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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to US President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Honourable Barack Hussein Obama, President of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July 2012.

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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.

In implementing political and economic reforms, ease of ethnic conflicts needs to be considered

Only when such reforms are carried out, will national reconciliation be achieved and ethnic conflicts ended



Chairman of Union Peace-making Central Committee President U Thein Sein delivers an address at first meeting of

Union Peace-making Central Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Chairman of Union Peace-making Central Committee President U Thein Sein addressed first meeting of the Central Committee at the meeting hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present at the meeting together with Committee Chairman President U Thein Sein were the Central Committee members Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Htay and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin.

President U Thein Sein said in his address that the government was formed with people's representatives elected by the people. The people's government must

adhere to the desire of the people and must implement the will of the majority.

The desire of the people is to transform from the old system to the new one. The will of the majority of the people is internal peace and socio-economic development.

In transforming from the old system to the new one, the people desire practical change, rather than that on papers. In doing so, political and economic changes, foundation of the country, must be carried out. As all the reform processes are interrelated, these are all intended to place the country under the new system.

Rule of law should prevail in all political reforms. Unending racial rift or armed ethnic fights hinder economic development. Scattering armed ethnic groups undermine the rule of law. The foundation for building the nation is end of ethnic armed groups and conflicts.

Firm political reforms are required for the success of economic reforms. And the end of ethnic conflicts is also needed for firm political reforms. It is needed to ease ethnic conflicts and distribute political and economic opportunities equitably.

In implementing political and economic reforms, ease of ethnic conflicts needs to be considered. Only when such reforms are carried out, will national reconciliation be achieved and ethnic conflicts be ended.

All the national races have lived under the same flag in Myanmar's territory along the course of the history. Even among family members born of the same parents, there are differences in colour, height, attitude and behaviour. Despite differences among the national races, what matters most is the Union spirit that is the love of the Union.

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China's research vessel Xuelong, or "Snow Dragon," leaves port of Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center under escort of China Coast Guard for its fifth Arctic expedition in Qingdao, Shandong Province, 2 July, 2012. PAGE 11

Mystery mass deaths of green turtles in Australia



Scientists were at a loss on Friday to explain mysterious deaths of more than 70 green turtles, similar to one pictured in 2004, that have washed up on beaches in northeast Australia over the last week.

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Premier League stars in GB Olympic squad



Welshman Ryan Giggs has been terrorising defences in the Premier League for 20 years.

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Tour de France: Cavendish scripts impressive win in second stage

Sky Pro cycling rider Mark Cavendish of Britain celebrates winning second stage of 99th Tour de France cycling race between Vise and Tournai, on 2 July, 2012.



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A new development policy

Generally, we can say a green economy is another option for development and can generate growth and improvements in people's lives in ways consistent with sustainable development. A green economy promotes a triple bottom line: sustaining and advancing economic, environmental and social well-being.

And according to some scholars, businesses that ignore the potential for profiting from carbon reduction will miss out on the greatest opportunity for wealth creation our society has seen in a generation. Carbon reduction – as well as the careful use of natural resources – is the next generation's revolution. That revolution will transform the planet in unexpected ways.

As for achieving sustainable green economic growth we must explore and develop the areas such as renewable energy, green buildings, clean transportation, water management, waste management, land management and restoration, and urban forestry and parks.

As we are all aware, the common goal of the world is to achieve sustainable development, which refers to securing the planet's availability of natural resources for the present and for future generations. We recognize that sustainability of materials and natural resources is easier said than done, and not only a few, but all of us are responsible to do our utmost if we are to reach this goal.

Here, we must take into account the domestic policies and the accomplishments of policy frameworks to effectively promote renewable energy and green growth in domestic market; clean-tech investment and the apparent opportunities and clean-tech investment climate in our country; and green tourism and the level of commitment to promoting sustainable tourism through government and other related bodies.

Myanmar believes in green economy and green growth as a new development policy, contributing to poverty eradication, improving human welfare and creating new opportunities and decent jobs for all, while maintaining the healthy cycle of the ecosystems.

Basic tailoring course to kick off on 13 July

YANGON, 3 July—The Working Group for Protection and Rehabilitation of Women under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will conduct the basic tailoring course for women wears No 3/2012 as of 13 July.

The course will last two months. It will be opened at Room-301, Building 169, Aungmyathar Road, Ward 5, Kamayut Township, from 10 am to 2 pm on weekdays.

The training course limits number of trainees and it will admit 20 trainees only. Applications for the training course can be taken from the training centre from 10 am to 2 pm daily, not later than 12 July.

For further information, may dial 09-425282061 and 379231.—MNA

Donate blood

Global MBA Offshore Programme launched at UMFCCI

YANGON, 3 July—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and University of Thai Chamber of Commerce legally launched Global MBA Offshore Programme at the meeting hall of UMFCCI here this morning, with an address of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe making a speech at the ceremony to conduct Global MBA Offshore Programme.—MNA

At the opening, the Chief Minister said, in his speech, that the Federation has signed a MoU on cooperation with UTCC of Thailand in education sector to bring about human resource development, according to which, the programme could be put into operation, and as for the trainees, younger generations need to do their best while taking the programme that comes out skilled youths to be able to narrow gaps of the economic sector of the State. Youths are needless to go abroad for their further studies in

Union Foreign Minister felicitates US counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Honourable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July 2012.—MNA

economic subjects for they can pursue them with low costs here when the programme has started.

Afterwards, Vice-President of UMFCU Thaung Tin, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata and Thai Vice-President of Thai Chamber of Commerce Dr. Savaraj Sachcharya addressed the ceremony.

The ceremony came to an end following an introduction made by Programme Director Mr. Jakarin Srimoon of Global MBA Offshore Programme.—MNA

Cash and kind donated for local people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for local people who lost their property and possessions in recent unrest in Rakhine State took place at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region this morning.

At the ceremony, U Tin Maung Win+ Daw Than Aye from Shwe Naychi Co, Ltd donated K 1 million, Daw Saw Shin family of Htaukkyant K 500,000, U Than Tin+ Daw Aye May of Thitsa Aungmyin Jewelry family from Hmawby Township K 500,000, U Khin Maung Win+ Daw San Htay of Thitsa Aungmyin Jewelry family from Hmawby Township K 300,000, U Min Naing+ Daw Thaw Thi Phaw of Thitsa Aungmyin Jewelry family from Hmawby Township K 200,000, Major Ko Gyi+ Daw Khin Than Aye of Thitsa Aungmyin Jewelry family from Hmawby Township K 100,000, late U Kyar (advocate)+ Daw Ohn Khin family K 300,000 and 14 instant noodle packages worth



Wellwishers donate cash and kind for local people in Rakhine State at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township.—MNA

Upgrading ceremony of BEPS to Post-Primary School held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—A ceremony to upgrade No.48 Basic Education Primary School to Post-Primary School of Maungyan Village-tract in Ottarathiri Township was held at the school this morning.

Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Than Aung and U Saw Hla attended the ceremony and formally opened the school. They grew windbreak.

Upgrading Post Primary School, 414 students including 67 students from fifth to sixth standards are grasping the chance to pursue their education now.—MNA

K 50,000, teachers and students from Alin Ein Tuition K 400,000, U Tin Toe and trainees of New Fashion Designer Group from Pazundaung Township K 150,000 and one bale of cloth, U Kyaw Aye+ Daw Saw Mya family from Dagon Myothit (East) K 500,00, in memory of late Daw San San Win and son Maung Wai Phyto Naing, U Soe Naing family K 200,000 and four bales of cloth, U Khin Maung Aye+ Daw Khin Thin Yi of Pazundaung Township K 200,000, Shan State (South) fire brigade members K 150,000, Ko Bo Bo from Phakant K 150,000, Daw San and Ma San San Aye family from Phakant K 150,000, Daw Khin Khin and Daw Tin Aye Kyi from Tamway K 5000 and one blanket, U Soe Myint+ Daw Aye Aye Than family K 270,00 and medicine and three bales of cloth worth K 970,00, U Saw Myint+ Daw Than Than Oo family K 300,00, U Saw Myint+ Daw Than Than Oo and Ko Min Min Soe+ Ma Yin Phyu Aye K 300,00, Ma Khin Mya Aye, Ma Khin Mi Mi Tun and Ma Khaing Khaing K 110,00, Lt-Col Aye Ko+ Daw Khin Than Myint family two bales of cloth, U Myo Thant+ Daw Kywe Kywe family one bale of cloth, U Aye Min Myo, Ma Win Pyae Pyae Ei from FMI City two bales of cloth and U Kyaw Shwe+ Daw Khin Moe of Yoe Hla Thandar family K 100,000. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials concerned accepted donations and spoke words of thank.

Up to date, donation amounted to K 220,243,296.

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Residents of the Mountain Shadows area view their properties on 1 July, 2012, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Even people who know their homes are still standing have some anxiety over temporary visits being allowed today to wildfire-devastated neighbourhoods around Colorado Springs.
INTERNET

Air Force C-130 crashes fighting South Dakota wildfire

PIERRE, 3 July—An Air Force C-130 tanker has crashed while battling a South Dakota wildfire, killing and injuring crew members and forcing the grounding of a fleet of eight such firefighting planes, the US military said on Monday.

The cause of the Sunday evening crash of the tanker from the North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th Airlift Wing has not been determined, and the US Northern Command released few details about the crash.

"There were casualties, and our thoughts and prayers go out to those who were injured and those who lost their lives," the Northern Command said in a statement, without saying how many crew members were killed or injured.

The airplanes typically carry a crew of six when they are equipped to fight fires, and can drop 3,000 gallons (11,000 liters) of water or fire retardant in less than five seconds, enough

to cover an area one-quarter mile long and 100 yards wide. They can be refilled in 12 minutes.

President Barack Obama said that the crew, the families and their loved ones were "in our thoughts and prayers."

"The airmen who attack these fires from above repeatedly confront dangerous conditions in an effort to give firefighters on the ground a chance to contain these wildfires—to save homes, businesses, schools, and entire communities," the president said in a statement. "They are heroes who deserve the appreciation of a grateful nation."

The C-130 that crashed was one of eight the US Air Force has that can be quickly converted into firefighting tankers under a Defense Department-US Forest Service programme when private and commercial fleets cannot meet the need.

Reuters

US, Pakistan deal seen soon on Afghan supply routes

ISLAMABAD, 3 July—The United States and Pakistan are expected to agree soon on the reopening of land routes crucial to supplying NATO troops in Afghanistan, a Pakistani official said on Monday, a move that could ease a seven-month crisis in the two countries' ties.

A senior Pakistani security official told *Reuters* a deal could be announced soon, potentially ending the long stalemate following a US air attack last November that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers along the border with Afghanistan. Senior Pakistani government and defence officials are due to meet to discuss the supply routes on Tuesday, a day after US Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nides headed back to Washington following talks with Pakistani officials.

"Things are looking very optimistic," another Pakistani

government official said, also speaking on condition of anonymity. US embassy officials declined to say if a deal was imminent.

While US diplomats say they have made headway in recent talks, the two sides have appeared to have been on the brink of a deal before.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton discussed the routes, which have become a major headache for NATO nations as they seek to keep troops equipped in Afghanistan, with new Pakistani Prime Minister Raja Perviz Ashraf when she called him over the weekend, the State Department said. NATO nations, grappling with severe fiscal pressures at home, are anxious to reach an agreement, in part because shipping supplies into land-locked Afghanistan from the north costs 2-1/2 times as much as through Pakistan.—*Reuters*



Afghan soldiers check the blast site near the Kandahar University in Kandahar city, south Afghanistan, on 2 July, 2012. At least seven civilians were killed and 23 others injured when a suicide car bomb went off in Kandahar city, the capital of southern Afghan province of Kandahar on Monday evening, the police said.—XINHUA

Two helicopters crash in Spanish forest fire

MADRID, 3 July—Two helicopters that were helping to extinguish the fire in Valencia in east Spain crashed on Monday afternoon, local media reported.

Sources from the regional government of Aragon said the pilot of one helicopter was dead. There are, however, media reports that the pilot went missing, as neither the helicopter nor the pilot himself was found.

The pilot was so far known as part of the Brigades of Wild Fire Reinforcement from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The causes of both crashes are yet to be discovered. Media reports said one of the helicopters, which was working on the area of Cortes de Pallas in Valencia, crashed while it was filling up with water next to a

marsh called La Forata.

The second helicopter crashed while it was working in Cortes de Pallas in Valencia. Both the pilot and copilot on the this helicopter are alive and conscious. They have been taken to the hospital.

