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ROK shares new village movement experience with Myanmar



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mr Yoo Jeong Bok, Minister of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Mr Yoo Jeong Bok, Minister of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

At the call, President U Thein Sein said that the government is making all-out efforts for rural development and poverty alleviation. He expressed special thanks for ROK's helps for rural development through the

establishment of model villages in Myanmar. Myanmar is making multi-sector cooperation with the ROK for economic development by forming the Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Committee. He strongly believed that the latter's visit would pave the way for Myanmar's rural development.

The ROK Ministers said that the relations between two countries now have improved with economic cooperation in the fore front. Development of

agricultural sector plays a crucial role in Myanmar's rural development thereby contributing to country's economic development. The ROK is sharing its experience on successful new village movement with Myanmar people. As part of it, a new village movement center will be opened tomorrow, he added.

Both sides held discussions on Samsung Company's investment in Myanmar, cooperation with Korea International Cooperation Agency

(KOICA) on education, health and transport sectors, agreement on loan disbursement of 500 million USD to Myanmar during ROK's Deputy Prime Minister's visit to Myanmar and inter-ministry cooperation on eight rural development tasks.

It was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Kyaw Hsan and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw, officials and the ROK Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA

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Nok mini, new airline for Mae Sot-Mawlamyine-Mae Sot route

Nok mini airlines will launch its maiden flight of Mae Sot-Mawlamyine-Mae Sot route as of 1 September 2013.

The flights are scheduled to ply its route every morning. If the ticket is bought as reservation, the airlines will run its flights through low-cost system, said Manager U Aye Min Tun of the airline.

As it is a low-cost airline, airtickets will be sold between US\$ 55 and 80 per passenger. The passenger can pay kyat, US\$ or baht

for the ticket, he said.

As of 1 October, the airline plans to launch its new flight along Mae Sot-Yangon-Mae Sot route in addition to Bangkok-Yangon route.

Nok mini is one of the branches of Nok Airlines. The route to Mawlamyine will be its maiden trip in international flights.

The airplane to be used in the Mae Sot-Mawlamyine-Mae Sot route is made in Sweden and the SAAB 340B+ airplane can give seats to 34 passengers. Nok

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Airlines runs its airplanes for 100 flight schedules a day in Thailand.

The airplane will take 25 minutes from Mae Sot to Mawlamyine. The motor road from Mae Sot to Myawady is to take 15 minutes and Mawlamyine to Myawady over six hours. The flight can take only over 40 minutes for the route. The flight of the airlines



will be convenient for the passengers from Mon State, continued U Aye Min Tun.

He added that tourists from Thailand spend a long time to travel to Kyaikhtyoe Pagoda and Kayin and Mon

States via Yangon. Thanks to the new airlines, they can reach Mawlamyine in a short time.

For foreign visitors, Sky hub agent is giving service of visa for aviation

and service of sell air tickets to those wishing to receive medical treatment in Thailand.

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Business

40000 bags of reserve rice sold to stable price in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 29 Aug—Rice brokerage sold 40000 bags of reserve rice of Mandalay in Mandalay as of 21 August so as to stable price of rice.

Reserve rice of the State are sold at rice brokerage between 34th and 35th streets and 85th and 86th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay and warehouse of Myohaung. They sold K 17200 per bag.

Although reserve rice can be sold freely, anyone cannot be allowed to test the bags of rice. The buyer may buy rice with testing the sample. If most of the rice may be broken rice in the bag, new one will be substituted.

In August, exportation of rice was suspended to other countries through border region due to raising



the price. Therefore, sales of reserve rice may affect price of rice. In addition, rice brokerages in Kywehsekan and on 86th street in Chanayethazan Township sell bags of rice with K 500 cheaper price to the customers.

In the third week of August, rice brokerages in Mandalay sell one bag of Shwebo Pawhsan per K33500, Ayeyamin K33000, Shwebo Manaw K32000 and Patheingyi Manawthukha K 24000.—Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

HRD

Outstanding port engineering students honoured



YANGON, 29 Aug—Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa held the eighth ceremony to award outstanding students of Myanmar Maritime University under the Ministry of Transport at the university in Thanlyin on 22 August.

Rector of the university Dr Myat Lwin made a speech.

General Manager U Min Kyi of MITT said that Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa has been holding the prize presentation for outstanding students of the university yearly

with the aim of improving education of the students in port engineering subject of the university.

