

On 2 June, Mega Life Sciences Ltd set about 30 items of expired medicines, foodstuff and personal goods including that of Nestle Co worth K24,808,165

on fire at Kyanigan Region of Pathingyi Township in Mandalay District.

Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moun and officials of Upper Myanmar Food and Drug Administration supervised the destruction works.

Kyemon



IMMIGRATION WORKS UNDERTAKEN: Staff Officer U Win Myint and staff of Hline Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to local people in Ward 7 of Hline Township on 9 June.—MYANMA ALIN

Sanitation for hygienic works undertaken

MEIKTILA, 19 June—District Women's Affairs Organization, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Health Department jointly held the sanitation tasks for prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever every Saturday.

They checked systematic keeping of utensils and water at all houses in 16 regions of Aungzeya Ward.

The sanitation for hygienic works was supervised by Chairperson of District Women's Affairs

Organization Daw Myint Myint Htay, Chairman of Township Maternal and Child

Welfare Association Daw Than Than and departmental officials.—Kyemon



WASHING MACHINE DONATED: Families of Mudon Township Development Affairs Committee donated one washing machine to Mudon Home for the Aged on 9 June. Chairman of Executive Committee U Hla Thein accepts donation.—MYANMA ALIN

UMFCCI to hold educative talk

YANGON, 19 June—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize the educative talk on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa

Road in Lanmadaw Township at 10 am on 23 June. Professor Mr Michael Goldberg (Professor of Finance and Banking) of National Economic University of Vietnam will give talks on Economic

Growth Through Entrepreneurship. Any interested person may attend the talk. Maung Thu



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide educational aids to Hline Basic Education Midd No. 17 was held at the hall of Ward 16 Administrative Office in Hline Township on 7 June. Ward administrator U Min Nyunt presents 64 dozens of exercise books and K 540,000 to an official.

MYANMA ALIN

Citizenship cards issued in Hlegu Township

YANGON, 19 June—Head of Hlegu Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Tint Khaing and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to local people at Maygawady Monastery in Yeiktha Ward of Hlegu Township on 12 June.

The issuance works were supervised by Head of Yangon North District INRD U Maung Maung Than and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Phyo Min Thein. Township Immigration

School uniforms provided to 300 students

SHWEDO, 19 June—Shwedo Township Development Affairs Committee held the ceremony to provide school uniforms to 300 offspring of vendors at the office of Aungzeya Market in Shwedo at 9 am on 3 June.

Executive Officer (Deputy Director) of Shwedo Township Development Affairs Committee U Myo Aung gave one set each of uniform to 300 students.

Kyemon

Disbursement of agricultural loans rise to K 50,000 per acre

DAWEI, 19 June—As part of fulfilling the requirements of local farmers, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank disburses K 50,000 each per acres to local farmers for cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2012.

Taninthayi Region Bank Branch raises disbursement of loans as K 50,000 per acres to the local farmers. Thus, bank branches of Dawei, Myeik, Palaw, Yebyu, Launglon and Thayet-chang have disbursed K 1534.15 million to 5538 farmers from 68 village-tracts on 5 June against K 5204.55 million.—MADB

Essay prize winning students honoured

YANGON, 19 June—In commemoration of the International Cooperatives Year, Mayangon Township Cooperative Syndicate honoured prize winning students in the essay contest at Basic Education High School No. 4 in Mayangon on 14 June.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Yangon Region Cooperative Department Daw Myint Myint Thu, Chairman of Yangon Region Cooperative Union U Myint Naing and Township Education Officer U Tin Tun made speeches.

They then honoured the prize winning students. Kyemon

Cash assistance, uniforms provided to students, staff members

TACHILEK, 19 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of staff of Tachilek District General Administration Department was held in conjunction with the presentation of uniforms to staff at the hall of the Tachilek Township GAD on 13 June afternoon, with an address by District Commissioner U Thet Lwin.

The deputy commissioner presented K 177,500 as cash assistance for 14 students of staff and uniforms to 18 staff. Township Administrator U Ye Htoo gave K 265,000 for 36 offspring of staff and uniforms to 34 staff.