The fire in Valencia has become the worst forest fire to happen in over 20 years and has already destroyed over 50,000 hectares of land.
Xinhua

Heavy rains, flood sweep Philippine capital Tuesday

MANILA, 3 July—Heavy rains swept the Philippine capital on Tuesday morning inundating roads that caused traffic jams and spurred schools to suspend classes.

The Supreme Court, the Senate and local courts in the national capital region also suspended work due to bad weather.

Several flights from Manila were also cancelled. The Manila International Airport Authority said Cebu Pacific canceled flights to and from Naga in Camarines Sur and Busuanga in Palawan, while Air Philippines cancelled flights to and from Naga.

The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said Low Pressure Area will continue to bring widespread rains in the capital region and most of northern Philippines.

PAGASA said flooding may occur in low-lying areas and areas located near the river channels.

Meanwhile, PAGASA hydrologist Sonia Serrano has advised resident living around La Mesa Dam to evacuate as heavy rains is increasing the dam's water level.

The La Mesa Dam is now on red alert due to continuous rains, although it has not released water yet, according to a report filed by local news site—*www.rappler.com*.

Xinhua

An Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopter, carrying relief supplies, flies over the flooded areas of the Sonitpur district in the northeastern Indian state of Assam on 1 July, 2012. Incessant heavy rains in northeast India have caused massive flooding and landslides, killing more than 60 people, local media reported on Sunday.

REUTERS

Bombs targeting pilgrims in Iraq kill four, wound 21

BAGHDAD, 3 July—Two roadside bombs targeting Shi'ite pilgrims killed four people and wounded 21 on Tuesday near the central Iraqi city of Kerbala, hospital and police sources said.

The attack, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad,

is the latest in a series of bombings in Iraq aimed at Shi'ite worshippers. Shi'ite pilgrims in Kerbala will be celebrating the birthday of an important imam in the coming days. Increased attacks in Iraq in recent weeks have raised fears that the country could

slip back into widespread sectarian violence.

Last month at least 237 people were killed and 603 wounded mainly in bomb attacks, according to a *Reuters* tally, making June one of the bloodiest months in Iraq since US troops withdrew at the end

of last year. The worst attack occurred on 13 June when bombers targeting Shi'ite pilgrims killed more than 70 people. Sunni insurgents often attack Shi'ite targets to try to reignite the sectarian violence that killed tens of thousands of people in 2006-2007. Iraq's al-Qaeda wing has claimed some of the recent bombings against Shi'ites.

Reuters



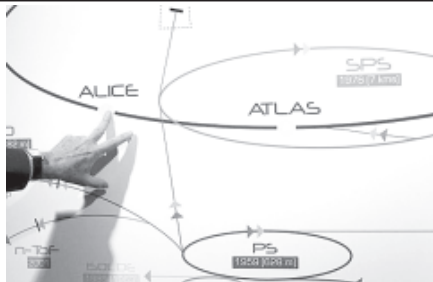
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Evidence of 'God particle' found

GENEVA, 3 July — Physicists say they have all but proven that the "God particle" exists. They have a footprint and a shadow, and the only thing left is to see for themselves the elusive subatomic particle believed to give all matter in the universe size and shape. Scientists at the world's biggest atom smasher plan to announce on Wednesday that they have nearly confirmed the primary plank of a theory that could restructure the understanding of why matter has mass, which combines with gravity to give an object weight.

The idea is much like gravity and Isaac Newton's discovery: It was there all the time before Newton explained it. But now scientists know what it is and can put that knowledge to further use. The focus of the excitement is the Higgs boson, a subatomic particle long sought by physicists. Researchers at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, say that they have compiled vast amounts of data that show the footprint and shadow of the particle, even though it has never actually been glimpsed.

But two independent teams of physicists are cautious after decades of work and billions of dollars spent. They don't plan to use the word "discovery." They say they will come as close as possible to a "eureka" announcement without overstating their findings. "I agree that any reasonable outside

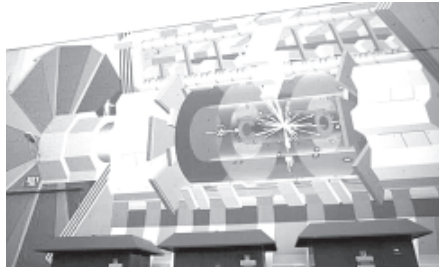


In this 20 May, 2011 file photo, a physicist explains the ATLAS experiment on a board at the European Centre for Nuclear Research, CERN, outside Geneva, Switzerland.—INTERNET

observer would say, "It looks like a discovery," said British theoretical physicist John Ellis, a professor at King's College London who has worked at CERN since the 1970s. "We've discovered something which is consistent with being a Higgs."

CERN's atom smasher, the \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider on the Swiss-French border, has been creating high-energy collisions of protons to investigate dark matter, antimatter and the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang. The phrase "God particle," coined by Nobel Prize-winning physicist Leon Lederman, is used by laymen, not physicists, more as an explanation for how the subatomic universe works than how it all started.

Rob Roser, who leads the search for the Higgs boson at the Fermilab in Chicago, said: "Particle physicists have a very high standard for what it takes to be a discovery," and he thinks it is a hair's breadth away. Roser compared the results that scientists will announce on Wednesday to finding the fossilized imprint of a dinosaur: "You see the footprints and the shadow of the object, but you don't actually see it." Fermilab, whose competing atom smasher reported its final results Monday after shutting down last year, said its data doesn't settle the question of the Higgs boson, but it came tantalizingly close.—Internet



In this 20 May, 2011 file photo, a wall painting by artist Josef Kristofletti is seen at the ATLAS experiment site at the European Centre for Nuclear Research, CERN, outside Geneva, Switzerland. The painting shows how a Higgs boson may look.—INTERNET

British experts examine prehistoric skeleton found in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 3 July — A group of British experts from Cambridge University started research on the prehistoric skeleton found in Sri Lanka, the Archeological Department said on Monday.

Director General of Sri Lanka's Archeological Department Senarath Dassanayake told Xinhua that bio-anthropologists from

the Cambridge University are researching on the prehistoric skeleton found in an ancient cave in Bulathsinghala, 60 km off from capital Colombo.

The research by the Cambridge experts will go on till 15 July and for further examination samples of the skeleton will be taken to the Britain," Dassanayake said.

A carbon-17 test is to be carried out to determine the age of the skeleton unearthed during excavations by the department. Sri Lankan archeological experts have predicted the skeleton is to be around 37,000 years old and it is the first complete prehistoric skeleton found in South Asia.

Xinhua

NASA to launch mission to study solar magnetic field

WASHINGTON, 3 July — NASA, the US space agency, announced on Monday that it would launch a mission known as the Solar Ultraviolet Magnetograph Investigation (SUMI) on Thursday, to study the intricate, constantly changing magnetic fields on the sun in a hard-to-observe area called the chromosphere.

Magnetic fields, and the intense magnetic energy they help marshal, lie at the heart of how the sun can create huge explosions of light such as solar flares and eruptions of particles such as coronal mass ejections (CMEs). Though there are already instruments — both on the

ground and flying in space — that can measure these fields, they are constrained to observe the fields on a particular layer of the sun's surface or atmosphere.

With SUMI, scientists are expected to be able to observe the layer none of the instruments in service could do. "What's novel with this instrument is that it observes ultraviolet light, when all the others look at infrared or visible light," says Jonathan Cirtain, a solar scientist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Centre and the principal investigator for SUMI. "Those wavelengths of light correspond to the lowest levels in the sun's

atmosphere, but SUMI will look at locations higher in the chromosphere."

To measure magnetic fields in the chromosphere, SUMI will observe the ultraviolet (UV) light emitted from two types of atoms on the sun, Magnesium 2 and Carbon 4.

Through established methods of measuring how the light is affected as it travels through the magnetic environment of the solar atmosphere towards the earth, scientists can measure the original strength and direction of the magnetic fields, thus creating a three-dimensional magnetic map of the chromosphere.—Xinhua

Current Windows users will be able to upgrade to Windows 8 for just \$39.99

NEW YORK, 3 July — Microsoft has confirmed that its previously announced Windows 8 upgrade will cost just \$39.99.

That means people already running Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7 on their computers will pay a mere forty bucks for the latest version.

It's a notable price drop compared with other system updates from Microsoft, with the Pro version of Windows 7 carrying a \$99 price tag and the Home Premium version costing \$50. It will cost you a little extra if you want the

packaged DVD version of the new Windows 8.

The company is also running a special offer for its newest customers: Windows 8 will be available for \$14.99 for anyone purchasing a new PC after 2 June.

The low price is also impressive considering the features it will bring to your computing experience. Windows 8 features the new Metro UI when your device initially boots up, as well as better search, a jump list, and Ribbon menus. Check out those features and compare them with Windows 7 here.

Internet



Apple to report Q3 earnings on 24th July.—INTERNET

Dell wins bidding to buy Quest Software for \$2.4b

ROUND ROCK, 3 July — Dell is buying Quest Software for \$2.4 billion to expand its offerings as its personal computer business weakens in an era of smartphones and sleeker devices like the iPad. The deal announced Monday capped off a bidding war that began last month when Quest revealed a mystery suitor had made an offer trumping a \$2 billion sale that had been worked out with Insight Venture Partners in March. The secret bidder turned out to be Dell Inc, the second largest PC maker in the US behind Hewlett-Packard Co.

Dell prizes Quest primarily for its nearly 1,300 engineers and its stable of software designed for businesses and government agencies. In particular, Dell

is counting on Quest to help sell more servers, networking and storage products and computing services — all of which are typically more profitable than PCs these days. Selling PCs is also getting more difficult as consumers increasingly rely on smartphones and tablets to fulfill their computing needs.

Driven by market conditions, both Dell and HP have been software and technology services companies to expand beyond PCs and plumb the more fertile territory of advising big companies and government agencies on how to manage their computing needs. Quest is Dell's biggest acquisition since it bought technology consulting firm

Perot Systems for \$3.9 billion in 2009.

The deal worked out well for Quest's shareholders. The sale price translates to \$28 per share, a 44 percent increase from Quest's stock price before the Aliso Viejo, Calif company announced its initial agreement with Insight. Dell is paying close to Quest's 10-year trading peak of \$28.10, according to Factset.

Quest shares added a penny to close at \$27.82 on Monday. Buying Quest will more than double the size of Dell's software business. Quest's revenue was \$857 million last year. Dell expects to complete the acquisition later this year. The company, which is based in Round Rock, Texas, didn't project how Quest will affect its earnings. ISI Group analyst estimated Quest will increase Dell's earnings next year by 6 cents to \$2.01 per share, before adjusting for certain accounting items.

Although he considers the Quest acquisition to be a smart move, Marshall said he probably won't recommend that investors buy Dell's stock until it's trading at around \$10.—Internet



In this 15 Aug, 2011 photo, the logo on a Dell computer is displayed, in Philadelphia.—INTERNET

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World Bank's new chief stresses tackling global growth risks

WASHINGTON, 3 July — On his first day as president of the World Bank Group, Jim Yong Kim stressed on Monday the role of the 188-member organization in helping address global growth risks and providing development assistance.

The World Bank has an economic and moral imperative to help address risks to global growth, no matter where they emerge. A strong global economy benefits all countries, and a weak one makes all countries vulnerable, Kim said in a statement released on Monday.

"The global economy remains highly vulnerable. We need to boost confidence in markets and within the private sector. And we need to boost

confidence among citizens that our economic system and policies can deliver more sustainable, fair and inclusive economic growth," said the former president of the US Dartmouth College. "My immediate priority will be to intensify the World Bank's efforts to help developing countries maintain progress against poverty in these volatile times," he stressed.

The Washington-based global organization recently lowered its economic growth forecast for 2012 to 5.3 percent for developing countries, adding that those countries' budgets and central banks were not as well placed as they were in 2008 and 2009 to address slowing economies.

It is urgent that European

countries take all necessary measures to restore stability because their actions will impact growth in all regions of the world, Kim added.

The Korean-American public health expert highlighted the importance of working with World Bank clients and partners to create a new economic firewall — one that protects people in developing countries against shocks.

"The World Bank substantially increased its lending during and after the global financial crisis. We must continue to build more effective and sustainable ways to ensure citizens have basic income protection, and access to education, health care and energy," he said.