In addition choosing ten final year students, the Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa sponsors the students to pursue abroad port construction sites abroad and donates teaching aids to the university, he continued.

Prize presentation and assistance for teaching is aimed at contributing to raising efforts of the students in their majoring subject Port Engineering and emergence of outstanding port engineers.

Kyemon-Wunna Tun

Development

20-year plan to upgrade parks, playgrounds in Yangon

YANGON, 29 Aug—Parks and playgrounds located in municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee will be upgraded step by step under the 20-year long-term plan, according to the Parks and Playgrounds Department of the Yangon City Development Committee.

With regard to upgrading tasks for the parks and playgrounds, an official said, "Arrangements have been made for implementing the 20-year long-term plan. The department has earmarked to do its tasks

under the year-wise plans. In addition, some of them are being upgraded."

In addition to upgrading and maintaining the parks and playgrounds, more sports grounds will be constructed. The people requested to construct new sports grounds in the vacant areas by submitting the applications. They indicated 11 vacant places for the grounds. After scrutinizing the ownership of the vacant areas, the department will submit the plans and seek the approval from the Yangon City Development

Committee as soon as possible, he added.

Parks are being upgraded as of 2013 fiscal year in line with the 20-year long-term plan. At present, the department is placing emphasis on upgrading of Maha Bando Park, Kandaw Mingala Park, Thakin Mya Park, Nathamyang Park and People's Park and People's Square, said officials of Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)



Accident

Bus overturns on Yangon-Mandalay highway in Bago Township

BAGO, 29 Aug—A vehicle overturned between mile posts 59/7 and 60/0 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway at the entrance

to Phayagyi of Bago Township of Bago Region on 25 August afternoon.

IP Htin Aung of Phayagyi Traffic Police

Corps, SIP Kyaw Naing Oo of Phayagyi Police Station and party rushed to the scene and inspected the incident.

The Hilux from No 5 of Yangon-Nyaunglebin Bus-line heading for Nyaunglebin from Bago caused overturn due to out of control.

Among five passengers on board the Hilux, Ma Khaing, 20 of Wanbe-inn Village of Bago Township suffered from injuries at right side of head in unserious condition was sent to Bago General Hospital. Phayagyi Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver under the law.

Kyemon-Phayagyithar



**Beware of Dengue
Haemorrhagic Fever**

WORLD

Abe says gov't to take charge of toxic water leak at Fukushima plant

DOHA, 29 Aug — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Wednesday his government will take charge of efforts to contain the nuclear disaster in northeastern Japan following a recent toxic water leak at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

"There is a need for the state to address the issue with a sense of urgency and not just leave it all up to Tokyo Electric Power Co.," Abe said at a Press confer-

ence. Abe's remarks came after the plant's operator, known as TEPCO, recently said the leak of highly radioactive water from a huge steel storage tank was estimated at 300 tons, some of which could have flowed into the adjacent Pacific Ocean. It was the worst leak from the containers at the complex.

Abe, who is in Qatar on the last leg of his trip to the Middle East and Africa, said the government will

thoroughly disseminate to people in Japan and abroad information about efforts to contain the disaster at the Fukushima plant.

Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority decided the same day to raise its assessment of the severity of the leak to level 3, which is defined as a "serious incident," on an eight-point international scale. The Fukushima nuclear accident, triggered by the huge earthquake and tsunami in



Fukushima Gov. Yuhei Sato (R) and Shunichi Tanaka, chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, bow as they meet in Tokyo on 28 Aug, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

March 2011, was rated at the maximum level 7, on a par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.—Kyodo News

Tropical storm Juliette heads toward Mexican Pacific tourist hub

MEXICO CITY, 29 Aug — Tropical storm Juliette was about 40 miles southeast of the Mexican Pacific beach resort Cabo San Lucas, where it is now heading, the US National Hurricane Centre said on Wednesday, as authorities there prepared for the prospect of evacuations.

The tropical storm was blowing at 45 miles per hour (72 km per hour) and heading northwest toward the tourist resort in the state of Baja California Sur at 25 mph, the NHC said.

Authorities said that up to 15,000 people who live in the storm's path could be

evacuated and taken to temporary shelters.

"We're currently on orange alert and tonight we'll be on red alert. We've prohibited sailing for all small vessels," said Carlos Enriquez, head of Baja California Sur emergency services.