Chairperson of District Family Disciplinary Committee Daw Htay Htay Win and Chairman Township Family Disciplinary Committee Daw Shwe Moe Thuza presented stationery to students.—Myanma Alin



SCHOOL UNIFORMS PROVIDED: Executive Officer U Ye Min Kyaw of Hmawby Township Development Affairs Committee presented school uniforms to students of vendors in Hmawby Township for 2012-2013 academic year on 12 June.—MYANMA ALIN

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (YF 181R) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Lenovo's founder Liu Chuanzhi resigns as president

BEIJING, 19 June — Liu Chuanzhi, founder of China's largest PC maker, the Lenovo Group, has stepped down as the president of Lenovo's parent company Legend Holdings, but remains as the company's chairman, the company announced on Monday.

Liu will be succeeded by Zhu Linan, former executive vice president of Legend Holdings and a member of the company's executive committee.—Xinhua

Two Alaska militia members convicted of conspiracy to commit murder

ANCHORAGE, 19 June — The leader of an Alaska militia group and one of his followers were found guilty on Monday of conspiracy to commit murder and of various weapons offenses in a plot to kill government officials and law enforcement officers. But a US District Court jury in Anchorage failed to reach a unanimous verdict on a murder conspiracy charge against a third co-defendant in a case that federal prosecutors said highlighted a rise in anti-government militancy in recent years.

The prosecution of Schaeffer Cox, 28, founder of the Alaska Peacekeepers Militia, and two followers, also tested the limits of free-speech rights and the point at which violent talk can be interpreted as a threat to act violently. Cox and his co-defendants, Lonnie Vernon, 57, and Coleman Barney, 38, stood trial for six weeks on conspiracy to commit murder and other charges stemming from what prosecutors described as a plot to kill judges, Alaska state troopers and other government officials.

Prosecutors said the men had bought or sought to acquire an assortment of weapons, including grenades and silencers. Some of the weapons were displayed in court during the six-week trial. After 2 1/2 days of deliberations, the jury found Cox and Vernon each guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Cox also was convicted on seven counts of various weapons charges plus one count of solicitation to commit a crime of violence. Vernon was additionally convicted on one count of conspiracy to possess unregistered weapons. While the jury deadlocked on the murder conspiracy charge against Barney, he was convicted of possessing unregistered weapons and conspiracy to possess such weapons. All three men were acquitted of carrying firearms during a crime of violence. Sentencing is set for September.—Reuters



Afghan children from Mobile Mini Circus for Children (MMCC) take part in a performance in Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 June, 2012. War-weary Afghan children deprived of a happy childhood by a protracted war, on Monday got a rare chance to amuse themselves and laughed to their heart's content, watching juggling, tumbling, aerial acts as well as music performance in Kabul.—XINHUA

Powerful typhoon disrupts train, flight services in Japan

TOKYO, 19 June — A powerful typhoon is raging on the mainland of Japan on Tuesday, causing disruptions in transportation and forcing households to evacuate.

At least 100 scheduled trains were cancelled in the western metropolis of Osaka on Tuesday, and more than 1,000 residents in western prefectures including Wakayama and Mie had been advised to evacuate, according to a report by the public broadcaster NHK.

The storm, the fourth of this season, also led to

disruptions to airliners in the country with All Nippon Airways (ANA) cancelling more than 170 flights alone.

Typhoon Guchol was moving northeast at a speed of 55 kilometres per hour, with a wind velocity of up to 126 kilometres per hour around its centre, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. The agency warned of heavy rainfall in wide parts of the prefectures along the Pacific Ocean through noon Wednesday, including Japan's capital Tokyo.—MNA/Xinhua

Three killed, nine missing in landslide in E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 June — Rescuers have found three bodies and are searching for nine missing persons after a landslide in the eastern part of Indonesia earlier on Tuesday, local official said.

Heavy rain had the soil fallen and hit and destroyed two houses in Ambon city, the capital of Maluku Province at 3:15 local time on Tuesday (1815 GMT Monday), Eka Gultom, head of disaster management and mitigation agency of Maluku Province told Xinhua by phone.

"Rescuers are searching for the nine underneath the soil," Dody Heryanto, head of search and rescue office in Maluku Province told Xinhua over phone. So far two people have been secured safely, he said. Landslide has been frequent in Indonesia during heavy rains.—Xinhua

Saudi Arabia names defence minister crown prince

RIYADH, 19 June — Saudi Arabia kept power within the surviving, aging sons of the kingdom's founding patriarch on Monday by naming Defence Minister Prince Salman bin Abdul-Aziz as the new heir to the throne in a country both battling and embracing the upheavals across the Middle East.