World Bank President Jim Yong Kim speaks to the media after arriving at the World Bank headquarters for his first day on the job in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 2 July, 2012. —XINHUA

The World Bank committed 52.6 billion US dollars to help promote economic growth and overcome poverty in developing countries during its fiscal year 2012 that ended on 30 June. During a media roundtable meeting held on

Monday, Kim said he aimed at building the 188-member World Bank into a client-oriented agency and providing technical and other assistance to member countries, in a bid to boost prosperity and eradicate poverty. —Xinhua

China confirms H5N1 bird flu outbreak in Xinjiang

BEIJING, 3 July — China's northwestern Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has reported an outbreak of H5N1 in poultry, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) announced on Monday. The disease has killed 1,600 chickens raised by the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), a unique economic and semi-military government organization of about 2.5 million people.

A total of 5,500 XPCC-farmed chickens showed symptoms of suspected avian flu on 20 June, according to the MOA.

The National Avian Influenza Reference Laboratory on Monday confirmed the epidemic was H5N1 bird flu after testing samples collected at the farm, the MOA said.

Local authorities have sealed off and sterilized the infected area, where a total of 156,439 chickens have been culled and safely disposed of to prevent the disease from spreading, according to the MOA.

Bird flu, or avian influenza, is a contagious disease of animal origin caused by viruses that normally infect only birds and, less commonly, pigs. It can be fatal to humans. —Xinhua



A man waits to cross a road as others watch a digital display of global stock indexes outside a securities firm in Tokyo on 2 July, 2012. Asian stock markets inched higher Monday amid continued optimism over Europe's moves to ease its debt crisis and economic malaise. —INTERNET

Asian stocks rise on hopes for stimulus measures

SINGAPORE, 3 July — Asian stock markets rose on Tuesday amid expectations policymakers will implement stimulus measures to help spur weak global growth.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose 0.6 percent to 9,055.47 and South Korea's Kospi gained 1 percent to 1,869.75. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 inched up to 4,134. China's Shanghai Composite advanced 0.4 percent to 2,234.03.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng jumped 1.5 percent to 19,724.92. Markets in Hong Kong were closed on Monday to commemorate the hand-over of the territory to China in 1997.

The Institute for Supply Management said on Monday that US manufacturing shrank in June for the first time in almost three years, highlighting concerns that the world's largest economy remains mired in weak economic growth.

Traders have begun to expect the European Central Bank to cut lending rates and the Bank of England to boost

money in circulation at meetings later this week.

There are also hopes that Japan and China will bolster the global policy response with stimulus measures of their own.

"The world economy has stumbled, with trade especially weakening into June," said Frederic Neumann, co-head of Asian economic research for HSBC in Hong Kong.

"Monetary stimulus, possibly by the ECB this week in the form of a rate cut, and later this month by the Bank of Japan, are needed. Plus, in China, there's lots more the government can do to ratchet things up."

Some analysts say global economic growth might have already bottomed and any signs of improvement will send stocks higher, despite worries about Europe's ongoing debt and economic crisis.

"After the interruption in the second quarter, financial markets are back in 'good enough' mode," said Tim Condon, head of

Asia research for ING in Singapore.

"We expect risk assets, such as emerging and developed market equities, to reverse their second quarter losses in the third quarter."

Markets in the US will be open for a half-day on Tuesday and closed on Wednesday for the Independence Day holiday.

On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down less than 0.1 percent at 12,871.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.3 percent to 1,365.51.

The Nasdaq composite average added 0.6 percent to 2,951.23. Benchmark oil for August delivery was down 2 cents at \$83.73 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract fell \$1.21 to close at \$83.75 in New York on Monday. In currencies, the euro rose to \$1.2585 from \$1.2579 late Monday in New York. The dollar rose to 79.62 yen from 79.51 yen.

Internet

GSK fined three billion dollars for healthcare fraud in US

WASHINGTON, 3 July — Global healthcare giant GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has agreed to plead guilty and pay three billion US dollars to resolve criminal and civil charges of healthcare fraud in the United States, said the US Department of Justice in a statement on Monday. The statement said that the company had illegally promoted prescription drugs, failed to report safety data, and reported false price.

Under the agreements, the London-based GSK would pay one billion dollars in criminal fines and forfeitures for illegally marketing and promoting the drugs Paxil and Wellbutrin for uses not approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and for failing to report important clinical data about the drug Avandia to the FDA. Additionally, GSK would pay two billion dollars to resolve civil allegations that it caused false claims to be submitted to federal healthcare programs as a result of its illegal promotional practices and payments to physicians. The resolution with both federal and state governments is the largest healthcare fraud settlement in US history and the largest payment by a drug company, said the statement. —Xinhua

Coffee may cut your risk for common form of skin cancer

WASHINGTON, 3 July — Yet another report points to the possible health benefits of caffeine, whether it comes in coffee, tea, cola or even chocolate. A study published on 1 July in the journal *Cancer Research* suggests that drinking caffeinated coffee could lower the chances of developing basal cell carcinoma, the most common form of skin cancer. The study also found that caffeinated tea, cola and chocolate also appears to reduce risk. Women in the study who drank more than three cups of caffeinated coffee per day were 21 percent less likely to develop the disease than women who drank less than one cup per month. Among men, the risk reduction was 10 percent.

"It's the caffeine that's most likely responsible for the beneficial effect," said study

co-author Jiali Han, an associate professor at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, in Boston. "Caffeine inhibits tumor progression. We saw the effect in mice and thought we should do this research to see if it applies to humans, too." Han said that it's likely that the more you drink, the lower the risk of basal cell cancer. But he's cautious about recommending coffee for everyone. "I'm not going to say we need to promote coffee based on this research, but this is just one more addition to the list of ways coffee has been associated with positive health benefits," he said.

The new research adds to a range of recent studies that have shown that coffee may protect against some illnesses, including type 2 diabetes, heart failure,

Parkinson's disease, liver cancer and cirrhosis of the liver, and that it might improve exercise performance. Basal cell skin cancer begins in the outer layer of skin and is usually found on areas of the body exposed to the sun. According to the US National Cancer Institute, about 2 million people a year are treated for basal cell carcinoma, which rarely spreads to other parts of the body.

The researchers found caffeine intake did not reduce the risk of squamous cell carcinoma or melanoma, other forms of skin cancer. The authors analyzed more than 20 years of data from the Nurses' Health Study, a large and long-running study designed to track women's health, and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study, a similar project that involved men. —Internet

Sacred Tant Kyi Taung Hill

Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

As Myanmar tourism booms by leaps and bounds in recent years, foreign tourists visiting our cultural heritage sites are eager to learn more about archaeological, historical and cultural backgrounds of the places of their interest and attraction. Bagan is the top priority in their choices. Though many ancient monuments at Bagan are fairly wellknown to the visitors through the Internet, radio, TV and printed matters and other media, most of those edifices in the periphery of and beyond Bagan are little or unknown. The following is the first instalment by the writer to spotlight them.

Though ancient city Bagan is a flat sandy land on the east bank of the River Ayeyawady, hill ranges and lofty mountains surround it at not too far distances. Nearly 5000 feet high Mt Popa range to the east at the distance of 30 miles, over 2000 feet high Tuiyin Hill range to the southwest at the distance of seven miles and Tant Kyi Taung hill range with the summit of 1040 feet, just across the River, lying on the west bank, facing Bagan are easily accessible to the visitors by land vehicles and watercrafts.

Tant Kyi Taung hill range is never missed by visitors to Bagan, who care to capture the spectacular scene of sunset at Bagan because it is over this hill range that the burning Orion after its daily round of shine relaxes its rays and sinks gradually down behind the range, creating a colourful skyscape with sailing clouds of fantastic designs. Added to this natural beauty is the sublime beauty of the gilt solid stupa with a cluster of other edifices around on the summit, commanding the nearly ten centuries old city below across the River.

In legends and history these mountain and hill ranges are associated with Bagan. Some stone inscriptions that are the archives of Bagan history are discovered on them. The name "Tant Kyi" means "Halt and Look". Taung means hill or mountain. In this 35th ordained year, at the age of 70 years, Gotama Buddha with His cousin Monk Ananda left Jetavana Vihara for his dhamma duta mission journey. He made a sojourn on the summit of "Hiranaka" hill range (Tant Kyi Taung). He made a halt and took a gazing look down at the site of Bagan. He gave Ananda his divine prophesy—"651 years after my demise there on that site shall be founded a big city "Pauk Kan Yama" where a dynasty of 55 kings shall reign. My Sasana (Buddhism) shall flourish. Many of my dhatu relics (mortal remains) shall be enshrined in pagodas and monuments. 152 years after my demise, my tooth relics encased in a casket shall be placed on the summit of this hill "Hinannaka". In 218 years after my demise, a pagoda shall be built to enshrine the relic casket. The country where this hill range stands shall be known as "Sunaparanta". That is the legend.

Next, we come to the time of Emperor Asoka, the great patron, promoter and inheritor of Buddha Sasana. He built 84000 edifices, and the same number of monuments, water tanks, wells, reservoirs, monasteries and rest houses to represent 84000 corpus of Buddha's teachings in his vast Empire and beyond. Among 84000 edifices, Tant Kyi Taung pagoda was one. Asoka sent his commander "Dhammanugaha" to this hill to enshrine the sacred tooth relics in a gold casket in a pagoda, five cubits high, with five tiered gold umbrella on it. Maha Thera Moggaliputta Tisa and commander Dhammanugaha supervised the construction of the pagoda. That proved that Buddha's divine prophesy had come true.

Coming to the period of Myanmar history, King Anawrahta (1044-1077 AD) the 42nd ruler in the Bagan dynasty of 55 kings, was the unifier of the First Myanmar Union and the great promoter of Buddhism. Primate Shin Arahana was his guru monk. He received from the Buddhist King of Lanka Dipa (Sri Lanka) a replica of the Buddha's sacred Tooth relic and other royal gifts. At the advice of Shin Arahana, he enshrined the replica relic in Bagan Shwezigon Pagoda, where his royal mount White Elephant knelt down to indicate the auspicious site. Anawrahta had four more replicas of the sacred Tooth relic. His white mount bearing another sacred replica tooth on its back swam across the Ayeyawady River, making many halts during its ascent to the summit of Tant Kyi Taung range. At all these stops, Anawrahta built monuments to Landmark the stops, and to commemorate strange happenings there. When the Elephant reached the summit it knelt down at the pagoda, Asoka had built before.

Upon excavating the ruined pagoda, a replica of sacred tooth and other dhatu relics were recovered in a gold casket. Anawrahta repaired and renovated the pagoda. On the fullmoon day of Kasone (May) in the Buddhist Sasana year of 397, at sunrise, the recovered replica tooth relic and other sacred objects were enshrined in it. The renovated pagoda measured 18 cubits, 2 mites high with an umbrella of 7 tiers on it. Its podium was 37 cubit square. Primate Shin Arahana supervised the construction and consecration of the pagoda.

Being profoundly inspired by religious fervor, King Anawrahta dedicated lands and some revenues, as well as pagoda slaves (servicemen) to this pagoda for repair, renovation, general maintenance and holding seasonal festivals. A stone inscription was set up on the hill recording his religious deeds and detailing the list of his dedications—(1) 1000 pès (pè-a unit of land measurement) of Utayit land for religious service at the pagoda (2) 1250 pès of Saw for the repair of the pagoda (3) 30 pès and land of Tuiyin Taung Ti Kyit village and 500 toddy palms for producing cement plaster (4) land of lime stone village for making lime powder (5) 1200 pès of Kyein Chok Ywa Su village (6) 50 pès of Moke Soe Bo Taik (7) 50 pès of Ein Zee Pani Taik (8) 10 pès of Kukham (9) 50 pès of Lei Kaing The In (10) 50 pès of Kam malat Kyi (11) 50 pès of Htamin Eik Nge (12) 50 pès of Htamin Eik Kyi (13) 50 pès of Kam malat Nge (14) 50 pès of Chey Nin Kyi (15) 50 pès of Chey Nin Nge—Total 5500 pès of glebe lands and 5500 pès of Ayataw land, tolls and fares of 4 gates and ferries at Seik Ti, 8 Kayins, 10 Chins, 20 Shans and 10 Kalas were appointed caretakers of the pagoda. They were assigned to the collection of revenues from the glebe lands of 5500 pès, one tenth of which shall be sent to royal treasury and the remainder shall be used for the maintenance and renovation of the pagoda.

The inscription also mentioned that pagoda festival was held for 7 days. Monks were offered food and robes for seven days. Prayers for his good deeds and blessings for all those who participated in his religious and social performances and merit, sharing with all sentient beings were added at the end of the inscription.