Juliette is due to make landfall in the next few hours and produce rainfall of up to 3 inches, the NHC said, although it said the storm should weaken by Thursday morning.

Mexican state oil monopoly Pemex has no major oil installations or refineries nearby.

Xinhua

Strong typhoon to approach Kyushu, may make landfall

TOKYO, 29 Aug — A typhoon was moving northward in waters west of Yonaguni Island in Okinawa Prefecture on Thursday morning and is expected to turn east and approach Kyushu around Saturday, possibly going ashore, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The agency called for caution against high winds and tidal waves on Okinawa's Sakishima Islands caused by Kong-rey, the 15th typhoon of the season.

The agency measured winds gusting 120 kilometers per hour on Yonaguni, with gusts of up to 85 kph on Ishigaki Island to the east, and rough seas in an absence of heavy rain.

The typhoon is expected to move away from the Sakishima Islands as it continues north. As of 9 am Thursday, Kong-rey was around 90 km north-northwest of Yonaguni, and moving north at an approximate speed of 20 kph, with an atmospheric pressure at its centre of 990 hectopascals.

It was packing winds of up to 126 kph, and casting winds of 54 kph or higher over a large area up to 170 km north and 300 km south of its centre.—Kyodo News

Seven killed, 58 wounded in Afghan Taliban attack on NATO base

GHAZNI, (Afghanistan), 29 Aug—At least seven Afghans were killed and 58 were wounded when Taliban's suicide bombings and ensuing gunfight hit a NATO base in eastern Ghazni Province on Wednesday, officials said.

"The Taliban armed men targeted the compound of NATO-led forces' Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) at 04:15 pm local time in Ghazni city. The killed included four Afghan policemen and three civilians in the suicide bombings and gun-

fight," deputy provincial governor Mohammad Ali Ahmadi told Xinhua.

The injured included 12 children, four women, seven Polish soldiers with the NATO and several Afghan police and civilians, the official said, adding the fighting lasted for four hours.

NATO's PRT is a civilian-military body assisting Afghans in the rebuilding process of the war-torn country. At least two massive bombings took place in the attack in the city, 125 km south of national capital Kabul.

Four to six militants were involved in the attack, officials said. All the attackers were eliminated.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched annual rebel offensive in April against Afghan government forces. About 98,000 NATO-led troops station in the country.

Earlier on Wednesday, four civilians were killed and 15 were wounded when a suicide car bomber targeted a NATO military convoy in Lashkar Gah city, the provincial capital of Helmand Province, 555 km south of Kabul.

Xinhua

Assad used chemical weapons, no decision yet on Syria

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug —US President Barack Obama said on Wednesday his administration has concluded that the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons against civilians last week but has not yet decided how to respond to it.

"We have concluded that the Syrian government

in fact carried these out. And if that's so, then there needs to be international consequences," Obama told US Public Broadcasting Service in an interview.

Obama said that the United States will send "a strong signal" to the Assad regime to make sure it never uses chemical weapons again.—Kyodo News

US rejects link between North Korea nuclear diplomacy, jailed American

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug — The case of a US citizen jailed in North Korea is a human rights issue that has no connection to long-stalled talks over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons, the State Department said on Wednesday. Robert King, US special envoy for North Korean human rights issues, is slated to travel to Pyongyang on Friday. The State Department on Tuesday described his trip as a "humanitarian mission" aimed at winning the release of ailing Kenneth Bae, a Christian missionary and tour operator.

The release of Bae, sentenced by North Korea's Supreme Court in April to 15 years of hard labour for state subversion, would remove a big irritant in US relations with Pyongyang.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said, however, that King's trip is unrelated to international diplomacy

over North Korea, which has conducted three nuclear weapons tests since 2006.

"I don't want to link the two in any way," she told reporters.

"We have repeatedly said that separate and apart from any of the other issues we talk about with North Korea that Kenneth Bae needs to be released immediately," added Harf.

Harf reiterated Washington's position that it expects North Korea to live up to a denuclearization-for-aid deal it signed in 2005 at six-party talks in Beijing.