The choice was expected, but the speed of the royal decree was not — just a day after the burial of the late crown prince, Prince Nayef, who died last week in Geneva and was in the No. 2 position only since November. Prince Salman, 76, is now the third successor for the 88-year-old King Abdullah in the past year.—Internet



Foreigners learn to wrap "Zong Zi", a kind of glutinous rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, in Meiling Township of Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 18 June, 2012. Over ten foreign students of Chinese medicine college of Jiangxi visited a farmhouse here on Monday to greet the traditional Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on 23 June this year. XINHUA

Crane collapse kills four Chinese, injures six in Russia

MOSCOW, 19 June — At least four Chinese were killed and 6 others were injured after a construction crane collapsed in Russia's Urals Region of Chelyabinsk on Monday. The Russian branch of the No 3 Thermal Power Construction Corp of Heilongjiang, a northeast province of China, confirmed to Xinhua that three of the injured were in critical condition.

Preliminary information indicated that the crane collapsed after its track cracked, the company said, adding that all the injured were hospitalized and relief works were underway. The Russian Emergency Situations Ministry also reported the accident on Monday, but said that five people were killed and nine others were injured.—Xinhua

Gaudily dressed robbery suspect in custody

A distinctively dressed man was in federal custody on suspicion of robbing a Wells Fargo Bank branch in Miramar, Fla., law enforcement officials said.

The FBI said James Francis Deans, 27, of Hallandale Beach, was arrested on 15 June, and was scheduled to make his first federal court appearance next week, the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* in Fort Lauderdale reported.

Surveillance video showed the suspect was dressed in a plaid sweater vest worn over a short-sleeved shirt and clashing plaid shorts, the FBI said. He also wore a cap and sunglasses.



New grad gets car for perfect attendance

A new graduate of Armwood High School in Seffner, Fla., got a new set of wheels for not missing a day of school during the final semester.

Brenna McPhee's name was drawn from a pool of 200 eligible students for a key that may — or may not — unlock the grand prize of the Perfect Car for Perfect Attendance event at Toyota of Tampa Bay on 16 June, *The Tampa Bay Times* reported.

"I'm kind of in shock," the 17-year-old graduate said. She turns 18 on 12 June. Six students before McPhee unsuccessfully tried to unlock the 2012 Scion xD. "She told me she was going to win this," said her father, Richard McPhee, who had a stroke last fall. "I didn't believe her."

McPhee, whose mother died five years ago of cancer, will go to Florida Gulf Coast University, where she received a full academic scholarship to study biology.

She said her current car, a Ford Focus with a manual transmission, will be passed along to her sister, the *Times* said. "I'll have to teach my sister how to drive a stick shift so she can have it," McPhee said.

Actor Stephen Baldwin, actor Kevin Costner.



Stephen Baldwin loses case against Kevin Costner

Kevin Costner

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Actor Stephen Baldwin has lost a multi-million dollar case against actor Kevin Costner.

Baldwin accused Costner of cheating him and his business partner in a deal to sell oil clean-up devices to British Petroleum after 2010's Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The case was settled in front of a federal jury in Louisiana who, after two

hours of deliberation, rejected Baldwin's claim for more than USD 17m in damages.

Later Baldwin and his attorney issued a statement expressing their disappointment at jury's decision, but said that he respected their choice.

Meanwhile, Costner expressed his gratitude to the jury and said getting his name cleared was more important than money.—*Internet*

Whitney Houston hid drug habit from close ones

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Singer Whitney Houston hid her drug habit from her friends, says a close friend. "It really shocked me when I found that out. And actually it made me quite mad because I thought, 'Whitney, you had us all fooled.' Everyone thought Whitney was in a good place and we never imagined anything like this was going to happen," Houston's friend and entertainment consultant Raffles van Exel said.

Exel also believed that she had quit drugs two years back, reports contactmusic.com.

"I honestly thought she was clean in the two years before she died. Yes, she would



Singer Whitney Houston

have the occasional drink. And I knew she was taking painkillers and the anxiety drug Xanax. But I never suspected she was using hard drugs," Exel said.

In February this year, she was found dead in the bath tub of her hotel room. She was 48. According to reports, reason detected behind the sudden death was a massive heart attack, which partially happened because of cocaine consumption.—*Internet*

Cheryl Cole faces criticism for farting in public



Singer Cheryl Cole

LONDON, 19 June—Singer Cheryl Cole says she is always being accused of breaking wind as people think she's too famous to hold it inside. "I always look around and try to work out who it was and I see the eyes staring back at me," the sun.co.uk quoted the 28-year-old as saying.