The next royal donor was King Kyanzittha, the second successor to Anawrahta. It was Primate Shin Arahana who advised Kyanzittha to complete the unfinished Shwezigon Pagoda and to repair and renovate Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda, as King Sawlu had neglected these two edifices. Accordingly Kyanzittha completed the building of Shwezigon Pagoda and repaired and renovated Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda. He donated revenue from ferry fares for nightly lighting at Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda with oil lamps. King Alaungsithu who succeeded Kyanzittha also dedicated revenue from ferry fares for the lighting of Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda. His guru monk was Ashin Pannasamadhaza.

King Narapatisithu not only renovated Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda but also raised its height and enlarged its size in AD 1198. The pagoda was 60 cubits high with 3 terraces. The dome measured 96 cubits and 2 mites in circumference. Architectural decorative features such as 4 Manushi figures (mythical figures with two lion bodies and one deva head), each at one corner, 9 tiered umbrella, with 20 ballets on it and four big plaster floral pots, adorned the renovated pagoda. Three hundred tars (tars is a unit of measurement for distance) to the west of the pagoda, was dedicated as glebe land. A water tank was dug for water storage. Four supervisors with 40 pagoda servicemen were dedicated for the care of the pagoda. Guru monk Pannasamadhaza supervised the religious matters. In the time of his son and successor King Zeyatheinkha (Nan Taung Mya Min) Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda was repaired and maintained in the same way as his predecessors had done. His guru monk was Maha Thera Maha Siha Upali.

In the year ME 625 (1263 AD) King Narathihapate followed the precedents of former kings in repairing and renovating Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda under the guidance of Guru monk Maha Thera Maha Siha Upali.

King Mingyi Swa Sawke of Inwa Period revised the glebe lands of Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda in ME 735 (1373 AD) and dedicated lands to the pagoda. Four supervisors with 40 pagoda servicemen were assigned to the pagoda. Inwa Sayadaw monks were advisers. Another donor king of Inwa Period was Mohnyin Mintaya. In ME 792 (1430 AD) he gilt Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda and offered to the resident monks food, robes

and monasteries (food, clothing and shelter). Glebe lands and pagoda servicemen were dedicated. Anawrahta's stone inscription was interned in a tunnel for security. Inwa Sayadaw monks supervised religious works.

In ME 999 (1139 AD), on the fullmoon day of Tabauag (March) King Thalun of Nyaung Yan Period, repaired and renovated Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda in accordance with the precedents of the former kings. White umbrellas, ceremonial standards, oil lamps and candles for lighting the pagoda were offered. Spires and Tazaangs (pavilions) were built at the pagoda. Monks of Bagan Kanswe Gaing Chok supervised the king's religious works.

A stone inscription recording the religious works of King Bodawpaya of Konbaung Period, at Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda was found in the collection of stone inscriptions housed in the shed at the southern corner of the western entrance of Maha Muni Image Temple, at Mandalay. The inscription was captioned "Tant Kyi Taung Paya Kyauksa". It bears 13 lines in Pali, describing the genealogy and royal descent of the King, his glory, might and main, conquests, followed by a long list of glebe land, and pagoda servicemen dedicated to Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda. They were (1) 1000 pès of U Tayit land (2) 1750 pès of Saw land for repairing (3) 30 pès and 500 toddy palm trees for producing cement concrete (4) lime stone land village for extracting lime (5) 1750 pès of Su village (6) 50 pès of Moke Soe Bo Taik (7) 50 pès of Ein Zee pani Taik (8) 10 pès of north Kukkan (9) 50 pès of Lei Kaing The In (10) 50 pès of Htamin Eik Kyi (11) 50 pès of Htamin Eik Nge (12) 50 pès of Kamalat Kyi (13) 50 pès of Kamalat Nge. Total 5500 pès. Four supervisors with ten pagoda servicemen under each of them were dedicated to the upkeep of the pagoda.

On Thursday, the 9th waning moon of Thadingyut (October) in the ME 1147 (1785 AD) at four hours, His Majesty poured water to announce his religious deeds. A new dedicatory stone inscription was set up at the pagoda.

The next king of Konbaung Period who repaired and renovated Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda was King Mindon the second last Myanmar king. He invited Ley Myey Sayadaw monk to his palace and supplicated some queries on Tipitaka (Buddhist canonical texts). Ley Myey Sayadaw monk gave satisfactory answers and explanations. King Mindon recognized the monk as one of his consultant Guru monks and favoured him with free access to the court. Ley Myey Sayadaw monk advised King Mindon to repair, maintain and renovate Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda which had been successively maintained by previous kings. Whereupon Mindon sent his men to Tant Kyi Taung to survey the condition of the pagoda, to study stone inscriptions, to collect data regarding the glebe lands and other dedications. Glebe lands dedicated by King Anawrahta and those by King Bodawpaya were examined, compared and counter-checked. Two separate inventories were compiled and recorded on stone pillars. Seven copies of these inventories on stone pillars were set up at 7 different places at and around the pagoda. Their locations are (1) to the north of the Pagoda (2) to the south-west of the Pagoda (3) to the south of the Pagoda, at the border between Ayadaw and Saing Hpyu (4) to the west of the Pagoda, at Saing Hpyu Village (5) to the west of the Pagoda at Uyin Su (6) to the north of the Pagoda at I-Shay Nat Kun Zin Mankyi Pin and (7) to the east of the Pagoda at Htauk Shar Pin Nga Thi Tin. The stone inscription pillars are of white sagin marble with lotus bud shaped capitals. Till 1956 AD, the inscription on these pillars were found intact and identical. The pillars also have inscribed records of Mindon's dedications of land, revenue, ferry fares and tolls. The following curse and blessings were added at the end of the records.

"Those who destroy these stone inscription pillars shall never prosper, never live long, shall meet dangers on land, in water, shall encounter the charge of the elephant, the attack of the tiger, shall meet all dangers, shall die of violent death. In life hereafter they shall be cast into the Hell of Awizi."

But records on palm leaf and folding paper (Pei Sar and Parabites) prayers and blessings are found as follows:-

"Those who maintain my good deeds, shall possess all treasures such as gold, silver, gems and jewels. Like me they shall attain Buddhahood."

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Sacred Tant Kyi Taung Hill

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In ME 1247 (1885 AD), the last Myanmar King, Thibaw was dethroned and deported by the British to India. Myanmar was annexed to the British Empire. The dedicated glebe lands, tolls and ferry fares of Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda were confiscated by the British colonial government. On 17 July 1905, U Tar Tay of Tant Kyi Taung Village and U San Paw of Myo U Village, who were members of the then Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda Trustees submitted a memorial to the Queen Victoria, the Empress of the British Empire through CWDRC Potter, District Judge of Pakokku District giving the background history of the confiscated glebe lands and other munifices of the Pagoda, with evidences of stone inscriptions and requested the return of them to the owner Pagoda. Therefore, not only confiscated glebe lands, tolls, ferry fares and all munifices of the Pagoda were returned, the sum of Rupees 4000 as a compensation for the period between the date of confiscation and the date of the submission of the

memorial, was granted. In addition, 200 acres of islands in the River were donated to the Pagoda in the name of Her Imperial Majesty Queen Victoria, the Empress of the British Empire as a gracious token of observing the precedents of the previous Myanmar kings.

Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda, one of the five sacred Tooth Relic Pagodas which Anawrahta built, is in the itinerary of some devout Buddhist pilgrims who try to worship all five in one day. Though the four—Shwezigon Pagoda, Loka Nanda Pagoda in Bagan, Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda across the River and Tuyin Taung Pagoda at about 7 miles distance to the south are within easy reach, the fifth, Pyet Khaywey Taung Pagoda lies on the summit of a steep hill in Kyaukse area, nearly 100 miles to the north east of Bagan. But thanks to good roads and transport of today, it is not an impossible day trip pilgrimage you only need to arrange with hotels and tour agents in advance and start your journeys earlier the better.

For casual visitors to Bagan, Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda is very alluring, especially at sunset and nightfall Z-craft at Bupa jetty if you have a car with you, or any ferry boat if you

are without car, will take you to the west bank of the River from where you drive up your car or rented car to the summit to reach the Pagoda. The greening projects and infrastructure developments in the arid zones of central Myanmar implemented in the last three decades have turned the hill range green and easily accessible. A good tarred road lined with green trees zigzags up the hill giving you an excellent panoramic view at every u-turn. At the journey's end the glittering historic Pagoda beacons you to the abode of bliss and peace. Monks, nuns and holy men residing there would see to your needs (local food, soft natural drink and water) on request. Little zayats (rest houses) can accommodate small parties. Vegetable meals and simple bedding at charitable contributions can be arranged for overnight visitors. On special religious occasions, "satuditha" food is given gratis to all comers. Return to hotel the same evening, or stretch your leg of tour of Pakokku and fly straight to other airports are your choices.

Tant Kyi Taung Pagoda and ancient Bagan are inseparably intertwined in legend and history.

Librarian multiplier course opened in Mingala Taungnyunt Township

YANGON, 3 July—Mingala Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department of Yangon East District organized the librarian multiplier course at Myat Mingala Hall of Basic Education High School No. 3 on 30 June, with an address by Township Administrator U Zeya Ohn.

Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of conducting librarian multiplier course.

The training course lasted two days, attended by 56 trainees.

Myanma Alin

Rainy season trees growing ceremony held in Tamu

TAMU, 3 July—In commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day, the tree growing ceremony was jointly organized by Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Tamu District Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization, at the compound of No. 4 Basic Education Primary School in Tamu on 30 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Zaw, District and Township level departmental officials, Assistant Director U Kyaw Min Thein of Tamu District Forest Department and staff, members of MCWA and WAO and members of social organization planted 620 saplings.

District IPRD



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Staff of Lanmadaw Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to students at Swan-ah Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region on 26 June.

MYANMA ALIN

Ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

KYAUKSE, 3 July—The 25th ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at No. 1 Basic Education High

School in Kyaukse District of Mandalay Region on 26 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Vice-Chairman of Kyaukse District Committee for Drug Abuse Control Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Min Min Oo read the message sent by the Union Minister for Home Affairs.

Next, the deputy commissioner presented prizes to the winners in the painting, cartoon, essay, short story, article and poster contests at high school level, the Commander of District Police Force and Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than awarded the winners at the middle school level.—Myanma Alin



AGM HELD: Annual General Meeting of Pyaewa Micro-credit Cooperative Ltd of Pakokku for 2011-2012 fiscal year was held at the hall of Pakokku Township Cooperative Department on 24 June. Staff Officer U Myo Myint of Township Cooperative Department explains aim of the task.—MYANMA ALIN

Regional ASEAN Dengue Day observed in Shwebo

SHWEBO, 3 July—The ceremony to mark Regional ASEAN Dengue Day was held at the Dhammayon of Thetha Padaung Ward of Shwebo on 23 June.

On the occasion, Dr Aung Than made an opening speech. Dr Thet Thet Sein explained facts about dengue and preventive methods. Nurse Grade I Daw Kyu Kyu Zaw talked about symptom of the dengue, malaria controller U Hsan Myint of District Health Department about dengue, malaria and elephantiasis diseases.

The health official team went round the ward and checked storage of water and sanitation tasks in the ward.

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DHF taken in Insein Township

YANGON, 3 July—As part of efforts for taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Insein Township, the sanitation task was carried out in East Gyogon Ward of Insein Township on 30 July.

They carried out sanitation tasks, weeding and dredging of drains.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U

Tin Naing Soe, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, health staff, Chairman of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Tin Tin Oo and members, Ward Administrator U Than Shwe Oo and social organization members checked storage of water and sanitation tasks.—Myanma Alin



DISTRICT NEWS

Mogaung Township holds tree growing ceremony

MOGAUNG, 3 July—Monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in precinct of Hnee Pagoda in Kyundaw Ward of Mogaung Township in Mohnyin District of Kachin State on 23 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Swe Myint, Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Lin Win, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward administrators and local people planted over 400 saplings.—Township Forest

In implementing political and economic...

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As every national race owns the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, equitable treatment and opportunities should be granted. The same pivotal wish of the national races is equitable treatment and opportunities in the Union.

Section 348 in Chapter (8) Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens of the 2008 constitution prescribes, "The Union shall not discriminate any citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth." And Section 347 also goes, "The Union shall guarantee any person to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection."

Section 365 of the

Constitution states that every citizen shall, in accord with the law, have the right to freely develop literature, culture, arts, customs and traditions they cherish. So, it is believed that it would fulfill the wishes of national races and result in ensuring national reconsolidation and ending national races conflicts if Hluttaw passes the laws that can not harm national solidarity, one national race or all and implemented it in line with the current conditions.