Those talks involving China, Japan, the two Koreas and the United States have been frozen for nearly five years, during which time North Korea conducted three nuclear tests and a series of long-range missile launches that prompted stiff UN sanctions. "We will continue to hold (North Korea) to those commit-



Robert King (C), US special envoy for North Korean human rights issues, is surrounded by reporters after a meeting with Japan's Minister-in-Charge of the Abduction Issue and head of the national public safety commission Keiji Furuya (not in picture) in Tokyo on 28 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

ments and its international obligations," said Harf.

"The onus is on North Korea here," she said.

North Korea said in July it would not give up its nuclear deterrent until Washington ends its "hos-

tile policy" towards Pyongyang, although it was ready to revive nuclear talks. The two countries do not have diplomatic relations and official visits between them are rare.

Reuters



Shoppers buy spice at a market in the old city of Damascus on 28 Aug, 2013. Tensions have mounted over an imminent US attack following alleged chemical weapons use by the administration of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.—KYODO NEWS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Japanese astronaut to command space station in March

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 29 Aug—The first Japanese astronaut to live aboard the *International Space Station* is preparing for a return flight, this time to serve as commander, officials said on Wednesday. Koichi Wakata of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, is due to leave in November with a pair of veteran astronauts from the United States and Russia.

Wakata, 50, is expected to take command of the orbital research outpost in March, marking the first time a Japanese astronaut will lead a human space mission. "It means a lot to Japan to have its own representative to command the *International Space Station*," Wakata told a news conference broadcast from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "It's a big milestone for Japan ... to have this experience," he said.

In 2009, Wakata be-



Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata is seen on a monitor during a training exercise in a centrifuge at the Star City space centre outside Moscow, on 9 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

came the first astronaut from Japan to live aboard the \$100 billion research laboratory that flies about 250 miles above Earth. Japan, one of 15 nations participating in the project, provided the station's largest and most elaborate laboratory, named Kibo, as well as cargo resupply ships. Wakata, who was part of two missions on NASA's now-retired space shuttles, is training for his fourth

flight along with NASA astronaut Rick Mastracchio and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin, both 53. Mastracchio, a veteran of three shuttle missions and one of NASA's most experienced spacewalkers, will be making his first long-duration flight. Tyurin will be living aboard the station for a third time. Command of the station typically rotates between a US astronaut and Russian cosmonaut. In

2009, Belgium astronaut Frank De Winne became the first European to command the station. Canada's first commander, Chris Hadfield, was in charge from March until May.

Wakata, a native of Saitama, Japan, holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering, a master's in applied mechanics and a doctorate in aerospace engineering from Kyushu University. Before being selected as an astronaut in 1992, he worked as an aircraft structural engineer for Japan Airlines. Wakata's first two spaceflights, in January 1996 and October 2000, were aboard NASA space shuttles.

He was Japan's first live-aboard space station resident from March to July 2009. Upon returning to the station in November, Wakata will serve as a flight engineer before taking over command in March.—Reuters

Panasonic to stop selling consumer smartphones in Japan

TOKYO, 29 Aug—Panasonic Corp is finalizing plans to pull out of the consumer smartphone business in Japan and has approached potential buyers for its cellular base station business, the Nikkei reported. It will end production at its only smartphone factory by March 2014, the daily said.

The company told NTT DoCoMo Inc that it would stop supplying new smartphone models from this winter, Reuters reported this month, citing the Kyodo news service. Panasonic, however, will still provide specialized models for corporate users

and outsourced models for foreign markets. Production and domestic sales of conventional cell phones will continue as well, the Nikkei reported. The company has also approached potential buyers for its cellular base station business, including Finland's Nokia, the Nikkei said. Panasonic said in July that its mobile phone sales decreased sharply in the April-June quarter due partly to NTT DoCoMo's adoption of a new marketing strategy offering bigger discounts for smartphones made by Sony Corp and Samsung Electronics Co.—Reuters



Panasonic Corp's Logo is pictured at an electronics store in Tokyo on 28 March, 2013. — REUTERS

Biggest US rocket blasts off with spy satellite

LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug—An unmanned *Delta 4-Heavy* rocket, the largest in the US fleet, blasted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on Wednesday to put a classified spy satellite into orbit for the National Reconnaissance

Office, officials said on Wednesday.