"I know they're thinking, 'Cheryl! Cole thinks it's OK to fart on a plane as she's special,' and

it's so not true," she added. The Girls Aloud member thinks it would be a smart idea to invent a spray that can detect the culprit.

"There should be a sort of aerosol that can be sprayed into the air and it would pinpoint the guilty person. You can get a similar thing to go into swimming pools to discourage people from peeing. I think it would be a winner on a long flight," she added.—*Internet*

I am a strict dad, says David Beckham

LONDON, 19 June—David Beckham has revealed that he is a strict dad when it comes to his kids and he makes them earn their pocket money. The 37-year-old football star said that his kids have to do their



David Beckham

chores like load the dishwasher and make their bed, the BBC reported.

However, he does let them stay up late and watch football. The former England captain is a whizz in the kitchen as well as on the pitch and his children love his bolognese, which he had learned to cook when he lived in Italy.—*Internet*

Whale brings end to global sailing trip

A California man's 12-year quest to sail around the world was ended prematurely by a whale that damaged his boat off the coast of Mexico, his wife said.

Debra Young said her husband, Max, 67, set out on his sailing adventure when he retired in 2000 and the voyage, which was periodically interrupted when he had to return to work, came to an end on 13 June when a whale destroyed the rudder and punched a hole in his 50-foot, single-mast sailboat off the coast of La Playa, Mexico, the *Sacramento (Calif) Bee* reported.

The US Coast Guard picked up Young's distress

signal on 12 June and directed a merchant ship to rescue him from his sinking sailboat.

Debra Young said Max called her when the freighter arrived, about nine hours after his confrontation with the whale.

"He was out there waiting to be rescued from 10 pm to 7 am while the sailboat was sinking," she said. "He was trying to bail it out, but the whale knocked a pretty good hole in it."

She said her husband's round-the-world sailing trip, which she sometimes participated in, took him to Hawaii, Tahiti, Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey and Rome.

News Album

Carters sing with Willie Nelson



Willie Nelson arrives at the Kennedy Center for the 12 Annual Mark Twain Prize, awarded to Bill Cosby, in Washington on 26 Oct. 2009.

INTERNET

ATLANTA, 19 June—Former President Jimmy Carter donned a bandana for an onstage appearance with Willie Nelson at the Chastain Park Amphitheater in Atlanta.

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, joined the famed country singer on Friday night in a performance of "Amazing Grace," *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported.

The Carters live in Plains, Ga., a small town more than 100 miles south of Atlanta. After leaving the White House, Carter founded The Carter Centre in Atlanta.—*Internet*

Emma Stone plans to study biology

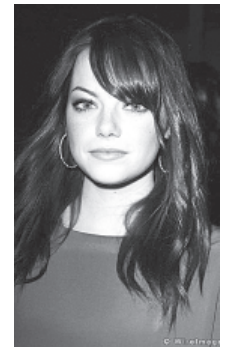
LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Actress Emma Stone, who plays Peter Parker's first love Gwen Stacy in "The Amazing Spider-Man", wants to study biology.

She visited a laboratory for the first time on the set and was fascinated by the work of real scientists and is inspired to study the subject.

"It was the first time I had ever been angry about not going to college because I was fascinated by what they were showing us at the laboratory. I thought, 'What do I need to do to intern?' You need to be a college graduate," starpulse.com quoted Stone as saying.

"It sucks because I can learn, I swear I got so interested in biology, learning about medicine and

regeneration and stem cells. It expanded my mind in so many ways, so now I'm gonna go take a biology class. What's amazing is you can do it at home," said the 23-year-old.—*Internet*



Actress Emma Stone

Navas rescues Spain, Croatia bow out



Spanish goalkeeper Iker Casillas makes a save during the Euro 2012 football championships match Croatia vs Spain at the Gdansk Arena. Defending champions Spain qualified for the Euro 2012 quarter-finals after replacement Jesus Navas hit the late winner in their nervy 1-0 victory over Croatia, who bowed out on Monday.—INTERNET

GDANSK, 19 June — Defending champions Spain qualified for the Euro 2012 quarter-finals after replacement Jesus Navas hit the late winner in their nervy 1-0 victory over Croatia, who bowed out. Spain qualify as Group C winners and will now play their quarter-final in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Saturday against the Group D runner-up, while Italy finish

second thanks to their 2-0 win over Ireland in Poznan. Having come on for Fernando Torres in the second-half, Navas hit the 88th-minute winner after Xavi Hernandez chipped the Croatian defence and Andres Iniesta provided the final pass.