So, **Local Peace-Making Central Committee will complete its duties as quickly as possible if Hluttaw review and prescribe equal rights and other national races rights, which is lifeblood for all national races.** A 11-member Union Peace

Making Central Committee was formed on 3 May, 2012. On the same day, a 52-member Union Peace Making Work Committee was also formed, led by the Vice-President. The members include the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, eight Union Ministers, 10 Region/State chief ministers, 10 Commanders from the Armed Forces, 10 Pyithu Hluttaw national races representatives, nine Amyotha Hluttaw national races representatives, one deputy minister and the deputy Attorney-General. Union Peace-Making Process is classified into three levels—(1) Region/State level, (2) Union level and (3) Union Hluttaw level.

As policy, five duties have been assigned for Region/State level and eight, for Union level. In conclusion, I would like to urge all to implement national reconsolidation



First meeting of Union Peace-Making Central Committee in progress.

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which is a basic foundation to achieve political and economic reforms for development of the country and peace-making process with armed ethnics for ending national races conflicts **with the sense of patience, tolerance,**

sympathy, mutual respects and equal relations.

After that, Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Work Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham discussed the matters related to the meeting.

Then, those present submitted the reports. The meeting came to an end at 10 am after Chairman of the Union Peace-Making Central Committee President U Thein Sein made a concluding remark.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No.32/2012

Fullmoon Day of First Waso, 1374 ME

(3rd July, 2012)

Danu National Democracy Party allowed to register as political party

Union Election Commission announced today that Danu National Democracy Party headquartered at Daw San Mya's residence, on Pyithaya Street (west of Township football ground), Zaydan, Ywangan Township, Shan State, is allowed to register as a political party as of 3 July, 2012 in line with Section 9 of Political Party Registration Law. The party's registration number is 57.

By order,

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Talks for Myanmar-Thai entrepreneurs

YANGON, 3 July—A discussion between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and a 45-member business delegation led by Ranong Mayor Mr. Peerasuk Hinmuangkao of Thailand will be held at UMFCCI head office at 1 pm tomorrow.

At the talks, Myanmar and Thai entrepreneurs will discuss mines, cosmetic,

gems, computer and technology, timber, bags and slippers, marine products, home decoration, edible oil, motorcycle and spareparts, vegetables, steel, drugs, renewable energy, media, trade and transport and rubber industry.

Those wishing to attend the talks may enlist to UMFCCI head office.

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The match between Vision Sports Basketball team from US and Myanmar selected youth team in progress. (news on page 16)

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No.33/2012

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(3rd July, 2012)

One Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representative substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representative nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general elections held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted for one Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representative stated hereunder in Notification No.22/2012 of the commission dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against him.

BC 16413
Brig-Gen Win Myint

(Substitution)

BC 18856
Col Tin San Naing

By order,

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Health care provided to people in Maungtwaw District



Medical servicemen of Directorate of Medical Services giving treatment to local people at relief camps from Ale Thankyaw Village in Maungtwaw Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Medical servicemen of Directorate of Medical Services of Commander-in-Chief(Army)'s Office provided medical services to local people at relief camps in Ale Thankyaw

village in Maungtwaw Township yesterday. They are giving educative talks on illness and diarrhoea and health care to people in relief camps.

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Patron of MAAF, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Khin Khin Win awards Ma Myat Shwe Yi Tun who stood first in 2011 matriculation exam across Myanmar.—MNA

Myanmar Women's Day marked in...

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poverty and implementing women empowerment, participating in community healthcare, prevention against contagious diseases, preventing violence against women, rehabilitations and follow-up tasks for human trafficking victims and taking part in environmental conservation.

Cooperation of WAOs at various levels is needed to achieve these goals. There have been more than 5.4 million members during eight years of MAAF.

The federation is empowering women and working actively for

accessibility of potable water.

Honourable Patron Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the President, Honourable Patron Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of the Vice-President, and Patrons awarded outstanding women in various fields and winners of commemorative contests.

The honourable patrons and guests then viewed books and documentary photos about the MAAF's works.

The day 3 July, 1996, Myanmar National Women's Affairs Committee was established and it is celebrated yearly in

Myanmar as Myanmar Women's Day. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20 December, 2003, as a non-governmental organization. The federation is organizing educative talks, conducting trainings, providing counseling

services, helping women generate more incomes, providing healthcare and social security to victims of the human trafficking and creating more job opportunities in cooperation with the government and relevant ministries.—MNA



President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet Zin addressing the ceremony of Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presents prize to ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneur Outstanding Award winner Daw Le Le Aye.—MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister attends Myanmar-Bangladesh Foreign Office Consultations

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back by air yesterday after attending the 6th Myanmar-Bangladesh Foreign Office Consultations held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 1 to 2 July 2012 at the invitation of Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh H.E Mr. Mohamed Quayes.

At the consultations, held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh in Dhaka on 1 July, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest to

further strengthen the existing relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint, accompanied by U Myo Myint Than, Ambassador designated to Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Dr. Dipu Moni at her office. In the evening, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended the welcoming dinner hosted by the Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary at the State Guest House.

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Dy Construction Minister attends meeting on upgrading of Monywa-Pale-Gangaw-Haka Road

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 29 June morning attended the meeting on upgrading of Monywa-Pale-Gangaw-Haka Road, held at the superintending engineer's office in Monywa in Sagaing Region.

There, he gave an instruction on ensuring timely completion, systematically minimizing expenditure, use of quality gravels and tar and meeting set standards.

The deputy minister inspected the construction of Taungyama Creek Bridge on Monywa-Yarkyi-Kalaywa Road, which

is being built by the Bridge Construction Project Special Group (11), paving of gravel road on bridge No. 1/422, the chosen site for the construction of Sinzar Creek Bridge on Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road to be constructed by the Bridge Construction Project Special Group (4), progress in extension of Thayu Creek Bridge on Patheingyi-Monywa, and the chosen sites for the construction of toll gate of Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) on Minbu-Magway Road and its office.

MNA

Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Women's Traditional Boat Race concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Prize presentation ceremony of Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup (2012) Women's Traditional Boat Race took place at Ngalaik Dam in Kyawshin village in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Officials presented awards to winners of each event of the championship.

Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu awarded championship shield to Ayeyawady Region team and presented cash awards to two demonstration teams. MNA

Myanmar delegation led by Dy Health Minister arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin paid a visit to the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Centre and the

regional center for social science of Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand at 9:30 am local time on 25 June.

They made a discussion with officials there about

procedures of the centers and progress of educational development including bilateral cooperation in technology and human resource development.

While in Thailand, the Myanmar delegation observed providing traditional medical treatment at Mae Lao and Thong Hospitals in Chiang Mai on 26 June, and The Doi Tung Development on 27 June. On 28 June, the deputy Minister met Chairman of Chiang Mai University and party.

The Deputy Minister also addressed the high-rank officials' meeting on public-based traditional medicines development, in which Myanmar and Thai officials exchanged views on traditional medicines development, mutual cooperation and research works.

On 30 June, the delegation came back by air.—MNA



Kachin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Than Aung awards prize to first winner Maung San Win Aung at the ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at Town Hall in Myitkyina on 26 June.—NLM 001

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

Model paddy plot harvested with use of combine harvester



KYAUKSE, 3 July—Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations are thriving at the agricultural research farm in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region.

Of them, the 25-acre paddy plantation was harvested with the use of combine harvester on 23 June morning.

At the ceremony, in-charge of the farm Daw San San explained the good agricultural patterns and disciplines for farmers.

The paddy harvesting ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than, district level departmental officials, heads of Agriculture

Departments in Kyaukse, Singaing, Myittha and TadaU townships and staff, personnel of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department and local farmers from 15 village-tracts.

After the harvesting works, the paddy plantation produced 187.34 baskets per acre.—*Myanma Alin*

Furniture, stationery donated to BEPS in South Okkalapa Township

YANGON, 3 July—A ceremony to present furniture, stationery, school uniforms and cash donation was held at No 15 Basic Education Primary School in South Okkalapa Township on 7 June, with an address by Township Administrator U Khin Maung Htwe.

Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Kyaw Moe and U Myo Min Aung, Township Assistant Education Officer



U Ye Htut Aung, Headmistress Daw Khin Sein Oo, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thida and Chairperson of Township

Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thida Aung presented furniture, stationery, school uniforms and cash assistance to schoolchildren.

Myanma Alin

Plan under way to establish public edible oil company

YANGON, 3 July—Myanmar Oil Dealers Association held the coordination meeting at the

hall of Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township of Yangon on 21 June to establish the first public edible oil company, attended by its members, oil millers, palm oil importers and other enthusiasts.

Myanmar Oil Dealers Association made a decision at its CEC meeting on 11 May for establishment of a public company.

Chairman of the association U Thein Han said that the public company will be set up with investments systematically with the aim of improving competitive capabilities of local entrepreneurs in joining ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Free Trade Area in 2015.

The private company will be engaged in production of edible oil from crude oil, operating of international level edible oil mills, refinery plants and solvent plants, packaging process, construction of edible oil tanks and jetties, production of cosmetics, soap oil and feedstuff with cent per cent investment. Moreover, the company will invite local and foreign companies and

organizations to run joint venture works, he said.

In coming years, a large volume of foreign investment will flow into Myanmar. At that time, local and foreign entrepreneurs will compete with foreign companies not only in production but also in trade and other services. They may have difficulty in facing foreign companies that have much experience, investment and technologies. So, it is necessary to emerge the public company with competitive capabilities with adequate investment, said an entrepreneur.

In establishing the private company, a share will be designated at K 10,000, and the company will be set up with K 1000 billion. Not to monopolize the company, the shareholder must be allowed to own from one to 100,000 shares. The company will be formed under laws, rules and regulations and it will be submitted to the Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration, according to the Central Executive Committee.—*Pyay Nyein*

DISTRICT NEWS

Shwegu GAD provides uniforms, cash assistance to staff, offspring

SHWEGU, 3 July—Shwegu Township General Administration Department of Bhamo District in Kachin State presented uniforms to its staff and cash assistance to students of staff at the office of the department on 1 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi presented uniforms worth K 436,000 to 50 staff members and K 279,000 cash assistance to 27 offspring of staff members for 2012-2013 academic year.—*Township GAD*

One generator as reserve equipment arrives in Monywa

MONYWA, 3 July—With a view to ensuring convenience of Monywa dwellers of Sagaing Region to enjoy electricity, one 1825 KVA reserve generator imported from the United States of America arrived at Aungchantha main power station of Monywa on 25 June.

The reserve generator will be operated to supply electricity to the local people at a time when the natural disaster and other emergency events hit the town, so as to supply electricity and water to the people.

Ko Htwe

Income, commercial tax payers honoured



YANGON, 3 July—A ceremony to present certificates of honour to 20 tax payers who paid the largest amount of commercial tax in 2011-2012 fiscal year was held at Yadana Hall-3 of Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, Dagon Township, on 27 June morning.

The Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue made an opening address. She presented certificates of honour to income tax payers.

The director-general of Customs Department gave certificates of honour to commercial tax payers. The deputy director-general of Internal Revenue Department handed certificates of honour to income tax payers.—*Myanma Alin*

Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested on model plot

BHAMO, 3 July—Head of Township Agriculture Department U Aung Lwin Oo and Head of District Agriculture Department U Aung Gyi explained plans to extend cultivation of monsoon paddy in coming monsoon season.

Next, the harvesting work was carried out and it produced 150 baskets of paddy per acre.

It was attended by Kachin State Hluttaw representative U Tun Shein, Deputy Commissioner U Teza Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, farmers from Bhamo, Momauk and Mansi Township, and members of District/Township Agricultural Coordination Committee.—*Agriculture*

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Myingyan Township

MYINGYAN, 3 July—Staff of Myingyan Township Immigration and National Registration Department carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration certificates at Thandithukha Dhammayon in Kokke Village in Myingyan on 27 June while implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan and Kokke Village Administrator

U Bo Bee fulfilled the requirements of the issuance works undertaken by Head of Township INRD U Ko Ko Gyi and staff.

Myanma Alin



Monsoon paddy cultivated in Ingapu

INGAPU, 3 July—The nurturing of monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the farm of farmer U Saw Le Htoo of Okshitgon Village in Okshitgon Village-tract of Ingapu Township in Hinthada District of Ayeyawady Region on 28 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hlwan Moe Han, Staff Officer of Township Agricultural Department U Than Toe and members of Township Agricultural Coordination Committee sowed paddy seeds.

The ceremony was attended by 150 farmers.

Myanma Alin



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Staff Officer U Zaw Thein Oo and staff of Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at administrative office in Ward 20 of Shwepyitha Township on 27 June under Moe Pwint-3 Plan.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Office market recovery slows to a crawl

NEW YORK, 3 July—The office market's recovery, which began a year and a half ago, slowed in the past three months as weak employment and worries about the economy discouraged renters, according to a report by real estate research firm Reis Inc.

The vacancy rate did not budge.

Prices barely increased. The vacancy rate—at 17.2 percent in the first and second quarters of this year—

is only slightly below the 17.6 percent at the end of 2010 when the recovery began.

Effective rents, which factor in discounts on listed asking prices, were \$22.72 per square foot—up 0.3 percent in the second quarter and half the size of increases in the first quarter of this year and a year ago.

The research firm's report blamed the slack readings on weak job growth and doubts among tenants

about the economy because of the euro zone's debt and banking crisis, the close presidential race and the potential contraction in federal spending.

"It seems like organizations have really become a lot more skeptical of the future," said Ryan Severino, senior economist at Reis.

Tenants took 4.1 million more square feet of space in the quarter than they vacated, down from the 6 million square feet absorbed in the first quarter.

"There should be more robust recovery at this point," Severino said. "This wasn't a breakneck pace of recovery to begin with."

The report would have shown a weaker US office market recovery but for the fact that new space completed across the United States added only 1.6 million square feet—not even two-thirds as much as is in the Empire State Building.

The amount of space added was the least in any quarter, according to records going back to 1999.

Reuters



Passersby walk in front of video monitors announcing the Carlyle Group's listing on the NASDAQ market site in New York's Times Square after the opening bell for trading, on 3 May, 2012.

Reuters

Samsung loses bid to lift ban on US tablet sales

NEW YORK, 3 July—A US judge on Monday rejected a request by Samsung Electronics Co to lift a ban on US sales of its Galaxy Tab 10.1, another setback for the South Korean firm in its tablet patent battle with iPad maker Apple Inc.

Apple and Samsung, the world's largest consumer electronics corporations, are waging legal war in several countries, accusing each other of patent violations as they vie for supremacy in a fast-growing market for mobile devices.

US District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose, California, last week granted a request by Apple to halt sales of the tablet, which runs on Google Inc's Android, giving the iPhone maker a significant win.

Samsung had asked the court to stay the injunction pending resolution of an appeal.

"Samsung is disappointed with the court's decision that denied our motion to stay. We believe today's ruling will ultimately reduce the availability of superior technological features to consumers in the US," a Samsung spokeswoman told Reuters.

The spokeswoman added that Samsung will continue to pursue a request for an appeal of the preliminary injunction.

Samsung has already appealed to a federal appeals court in Washington, DC, which has exclusive jurisdiction over intellectual property disputes.

Samsung is also fighting an injunction issued by Koh on Friday against the sale of its Galaxy Nexus phone, another significant win for Apple as pre-trial injunctions are rarely granted.

An Apple spokeswoman reiterated the company's previous comment that Samsung's latest products look a lot

like the iPhone and iPad.

"This kind of blatant copying is wrong and, as we've said many times before, we need to protect Apple's intellectual property when companies steal our ideas," the spokeswoman said.

Apple sold 13.6 million iPads in January-March to control 63 percent of the global tablet market, according to research from Display Search. Samsung sold 1.6 million tablets, giving it 7.5 percent of the market.

The case is US District Court, Northern District of California, Apple Inc v. Samsung Electronics Co Ltd et al, 11-1846.—Reuters



A visitor looks around behind Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet displayed for customers at a registration desk at South Korean mobile carrier KT's headquarters in Seoul 9 December, 2011.

Reuters

Cuba's private sector continues to expand under economic reform

HAVANA, 3 July—Cuba's efforts to encourage more private initiatives are taking effect, resulting in a further expansion of the private sector, showed government figures released Monday. The number of people embarking on or working for a private business has grown by nearly 25,000 since the end of last year, totaling more than 380,000, according to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

In October 2010, Cuban President Raul Castro introduced a series of measures to slim down the state payroll, including opening up certain sectors and allowing more freedom for Cubans to run businesses in those sectors. The food industry has grown the fastest over the last 18 months, absorbing nearly 5,000 people, while the workforce in the transportation sector shrank from 56,000 to about 40,000, the ministry said.

The private sector's growth rates remained identical to those reported in 2011, with Havana being home to the largest number of self-employed workers, followed by the provinces of Matanzas, Villa Clara, Camaguey, Holguin and Santiago de Cuba, which together have 65 percent of the private-sector workers.

The private sector is expected to soak up 1.5 million workers laid off by bloated state companies over the next five years.—Xinhua

Training plane crashes in West Java, Indonesia, kills pilot

JAKARTA, 3 July—A training plane went down in a hill in West Java of Indonesia on Monday afternoon, killing the pilot and seriously injuring two other crews, rescuer said.

The Cessna 172 PK-HAL with 3 people on board hit electricity cable and landed near a river in Sukadana village of Kuningan district in West Java after midday, said Slamet Ariadi, rescuer in charge at West Java Search and Rescue Office.

"The pilot was dead and two other people on board are in critical condition," he told Xinhua over phone from West Java.

The injured crews were sent to a nearby hospital, the rescuer said.

The plane split into several piece with no clear cause of the accident being found yet, said Slamet.

Xinhua



China's research vessel Xuelong, or "Snow Dragon," leaves the port of Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center under the escort of China Coast Guard for its fifth Arctic expedition in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, 2 July, 2012. Xuelong, an A-2 class icebreaker capable of breaking ice 1.2 meters thick, is estimated to travel over 17,000 nautical miles during its 90-day voyage. It is scheduled to return to Shanghai on 29 Sept.—Xinhua

Mexico declares bird flu emergency

MEXICO CITY, 3 July—Mexico has activated a national emergency plan to contain a bird flu epidemic that has affected nearly 1.7 million poultry, the Agriculture Ministry said on Monday. The plan was set in motion last week after authorities had confirmed the existence of the H7N3 virus in the towns of Tepatitlan and Acatic in the western state of Jalisco, the ministry said.

Although the outbreak is now concentrated in the two towns, the plan "will be activated throughout the country to prevent the spread of the disease," it added.

Under the plan, tight controls are placed on the transportation of poultry, poultry products and other animals, and birds infected or at risk of infection will be destroyed.

More than half of the 1.7 million infected fowl have died or been destroyed, local media reported.—Xinhua



Debris from the storm-damaged Park Tanglewood apartments, some of which were exposed when high winds tore open a hole in the roof and knocked out the electricity, sits atop cars and utility lines in the parking lot in Riverdale, Maryland, 30 June, 2012.—Reuters

Eastern US swelters with heat wave, power outages

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Relentless heat gripped much of the eastern United States for a fourth straight day on Monday, with nearly 2 million homes and businesses without power after violent storms and soaring temperatures killed at least 18 people.

Power companies warned it could take several days to restore electricity completely in some areas as much of the United States sweltered in a heat wave. On Sunday, 288 temperature records were set nationwide.

"Above-normal temperatures will continue to affect a large portion of the country from the northern Plains to the Mid-Atlantic over the next few days," the National Weather Service said.

Severe thunderstorms, strong winds and hail ripped down trees and power lines in northern Minnesota, knocking out the phone system in the

city of Bemidji and soaking Duluth, authorities said.

"It's quite a big wind event," said Dave Kellenbenz of the National Weather Service in nearby Grand Forks, North Dakota. Storms also struck in southern Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee, the weather agency said.

Many areas will see temperatures from 90 Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) to more than 100 F (37.7 C), it said in a statement. Excessive heat warnings and advisories remained over much of the mid-Mississippi Valley and southern states.

Emergencies were declared in Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington because of damage from a rare "super derecho" storm packing hurricane-force winds across a 700-mile (1,100-km) stretch from the Midwest to the Atlantic Ocean.—Reuters



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 10 / 2012
7th Waxing of First Waso 1374 ME
(25 June 2012)

1. The Department of Health under the Ministry of Health has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Assistant Surgeon	1500	M.B.B.S [Degree holders up to 2011]

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 35 years of age on 24 July 2012.
- (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 24 July 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 1 September 2012 (Saturday) and English examination Paper on 2 September 2012 (Sunday).

6. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 30 August 2012.

7. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

8. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

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A group of volunteers from Tokyo take photographs of the single pine tree left standing after the March 11th tsunami, which swept away an entire forest in the city of Rikuzentakata on 11 March, 2012 in Rikuzentakata, Japan. The tree's miraculous survival is seen by the community as a symbol of hope and want to preserve it as a living monument. On the one year anniversary, the areas most affected by last year's 11 March, 2011 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that left 15,848 dead and 3,305 missing according to Japan's National Police Agency, continue to struggle. Thousands of people still remain without homes living in temporary dwellings. The Japanese government faces an uphill battle with the need to dispose of rubble as it works to rebuild economies and livelihoods. Across the country people are taking part in ceremonies to pay respects to the people who lost their lives.—INTERNET

Four confirmed dead, 36 remain missing after Sichuan mudslide

NINGNAN, 3 July—Four people have been confirmed dead after a rain-triggered mudslide hit a construction zone on Thursday morning in southwest China's Sichuan province. The disaster occurred at 6:14 am at the

construction zone of Baihetan Hydropower Station of China Three Gorges Corporation in Ningnan county, Liangshan Yi autonomous prefecture, said Hu Bin, an official with the Corporation. As of 9:00 pm Saturday, 36 people were

still missing, said Hu.

The dead and missing are the hydropower station workers and their family members who were living in a three-story building.

Rescuers and work teams sent by local governments

have rushed to and started to work at the mudslide-hit region.

The Baihetan Hydropower Station, currently under construction by the China Three Gorges Corporation, is located on the lower reaches of the Jinsha River, a major headwater stream of the Yangtze River, the country's longest waterway.

Xinhua

27th S.E.A Games 2013

Tender Invitation for Technology Systems and Sport Competition Services, Event Management System and Services

The 27th South East Asian Games (27th S.E.A Games 2013) will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwesaung Beach, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for 12 days, from December 11th to 22nd 2013.

The Games will bring together tens of thousands of athletes, officials, journalists and friends of all sectors from around the South East Asian Region. Several millions of people across the region and the world are expected to witness the spectacular Games either on site or through the television and internet.

The S.E.A Games is a gathering of athletes from 11 countries of the South East Asian Region and the Opening & Closing Ceremonies represent a core component of the Games. In this regard, Organizing Committee is inviting proposals for the Ceremonies from few experienced International Companies for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies to be held in Nay Pyi Taw at the Zabuthiri Stadium on December 11th, 2013 and December 22nd, 2013 respectively.

The interested companies are invited to collect "Request For Proposal" (RFP) documents with the price of US\$ 1,000 - (One Thousand dollars, US Dollars Only) start from July 5th, 2012 at the following address:

Ministry of Sports
Office Building No.31
Nay Pyi Taw,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The interested Companies should bring together the photocopies of Company's Registration Documents when come to collect RFP. The person who wants to know more detail for this, please contact to enquire following telephone numbers:

+ 9567 - 406033
 + 9567 - 406029

The Company shall prepare its proposal in accordance with the requirements set forth in the RFP documents and submit their proposal to the Organizing Committee at above mention address before July 26th, 2012 (16:00 Hr). If you do have some questions about to know detail for RFP, please send as a written document to above address before July 18th, 2012. On July 18th and 19th, 2012, the responsible Committee's Members will answer all your questions and explain what you want to know in Ministry of Sports, meeting hall at above mention address.

The Committee will analyze detail to all submitted proposals during July 26th to August 16th and after that, we will reply and contact only the Companies of successful proposals to discuss more detail for contracting.

Major high-speed railway opens in central China

YICHANG, 3 July—The Hanyi Railway, a section of a major high-speed rail corridor between the eastern metropolis of Shanghai and southwest China's city of Chengdu, opened on Sunday. The 293-km Hanyi Railway links Wuhan and Yichang, two large cities in central China's Hubei province.

The railway will reduce travel time between the cities to one hour and 39 minutes, said Yang Tao, an official with the Wuhan railway bureau.

The Hanyi Railway is part of the Shanghai-Wuhan-Chengdu Railway, or Huanrong Railway, a major east-west high-speed rail corridor outlined in China's national high-speed railway development plan.

The 2,078-km railway will travel through four provinces and two municipalities, connecting the cities of Shanghai, Nanjing, Hefei, Wuhan, Chongqing and Chengdu.