"It was a difficult game for us, we had a high percentage of ball possession and we proved we can control the game," said

Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque. "We were fighting for a victory, not a draw, and we have taken a step forward here by qualifying, this is motivation for the quarter-finals. "The team played well, even though things didn't go according to plan. "We have no preference whether it is France, England or Ukraine, we have to be ready to take whatever comes."

The World Cup winners top the group with seven points after their opening draw with Italy and 4-0 rout of Ireland, while there was heartbreak for Slaven Bilic's Croatia. "I want to congratulate Spain, but most of all, also my players," said the former West Ham and Everton defender. "We had the best chances in the game and when you play against the world champions, you must take advantage of those opportunities." Del Bosque named an unchanged team, while Bilic abandoned the 4-4-2 formation he used in the opening win over Ireland and the draw with Italy for a 4-2-3-1 formation.—INTERNET

Italy down Ireland to reach quarter-finals

POZNAN, 19 June — Antonio Cassano and Mario Balotelli scored the goals as Italy beat 10-man Ireland 2-0 at the Municipal Stadium to reach the Euro 2012 quarter-finals. Spain's 1-0 win over Croatia meant Italy finished second in Group C and will play the Group D winners in the last eight while Ireland finish bottom with three

defeats. While Italy were worthy winners, Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni will have been bemused to see his side concede both goals from corners.

But Italy coach Cesare Prandelli will also have been concerned by his side's dip in physical condition in the final 20 minutes, just as it did in their previous two games.



Italian midfielder Daniele De Rossi (R) kicks the ball during the Euro 2012 football championships match Italy vs Republic of Ireland at the Municipal Stadium in Poznan. Italy won 2-0.—INTERNET

Prandelli admitted they had been taken a little by surprise early on. "We had some difficulties in the first minutes, they decided to play the ball on the ground and we messed up in centre midfield," he said. "Normally we're more careful and wouldn't let them get so far up the pitch but once we found our feet, especially in midfield, we did some good things."

Ireland, who showed much willing but little quality, finished the game a man down after Keith Andrews was sent off late on by referee Cuneyt Cakir. Having had their gameplan thrown into disarray by conceding early goals in their previous two matches, Ireland at least seemed fired up from the off. Several times Ireland broke at pace and had the Italian defence back-peddalling but they spurned their own chances through either a wayward pass, poor decision-making or running down a blind alley. Even so, Trapattoni said he was proud of his players.—INTERNET

Mayweather, Pacquiao top athlete income list



Floyd Mayweather, pictured in May 2012, and Manny Pacquiao, the boxers that fight fans worldwide want to see in the ring together, top the list of the 100 highest-paid athletes released by Forbes magazine.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 19 June — Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao, the boxers that fight fans worldwide want to see in the ring together, top the list of the 100 highest-paid athletes released by Forbes magazine on Monday. Mayweather, who ranks No 1

for making \$85 million off two fights last year, is serving a three-month jail sentence for domestic battery in Las Vegas, having failed in a bid to serve the remainder of his time under house arrest. While his doctors and co-manager warned that staying behind bars might cause irreparable damage to his fitness and risk his boxing career, the undefeated US fighter is expected to climb back into the ring, likely later this year.

But Mayweather will not be fighting Filipino icon Pacquiao in the mega-bout that boxing fans have sought for years. Pacquiao, second on the list at \$62 million from earnings and endorsements, lost to unbeaten US fighter Tim Bradley on 9 July and they are set to fight a rematch in November. Tiger Woods, who

had topped the Forbes list since 2001, fell to third this time with \$59.4 million, his earnings off \$16 million from the previous year and by half since his peak in 2009, mostly due to lost endorsement deals. It was in 2009 that Woods, a 14-time major champion chasing the 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus, saw a sex scandal erupt that caused him to start his 2010 season late and 2011 saw Woods nagged by injuries.

Woods went on a 17-month win drought until he won last March at Bay Hill in the Arnold Palmer Invitational. He followed up with a victory earlier this month at the Jack Nicklaus-hosted Memorial but has not won a major since the 2008 US Open. Miami Heat star LeBron James ranks fourth at \$53 million, the highest of 13

basketball players and on the list. The Heat are playing the Oklahoma City Thunder in the NBA Finals as James seeks his first league crown. While a lockout last year trimmed 20 percent off his salary, endorsement deals boosted his total and a marketing partnership made him a stakeholder in English Premier League football side Liverpool.

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer was fifth at \$52.7 million followed by NBA star Kobe Bryant at \$52.3 million, US golfer Phil Mickelson at \$47.8 million, English football star David Beckham of the Los Angeles Galaxy at \$46 million and Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo at \$42.5 million, with the top annual salary of any athlete in any league at \$20 million.

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Ex-boxer Mike Tyson to take a bite out of Broadway



Former heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson, left, and director Spike Lee announce "Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth", a one man show on Broadway starring Mike Tyson, on 18 June, 2012 in New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 19 June — Mike Tyson wants his next knockout to be on Broadway. The former boxer announced Monday that he will team up with director Spike Lee to bring his one-man show, "Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth," to the Longacre Theatre for six nights only, 31 July to 5 Aug. The show, a raw confessional on the highs and lows of the life of the retired heavyweight and tabloid target, will mark both Tyson's and Lee's debut on Broadway. It made its debut in April for a weeklong run at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

"I'm very vulnerable and I'm just telling you who I am and where I'm from and how this happened," Tyson said at a news conference at the Longacre, wearing white pants, a white shirt and a gray jacket. Tyson, like Lee a Brooklyn native, became the youngest-ever heavyweight champion in 1986, when he won his title as a 20-year-old. His life since then has been marred by accusations of domestic violence, rape and drug use. "It takes courage to get in the ring," said Lee, who urges theatergoers to have an open mind when it comes to the work. "But it takes courage to get on the stage."

Tyson, 46, said he was inspired to do a one-man show after watching Chazz Palminteri tell stories about growing up in his show "A Bronx Tale." The boxer said: "I'm really just excited about this genre here." Tyson said that the show would be "raw" and "filthy" and that he would show his vulnerable side. It will include tales about his stormy marriage to actress Robin Givens, his time in prison, his relationship with his trainer and surrogate father, Cus D'Amato, and the time he spent in a psychiatric clinic as a result of his addiction to cocaine. One story sure to return is one in which he spotted Givens returning to her home in his car with Brad Pitt.—INTERNET

International Sports

I've got my belief back, says Els

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 June — Former world number one Ernie Els, who struggled for form for much of last year, says his tie for ninth in the US Open at the Olympic Club has restored his self-belief. South African Els, a three-time major winner, briefly moved into a share of second place during Sunday's final round before closing with a two-over-par 72 in difficult scoring conditions to finish three shots behind champion Webb Simpson. "I'm contending again ... and that means a lot," Els wrote on his official website (<http://www.erneels.com>) on

Monday. "I feel I have a chance now and that I could win another one of these majors. I've got my belief back."

"Right after finishing my final round at Olympic I was disappointed to have let slip a chance to win my third US Open, but having had a night to sleep on it I can reflect more clearly on the positive aspects of my performance. "My mental attitude was good all week and I played really well on what was a very tough golf course. I had a couple of train wrecks, on holes four and 16, and ultimately I guess they cost me the tournament." Els,

whose last major victory came a decade ago at the British Open, recorded a double-bogey at the fourth and a triple-bogey at the 16th in the opening round at Olympic.

After making three early bogeys in the third round, the smooth-swinging 42-year-old roared into contention with three birdies and an unexpected chip-in for eagle at the par-five 17th. In the final round, he rolled in a curling 20-foot eagle putt at the driveable par-four seventh to move briefly into a tie for second but bogeys on the next two holes derailed his title bid. "When I



Ernie Els of South Africa hits his tee shot on the 10th hole during the final round of the 2012 US Open golf tournament on the Lake Course at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, California on 17 June, 2012.—REUTERS

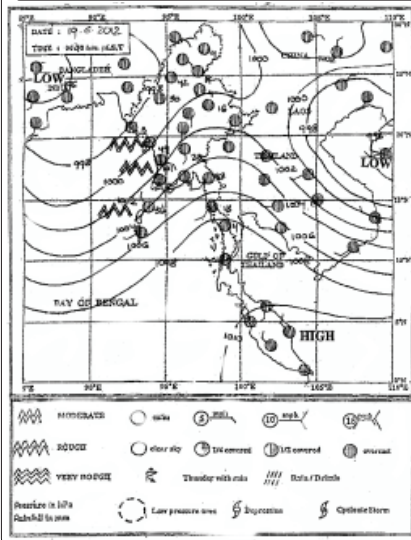
look at where I was this time last year and where I am now it's a huge change for the better," said Els, a twice US Open champion in the mid 1990s.—REUTERS