Most sections of the Huanrong Railway are in operation, with construction on the last section slated to be completed in 2013.

Xinhua

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The competition will take place for 12 days, from December 11th to 22nd 2013. There are 11 participant countries and 5,000 athletes are expected to complete. The participating countries are; Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Organizing Committee of 27th S.E.A Games is inviting proposals from few experienced International Companies for a fully integrated solution including the provision of complete Technology Systems and Services in order to smoothly run the Event Management and Sport Competition operations.

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Mystery mass deaths of green turtles in Australia

SYDNEY, 3 July — Scientists were at a loss Friday to explain the mysterious deaths of more than 70 green turtles that have washed up on beaches in northeast Australia over the last week. Queensland state authorities said 62 of the vulnerable species were confirmed dead and another 10 were spotted floating at sea by a helicopter.

Marty McLaughlin, operations manager at

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services, said the turtles were nourished and had no obvious signs of illness.

"There is no obvious cause of death. We've tested for all the normal reasons, like boat strikes and starvation, but that has not occurred," he told AFP.

"It is species-specific to green turtles and we can't see any signs of toxicity or

chemicals, and our analysis to date has shown no parasites.

It's a complete mystery." All of the turtles were found around Upstart Bay, south of Townsville, in the past week. McLaughlin said crabs and pigs feeding on the carcasses did not appear affected by whatever killed the turtles, which are considered vulnerable under national legislation.

Internet



Scientists were at a loss on Friday to explain the mysterious deaths of more than 70 green turtles, similar to one pictured in 2004, that have washed up on beaches in northeast Australia over the last week.

INTERNET

Reward offered for Montana truck stop dinosaur

MISSOULA, 3 July — The folks at Hi-Noon Petroleum in Montana have a new way to turn a dinosaur into gasoline. They're offering a \$250 gas card for information leading to the safe return of Dino, a 12-foot-long fiberglass Sinclair dinosaur that disappeared on 21 June from the Crossroads Travel Centre west of Missoula.

"We just wonder what happened to him," Hi-Noon marketing manager Earl Allen said on Friday. "It's a little odd for him to just walk away."

The 6-foot tall green dinosaur sat on a hill overlooking

Interstate 90 for at least five years, Allen said, with occasional appearances in University of Montana Homecoming parades.

"That was his home for a number of years," Allen said. Allen said taking the prehistoric icon would have been a bit of a project.

"It's not like you can just throw him in the back of a pickup," he said. Anyone with information on Dino's whereabouts is asked to call Hi-Noon.

Internet

Chimps attack American at South Africa sanctuary

JOHANNESBURG, 3 July — Chimpanzees at a sanctuary founded by famed primatologist Jane Goodall pulled a Texas graduate student into their fenced-off enclosure, dragging him nearly a half-mile and biting his ear and hands. Andrew F

Oberle was giving a lecture to a group of tourists at the Chimp Eden sanctuary on Thursday when two chimpanzees grabbed his feet and pulled him under a fence into their enclosure, said Jeffrey Wicks of the Netcare911 emergency

services company.

The 26-year-old anthropology student at the University of Texas at San Antonio suffered "multiple and severe bite wounds," Wicks said. He was in critical condition on Friday after undergoing surgery at the Mediclinic hospital in Nelspruit, 180 miles (300 kilometres) from Johannesburg, hospital officials said. Oberle, who was doing research at the sanctuary, had crossed the first of two fences separating the chimpanzees from visitors and was standing close to the second fence, which is electrified, at the time of the attack, said Edwin Jay, chairman of the Jane Goodall Institute South Africa.

The sanctuary was temporarily closed after the attack, said David Oosthuizen, the institute's executive director. "The safety of our visitors and staff is paramount," he said. "We have never had an incident like this, and we have closed the sanctuary to investigate how we can ensure it will not happen again."

Internet



In this photo taken on 1 Feb, 2011, chimpanzees sit in an enclosure at the Chimp Eden rehabilitation centre, near Nelspruit, South Africa. A paramedic official says chimpanzees at a sanctuary for the animals in eastern South Africa bit and dragged a man at the reserve, badly injuring him. In a statement, Jeffrey Wicks of the Netcare911 medical emergency services company said the man he described as a ranger was leading a tour group at the Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden on 28 June, 2012 when two chimpanzees grabbed his feet and pulled him under a fence into their enclosure. The international institute founded by primatologist Jane Goodall opened the sanctuary in 2005. It is a home to chimpanzees rescued from their north in Africa, where they are hunted for their meat of held captive as pets. — INTERNET

Kenyan President seeks to boost bilateral ties with Burundi

NAIROBI, 3 July — Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki will travel to Burundi on Sunday for a three-day State visit to attend Independence Golden Jubilee and also seek ways of boosting bilateral ties.

A statement issued in Nairobi from the presidency on Saturday, said while in Bujumbura, President Kibaki will join Burundians, invited guests and other dignitaries for the country's 50th independence anniversary celebrations.

"The Head of State is also scheduled to meet the Burundian House Speaker and President of the House of Senate before addressing the country's National Assembly," the statement said.

The two countries last year signed a

comprehensive bilateral agreement to promote development and technology transfer in agriculture, livestock and fisheries development between them.

The MoU which was signed in Bujumbura in November 2011 between East Africa Community ministers was aimed at enhancing bilateral cooperation in higher education, science and technology.

The statement said the Kenyan leader is also expected to hold bilateral talks with his host President

Pierre Nkurunziza and witness signing of agreements of cooperation before launching the Kenya-Burundi Business Forum.

The two countries have identified the major areas of cooperation as tailor-made courses in agricultural management; research in improvement of tea, coffee and palm oil production; assistance in the establishment of macadamia nuts industry, and; training of Burundi students in Kenya's agricultural institutions at local fees.

Xinhua



Tourists pose for photo in Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 2 July, 2012. As travel season is coming, Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar attracts quite a lot tourists. — XINHUA

Premier League stars in GB Olympic squad

The likes of Ryan Giggs, Aaron Ramsey and Micah Richards set to star at London 2012



Welshman Ryan Giggs has been terrorising defences in the Premier League for 20 years.—INTERNET

LONDON, 3 July — The likes of Ryan Giggs, Aaron Ramsey and Micah Richards set to star at London 2012.

Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs Welshman Ryan Giggs has been terrorising defences in the Premier League for 20 years Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs has been named alongside 14 other Barclays Premier League players in Great Britain men's Olympic football squad. The Premier League legend, who this summer was named as Best Player in the 20 Seasons Awards, is one of the three permitted over-age players in the 18-man squad for London 2012 this summer.

The other over-age players are Liverpool striker Craig Bellamy and Manchester City defender Micah Richards. Man Utd's highly-rated midfielder Tom Cleverley has received a call-up along with Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey, Chelsea striker Daniel Sturridge and Swansea City winger Scott

Sinclair. "It has not been an easy task to finalize my squad for this tournament, and the stature of the competition and uniqueness of the occasion has underlined the importance of every choice I have made," said Team GB manager Stuart Pearce. With just 18 places it is very different from other international tournaments.

The options are limited, but it is the Olympic Games and every player in this squad should be very proud they have a chance to compete for a gold medal on home soil. "I remember the huge advantage we gained from playing in front of our own fans during Euro '96, and I'm sure with the nation behind us it could be a fantastic tournament for us." It is the first time that Team GB have competed in the Olympic men's football tournament since 1960 in Rome. Pearce's side will take on Senegal in their opening match at Old Trafford on 26th July before playing further group games against United Arab Emirates

on 29th July and Uruguay on 1st August.

Team GB chef de mission Andy Hunt added: "After a 52-year absence from the Olympic Games, it is fantastic to welcome the men's football squad to Team GB for London 2012." Representing your country at the Olympic Games is a very unique, special experience and I am sure this talented and determined group of men's footballers will play a full part as members of Team GB at our home Olympic Games. The squad selected possesses a good blend of youth and experience, with 16 of the 18 selected athletes playing their football at the very highest level in the Premier League last season.

"In Stuart Pearce they have an experienced and passionate manager and I am sure the younger players will learn a lot from their time with Team GB at the Olympic Games." Football fans from across the UK are regarded worldwide as among the most passionate and knowledgeable supporters in the world and this summer offers a unique opportunity to get behind Team GB on home soil. "I am confident that this famous vocal support will drive the young players on to produce many memorable and inspirational performances at the Olympic Games this summer."

Full men's football squad:

Joe Allen (age: 22; club: Swansea City; Wales caps: 8)
Craig Bellamy (age: 32;

club: Liverpool; Wales caps: 69, 19 goals)

Ryan Bertrand (age: 22; club: Chelsea; England U21 caps: 16)

Jack Butland (age: 19; club: Birmingham City; England U21 caps: 6)

Steven Caulker (age: 20; club: Tottenham Hotspur; England U21 caps: 4, 1 goal)

Tom Cleverley (age: 22; club: Manchester United; England U21 caps: 16)

Jack Cork (age: 23; club: Southampton; England U21 caps: 13)

Craig Dawson (age: 22; club: West Bromwich Albion; England U21 caps: 7, 4 goals)

Ryan Giggs (age: 38; club: Manchester United; Wales caps: 64, 12 goals)

Aaron Ramsey (age: 21; club: Arsenal; Wales caps: 21, 5 goals)

Micah Richards (age: 24; club: Manchester City; England caps: 13, 1 goal)

Danny Rose (age: 22; club: Tottenham Hotspur; England U21 caps: 21, 3 goals)

Scott Sinclair (age: 23; club: Swansea City; England U21 caps: 7, 1 goal)

Marvin Sordell (age: 21; club: Bolton Wanderers; England U21 caps: 7, 2 goals)

Jason Steele (age: 21; club: Middlesbrough; England U21 caps: 1)

Daniel Sturridge (age: 22; club: Chelsea; England caps: 2)

Neil Taylor (age: 23; club: Swansea City; Wales caps: 9)

James Tomkins (age: 23; club: West Ham United; England U21 caps: 10)

Internet

Euro soccer: Spain's victory restores national pride

MADRID, 3 July — Spaniards seized on their European Championship triumph as a source of restored national pride after months of economic anxieties, as celebrations reached fever pitch on Monday with a victory parade in the capital.

Across the country many were looking forward to another night of revelry after Spain thrashed Italy 4-0 on Sunday, becoming the first team to win two Euro titles in a row, with a World Cup in between.

The team arrived back in Madrid on Monday afternoon. After visiting King

car honking and chants of "Yo soy Espanol" (I am Spanish) filling the streets of Madrid and other cities, worries about Spain's recession-hit economy were never far from people's minds. Several of the players dedicated the victory to Spaniards suffering from the economic crisis. National morale took a beating when Spain was forced to ask for a European rescue for its ailing banks last month.

Many were now looking to the historic achievement of the national soccer team as a source of inspiration for the tough months ahead, with lessons to be drawn from the



Spain's national soccer team players celebrate their Euro 2012 victory on an open top bus during a parade in downtown Madrid on 2 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Juan Carlos I, the players were cheered by tens of thousands of fans during a lap of the capital and a party near the central fountain of Cibeles, the scene of euphoric celebrations on Sunday that stretched into the early hours. The game also drew a record television audience of nearly 15.5 million people, broadcaster Telecinco said.

However, even amid the

squad's performance for Spaniards and their politicians.

"Let us mature amid the complexity of these difficult days we're living in and let us learn from yesterday's resounding victory everything that makes us stronger, better, freer, more just and, even, happier," wrote one commentator in the right-leaning newspaper ABC.

Reuters

Tour de France: Cavendish scripts impressive win in second stage



Sky Pro cycling rider Mark Cavendish of Britain celebrates winning the second stage of the 99th Tour de France cycling race between Vise and Tournai, on 2 July, 2012.—REUTERS

TOURNAI, (Belgium), 3 July — A leaner Mark Cavendish showed he was still too talented for the rest of the Tour de France bunch, outpacing his rivals for victory in the 207.5-km second stage in Tournai on Monday.

The Briton did not need any help to upstage Andre Greipel and Matthew Goss on a podium reminiscent of the last world championships in Copenhagen, when the Manx missile also beat the Australian and the German for gold.

It was the world champion's 21st stage victory on the Tour and an unusual one as he had to fend for himself, while previously he could rely on the 'train' formed by his former HTC Columbia team mates.

It was also a striking reply to those who doubted his chances in a Team Sky devoted to the overall success of fellow-Briton Bradley Wiggins. "The team this year is for the yellow jersey. It's a new configuration and I knew it

wouldn't be easy," Cavendish told reporters.