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****(20-6-12 09:30 am ~ 21-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

- * News
- * Media Dissemination Workshop
- * News
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Chicken Curry with Gourd"
- * News
- * Flying without Wings My Great Limitless Adventure (Inlay Lake) (Part-2)
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Fete de la Musique French Music Festival
- * News
- * Skills for Social Entrepreneurs
- * Networking with Local Contacts
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Runaway Righteous Guy"

MYANMAR TV**(20-6-2012) (Wednesday)**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:20 am**
- 5. Songs for International Day against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 8:30 am**
- 6. Documentary
- 4:05 pm**
- 7. Song of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
- 8. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:35 pm**
- 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Zoology)
- 5:10 pm**
- 10. International Science News
- 5:20 pm**
- 11. Joint Performance By State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra
- 5:50 pm**
- 12. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Traditional Boxing
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. Fashion Show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2010) (Part-1)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 20th June, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/100	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	30/100	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/100	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Magway, Tanintharyi Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (5.59) inches, Thabeik (4.33) inches, Yee (3.11) inches, Gwa (2.73) inches, An (2.40) inches, Pagan (2.28) inches and Mandalay (2.24) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Frequent Squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increases of rain in the whole country.

Tree growing ceremony held in Langkho District

LANGKHO, 19 June—Langkho District Forest Department held the rainy season tree growing ceremony to mark the 2012 World Environment Day at mile post 49/5 on Langkho-Mongnai Road on 5 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Htoo Lwin, Assistant Director U Kyaw Win of District Forest Department and staff, district and township level officials, social organization members and local people grew over 300 teak saplings.

Over 700 saplings were grown in Mongnai Township of Langkho District, over 300 teak and flower plants in Mongpan Township and 350 teak and flowery plants in Kengtung Township under the supervision of township heads of department.—District Forest



Blackburn Rovers striker Yakubu, seen here in May 2012, is close to signing for Chinese Super League team Guangzhou R&F.

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China club close to signing Yakubu

GUANGZHOU, 19 June—Blackburn Rovers striker Yakubu is close to signing for Chinese Super League team Guangzhou R&F, state media said on Tuesday.

If the deal goes through the Nigerian forward will become the latest foreign talent to be snapped up by big-spending Chinese clubs. "We are in final talks with him and the negotiation is almost done," Lu Yi, vice president of Guangzhou R&F, was quoted by the official Xinhua news agency as saying.

"The job is 99 percent

done. If nothing goes wrong with the final one percent, Yakubu will arrive at Guangzhou this week," he said, adding negotiations began two months ago.

The club — which will reportedly pay Yakubu an annual salary of 6.0 million euros (\$7.6 million) — was not available for comment. Guangzhou R&F is now third in the 16-club Chinese Super League, trailing cross-town rival Guangzhou Evergrande in first place and Beijing Guo'an in second position.

Chinese clubs are luring

more and more foreign football players with hugely lucrative packages, hoping to raise the success of their teams after the sport's reputation in the country was badly damaged by a match-fixing scandal.

Earlier this year, French striker Nicolas Anelka joined Shanghai Shenhua, and former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba is also reportedly close to announcing his move to the same team. Blackburn Rovers were relegated from the lucrative Premier League — the top tier of English football — in May.—Internet



German giants Bayern Munich are in talks to sign former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola, seen here in April 2012, when current boss Jupp Heynckes steps down in 2013.—INTERNET

Wrestling champion to carry Japan flag

TOKYO, 19 June—Multiple world wrestling champion Saori Yoshida has been handed the honour of carrying the Japanese flag at the London 2012 opening ceremony as she targets her third straight Olympic gold medal.

Yoshida, a nine-time world champion who is seeking an Olympic hat-trick in the 55kg division, said she was nervous but happy at the prospect of leading out Japan's team on 27 July.

"I feel nervous, but I am happy that I will be able to lead the Japanese delegation," said Yoshida, 29.

"I want to walk proudly with my head held high," she added, according to Kyodo news agency. "I'm happy I'll be in the spotlight."

The Japanese Olympic Committee also named Yukifumi Murakami, who won the men's javelin bronze at the 2009 world athletics championships, as captain of the team.

Murakami, 32, also captained Japan at the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou, China, while Yoshida carried the flag at the 2006 Asian Games in Doha — with both winning gold on each occasion.—Internet



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Bayern in talks with ex-Barca boss Guardiola

MUNICH, 19 June—German giants Bayern Munich are in talks to sign former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola when current boss Jupp Heynckes steps down in 2013, mass circulation Bild reported on Tuesday.

Bayern's director of football Christian Nerlinger held talks in May with Guardiola's brother Pere, who is also his advisor, on the sidelines of the Spanish Cup Final, which Barcelona won 3-0, Bild said.

"The world-class manager is said to have signalled his interest," the paper wrote.

Guardiola, 41, delivered three Spanish league trophies, two Champions Leagues, two FIFA World Cup Cups, two UEFA Supercups, three Spanish Supercups and two Spanish Cup victories in four years as coach at the Nou Camp.

Heynckes has a contract running until 2013. Bild said this was "perfect timing."

"Guardiola wants to take a year out to recharge his batteries and study. It's perfect timing... he can then learn German at his leisure," said the paper, usually well informed on comings and goings at Bayern's Allianz Arena.

Bayern defender Holger Badstuber, who is with the Germany team at Euro 2012 and is set to face Greece in Friday's quarter-final, said Heynckes' boots will be hard to fill.—Internet

Country has been introducing market-oriented economic system while striving for national development

Fresh mind-set and procedures in reform process, necessary to fulfill basic needs of people and improve socio-economic status



Chairman of Planning Commission President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at first meeting of Planning Commission.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Chairman of Planning Commission President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an opening address at first meeting of Planning Commission, at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, at 10 am today.

It was attended by Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, chief ministers of Region/State government and chairmen of Self-Administered zone/division.

In his opening speech, President U Thein Sein said that

today's meeting was Planning Commission's first meeting. At the morning session, he had already elaborated on planning in State of Union Address delivered to Union Level organization members, chief ministers of Region/State government, chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone, deputy ministers and departmental heads. So, those present were to submit the approval of fifth short-term five-year National Plan (draft), yearly National Plan (draft), facts about policies for sector-wise reform strategy of Union Ministries, adjustment of budget and taxes in line with yearly plan and policies for local and foreign investments and region-wise investments after drawing

electricity sector development plan.

After that, Secretary of Planning Commission Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein reported fifth short-term five-year National Plan (draft) and implementation of National Plan for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Afterwards, the Union Ministers and the Region/State Chief Ministers also presented report on sector-wise plan and regional plan that include in the fifth short-term five-year National Planning. Then, the Union Ministers reported approval of ministry-wise and sector-wise reform strategies they want to lay down, and Advisor to the President U Hset Aung gave a supplementary report.

After that, Union Ministers for Electric Power Nos.1 and 2 presented reports on drafting plan for electric power sector development and compilation of conditions and measures of private sector investments in region/state.

Those present coordinated general matters.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein made a concluding speech.

He said: In the today's meeting, it was found that discussions are being made on presentations to lay down the policy over the fifth short-term five-year plan (draft) and reform strategy. Presentations over policy are of paramount importance for national development and good progress of political, economic and social sectors. Tomorrow's session will cover the discussion of policy.

It is learnt that complete work programmes over reform strategy have been presented. However, as to macro-economic reform discussions were made only on budget, foreign aids and local and foreign investments.

The Planning Commission is to underscore the tax reform which plays a pivotal role in the national and regional development. More efforts should be made to be able to fully (See page 10)

MMCWA donates cash for local people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Donation ceremony to victims of unrests in Rakhine State who lost their property was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement here this morning.

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, officials and donors attended the ceremony.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated K 5 million through Union Minister U Aung Kyi who returned the certificate of honour and spoke words of thanks.

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Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association presents cash assistance to Union Minister for Labour and for SWRR U Aung Kyi for victims of violence in Rakhine State who lost their property.—MNA

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MADB disburses loan to farmers in Taninthayi Region

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—To fulfill the requirements of farmers, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank is disbursing a loan of K 50,000 per acre of paddy to farmers in monsoon paddy growing season this year.

Dawei, Myeik, Palaw, Yebyu, Launglon and Thayetchaung Banks (branch) of Taninthayi Region Bank (Branch) of MADB, has proposed to offer a loan of K 5204.550 million. Till 15 June, a loan of K 1534.150 million have been disbursed to 5538 farmers from 68 village-tracts.

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