"I'm much more alone but I'm much more relaxed in a sense. I came into the sprint with the least pressure I ever had on the Tour," he added. "I'm happy to win a stage like today's to show I'm the world champion and to show I could do it without a team to help me."

The Briton had already proved in his three stage victories on the Giro d'Italia that he could handle any kind of race finish and he again manoeuvred perfectly in the final yards of this long ride from Vise.

Reuters

International Sports

Impressive Djokovic has it covered



Novak Djokovic of Serbia (L) embraces Viktor Troicki of Serbia after defeating him in their men's singles tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 2 July, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 3 July — Novak Djokovic's bid to retain his Wimbledon title is swiftly turning into a campaign to win the first ever indoor version of the grasscourt grand slam. With grizzly grey skies encircling the All England Club, the Serb

brushed aside compatriot Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in his third consecutive match under the cover of the Centre Court roof.

Since its introduction in 2009, the structure has been used sparingly until this year when it has been hauled

across come rain or shine both to block out the weather and ensure timely finishes for late-evening matches.

Djokovic has played all but his opening match with the giant mechanical lid in place and is now starting to get into the swing of things under cover. "I have kind of got used to it," he told reporters.

"I find it a bit easier to return the serve. Obviously when you're playing on grass against a big server like Viktor, under these conditions you can neutralize the serve and get more into the rallies, so that was good for me..." "For somebody that plays all tournament outdoors and comes to the Centre Court for the first time and plays indoor in totally different conditions, it's quite a change. So you need time to adjust."

Reuters

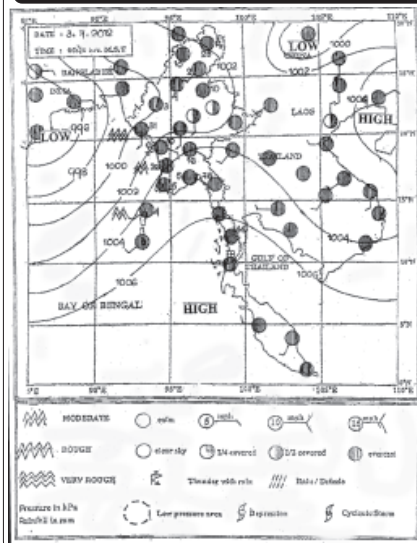
Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**(4-7-12 09:30 am ~
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- * News
- * Workshop on The Salvage of Historical Heritage The Dhammazedi Bell
- * News
- * The Launch of NHK on SkyNet
- * News
- * Diverse National Costumes & Their Fashion Trend (Episode-1)
- * News
- * Northern Myanmar 2012
- * News
- * Lucky Draw Awarding Ceremony of Junction Square
- * News
- * The Richly Blessed Gem Land
- * News
- * Media Briefing on HIV and Children UNICEF Myanmar
- * News
- * New Myanmar Investment Summit 2012
- * Myanmar Movie "Great goodwill"

MYANMAR TV

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:45 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
- 4. Cultural Dances
- 8:30 am
- 5. Joint Performance by State Orchestra & State Traditional Orchestra & The Radio Myanmar Morden Music Troupe
- 8:50 am
- 6. Musical Programme
- 4:45 pm
- 7. Song of National Races
- 4:50 pm
- 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Physics)
- 5:20 pm
- 9. International Science News
- 5:30 pm
- 10. Composer's Choice
- 5:45 pm
- 11. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Traditional Boxing
- 7:05 pm
- 13. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. Korea NG Award
- 16. TV Drama Series
- 17. Fashion Show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2012)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 4th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taiinhuay	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakine	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Likelihood isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Regions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Region, Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Magway and Ayeyarwady Regions, fairly widespread in Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy fall in Mon State and isolated heavy fall in Kayah State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikmaraw (4.95) inches, Kawkareik (3.86) inches, Mawlamyine (3.11) inches, Hpa-an (2.99) inches, Myawady (2.68) inches and Thabeik (2.56) inches, Taung (2.48) inches, Coit (2.40) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar Areas.

Twitter sees new record during Euro 2012 final

Spain's Fernando Torres holds his son Leo after an award ceremony as Spain won the Euro 2012 soccer championship final between Spain and Italy in Kiev, Ukraine, early on 2 July, 2012.— INTERNET

WARSAW, (Poland), 3 July — Twitter says its users fired off more than 15,000 tweets per second when Spain scored its fourth goal in Sunday's European

Championship final, setting a sports-related record on the social networking site. The surge in tweets came just weeks before the Olympic Games in London are

expected to spur more record-setting activity on social networking sites — from tweets to postings of photos and other user-generated material.

Twitter said it registered a total of 16.5 million tweets worldwide during the soccer match Sunday in Kiev, where Spain defeated Italy 4-0.

It said total global traffic on its platform peaked at 15,358 tweets per second as Spain scored its fourth goal, a record for a sporting event.

Commentators, fans and athletes around the world supported their teams in song, in face paint and in tweets" throughout the Euro 2012, Twitter said in a blog.

As fans increasingly use social media to connect

during major sports competitions, new "tweet per second" records are constantly being set.

Twitter registered a peak of 12,233 tweets per second during the final three minutes of the Super Bowl in February.

An earlier record was set during the final match of the 2011 Women's World Cup, a match in Germany that saw 7,196 tweets per second, including 13 from President Barack Obama. In that game, Japan's team defeated the US on penalty kicks following a 2-2 draw.

Among those who tweeted Sunday was Pele, the retired Brazilian star. He congratulated Spain and said he was looking forward to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Internet



CSC ISSUED: Deputy Director of District Immigration and National Registration Department U Nay Lin and Head of Township INRD U Yay Chan issue citizenship cards to local people in Administrative Office in Ward 9 of Labutta Township.
TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Loan disbursed in Tatkon for cultivation of paddy

TATKON, 3 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank branch of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area disbursed agricultural loans. So far, the bank branch has issued K 125.6 million for 2512 acres of farmland of 441 farmers from sic villages.

The bank plans to disburse K 1668.3 million this year. The bank has refunded over 150 million savings to 3108 farmers.

This year, the bank provided larger amount of disbursement, declined interest rate and refunded savings.

Myanma Alin

Phelps leads power-packed US swimming team for London

OMAHA, (Nebraska), 3 July — The United States have picked a powerful team of 47 swimmers, overflowing with talent and experience, for the London Olympics after the national trials ended on Monday.

The squad was made up of 23 men and 24 women, and led, once again, by the mercurial Michael Phelps, who qualified for his fourth Olympics.

Phelps qualified for five individual events which, with the addition of the three relays, would have seen him compete in the same events he won on Beijing four years ago.

But he dropped the 200 meters freestyle from his

programme to save his energy for the relays, where the Americans face a huge challenge defending the 4x100m freestyle.

The relays are always serious," head coach of the men's team Gregg Troy told reporters.

That's a tough programme Michael swims. It's really tough. He's a little bit older, and those older guys don't recover quite as quickly." Colorado teenager Missy Franklin also qualified for seven events, including the relays.

She is the first American female swimmer to do so and has already emerged as the new star of the women's team heading to her first Olympics.



Michael Phelps swims from the pool after the men's 100m butterfly final during the US Olympic swimming trials in Omaha, Nebraska, on 1 July, 2012.

REUTERS

"I think she's proven that she can handle the highest pressure with her performance here over the last week," women's head coach Teri McKeever said.

"She's 17-years-old, but she handled this meet like a

seasoned professional."

Ryan Lochte qualified in five events and could add another in the relays.

His rivalry with Phelps promises to be one of the highlights of the Olympics.

Reuters

Myanmar Women's Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Myanmar Women's Day was marked this morning at Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Office here.

It was attended Honourable Patron of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Honourable Patron of MWAFF Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chairman of

National Committee for Women's Affairs Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Patrons of MWAFF, President Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, CEC members, State/Region Women's Affairs

Organizations and guests.

The president said that Myanmar women have shared the same social status along the course of the country's history in accomplishing duties that range from family duties to national-building tasks.

The "Myanmar Women's Day" is the day on which outstanding Myanmar women in various fields are praised.



Honourable Patron of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, and Honourable Patron Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of the Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, view documentary photos.—MNA

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed with the commitment to bringing about social security and development of

Myanmar women.

MWAFF's work programmes for 2012 are preserving culture, contributing to social

development and security of women in rural areas, disbursing small loans to the grassroots alleviating (See page 9)

Friendly basketball match played

YANGON, 3 July—Friendly basketball match between men's basketball team of US Vision Sports and selected youth team of Myanmar Basketball Federation took place at Aung San gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt

Township of Yangon Region this afternoon.

Officials of Sports and Physical Education Department, Patron of Shwe Thanlwin Co Daw Ni, officials of MBF and fans enjoyed the match.

US Vision Sports team

beat Myanmar youth team 106-102 and the second friendly will be played on 5 July.

The event was organized by MBF under the leadership of the Ministry of Sports.

MNA

Inter-University/College men's volleyball tourney of (Lower Myanmar zone) kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Men's volleyball competition of the universities and colleges (Lower Myanmar zone) for 2011-2012 academic year of the Higher Education Department kicked off yesterday at

the gymnasium of Patheingyi University morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint made a speech and the competitive teams saluted him.

Hinthada University selected team played against Pyaw University selected team in the event. The selected teams from Patheingyi, Hinthada, Maubin and Pyaw Universities are taking part in it.—MNA

Spain name three Euro 2012 winners in squad



MADRID, 3 July—Euro 2012 winners Juan Mata, Jordi Alba and Javi Martinez were included in Spain's soccer squad on Tuesday for the London Olympics later this month.

Chelsea midfielder Mata and full back Alba, who is set to leave Valencia for Barcelona this week, scored

in Sunday's 4-0 final victory over Italy in Kiev.

The world champions became the first side to retain the European title, stringing together three major tournament triumphs in a row.

Luis Milla's 22-man Olympic squad was named the day after Mata, Alba and

Athletic Bilbao midfielder Martinez were involved in a huge homecoming celebration as the team paraded the trophy through the streets of Madrid.

"I believe it would be unfair to demand that this team be at the same level as the full national team," Milla told a news conference.

"This team has character and a similar playing philosophy but it is a different team under different pressures."

The Olympic team will join up on Friday and will face Senegal and Mexico in friendlies before heading to London.

The squad, which will be trimmed down to 18, also includes Manchester United goalkeeper David De Gea, Chelsea midfielder Oriol Romeu and Barcelona trio Martin Montoya, Thiago Alcantara and Cristian Tello.—Reuters

Murray in a hurry to beat rain and Cilic



LONDON, 3 July—Andy Murray dodged rain showers to rush to complete a 7-5 6-2 6-3 win over Croatian Marin Cilic and reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals on Tuesday.

The fourth-seeded Briton had been leading by one set and 3-1 40-0 in the second when rain ended Monday's play and was clearly in no mood to hang around.

He got to 4-2 in the six minutes of play before the covers went on once more and, after 51 minutes off court again, returned with all guns

blazing, holding to love and breaking 16th seed Cilic to take the second set.

As sporadic showers continued to bother Court One, Murray sprang eagerly from his chair at changeovers and was already jogging into position to play when the umpire called time.

Only once more did the rain get serious enough for the umpire to climb down from his perch but this time officials and the two players, sheltering under umbrellas, waited it out and play resumed after four minutes.

Murray, burdened with a nation's hopes that he might become the first British man to reach the Wimbledon final since 1938, raced to 4-1 up, hitting three aces in the fifth game.

Cilic, who had come

through the second-longest match in Wimbledon history when he beat American Sam Querrey in the previous round, saved four breakpoints to hold in a long sixth game. Murray, however, dropped only one more point in the match, and finished off with a love game to book a last-eight place against David Ferrer of Spain, who beat Argentine Juan Martin del Potro 6-3 6-2 6-3 on Centre Court.

Murray had no complaints about being exposed to the elements on Court One, while Ferrer and Del Potro were protected under the Centre Court roof.

"You would rather be on Centre but I don't deserve to play every match on Centre," the Scot said in a courtside interview. "I just wish the weather was a bit better. It is tough, but it is good experience for me."

Reuters

Sacred Tant Kyi Taung Hill

by Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

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Novak Djokovic of Serbia (L) embraces Viktor Troicki of Serbia after defeating him in men's singles at Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 2 July, 2012. PAGE 14



Spain's Fernando Torres holds his son Leo after an award ceremony as Spain won the Euro 2012 soccer championship final between Spain and Italy in Kiev, Ukraine, early on 2 July, 2012. PAGE 15

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