The 23-story-tall rocket lifted off at 11:03 am local time/1803 GMT from a launch pad originally built for, but never used by, NASA's now-retired space shuttles. No

details about the rocket's spy-satellite payload were released. With three main booster-rocket cores, the *Delta 4-Heavy* is capable of putting a satellite the size of school bus into an orbit around Earth's poles. Wednesday's launch was the second *Delta 4-Heavy* to fly from California. The rocket, built by United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Boeing Co and Lockheed Martin Corp., also has flown five times from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

"We are truly honored to deliver this critical asset to orbit," United Launch Alliance vice president Jim Spornick said in a statement, praising the groups involved in the launch effort.—Reuters



Local rocket fans take photos in the hills above Lompoc CA as an unmanned Delta 4 Heavy rocket, the largest booster in the US fleet, lifts off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on 28 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Britain has 4G competition as operators jump from one to three



A billboard advertises 4G mobile telecom services of market leader EE, owned by France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom, at Elephant & Castle in London on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 29 Aug—Britain will catapult into the superfast mobile top division on Thursday when operators O2 and Vodafone finally launch 4G services to compete with market leader EE. The arrival of

two more operators offering speeds more than five times faster than 3G—ideal for watching video on the go—marks a sharp turnaround from just a year ago when the country was stuck in the mobile slow lane with no 4G service. EE, a British joint venture between Orange and Deutsche Telekom, started rolling out 4G in major cities from October 2012 after the regulator allowed it to re-use its existing airwaves.

The move from Ofcom was designed to kick start superfast broadband in Britain, which was falling behind other countries in mobile speeds. EE took advantage of being first in the field by charging a premium of 10-20 percent on

equivalent 3G tariffs, and by rolling out coverage before its rivals started. It had signed up 687,000 4G customers by the end of June, which it said put it on track to have more than 1 million subscribers by the end of the year. On Wednesday, it said Accrington, north-west England, was the 100th town to be connected, and with the nine other towns switched on in August, it was now available in 105 towns and cities, covering some 60 percent of the population.

O2 and Vodafone are not strongly competing on price with EE, but are both offering music and sports content in their 4G packages to set themselves apart. O2 is launching in London and two other cities, while Vodafone is starting off just in the capital.

Three, the smallest operator and last to launch 4G, has said it will not charge a premium for faster broadband. The Hutchison-owned operator said on Thursday that it would start services in London, Birmingham and Manchester in December, with coverage available in 50 cities by the end of 2014 and reaching 98 percent of the population a year later.

Reuters

Sharp ends talks with Samsung over copier JV

TOKYO, 29 Aug—Sharp Corp, Japan's largest display maker, has called off talks with Samsung Electronics Co Ltd to jointly set up a copier sales company, the Kyodo said. Sharp's decision came after other Japanese firms such as Canon Inc opposed the proposal expressing concern that key technology would fall into the hands of the South Korean technology giant, the

newswire said.

The global copier market is dominated by Japanese companies like Canon, Ricoh Co Ltd, Konica Minolta Inc and Sharp.

They, along with US's Xerox Corp, account for about 80 percent of the global A3 copier sales, according to Kyodo. Sharp, will however, continue talks with Samsung to supply washing machines and refrigerators

to the Korean company as an original equipment manufacturer, the wire said, quoting sources.

The proposal to jointly set up a copier sales company was being discussed after Sharp turned down Samsung's acquisition offer for the copier business, Kyodo said. The struggling Japanese company received around 10.38 billion yen (\$106.24 million) in in-



A woman walks past the Sharp Corp's Logo at a train station in Tokyo on 6 March, 2013.—REUTERS

vestment from Samsung in March under a business and capital tie-up.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Finnish central bank governor says Europe's toughest time over, pressure now on developing world

HELSINKI, 29 Aug—The European economy has passed its toughest time and the pressure is being transferred to the developing countries, the governor of Finnish Central Bank said on Wednesday. Erkki Liikanen, who is also a member of the European Central Bank Governing Council, made the remarks after he came back from the world central bankers' annual conference in Jackson Hole, US.

He told *Helsinki News* that the financial crisis in Europe is over, as the current accounts in the troubled countries, such as Greece and Spain, have recently shown surpluses. "Their trade deficits have decreased, even though the adjustment process is still ongoing", he added. Liikanen pointed out that the European Central Bank (ECB) played a key role in strengthening banking supervision, which could be

one of the important elements that helped overcome the debt crisis.

The fate of Europe was no longer the central topic, and the greatest concern of the central bank governors was the possible impact of US Federal Reserve (Fed)'s tightening of monetary policy on the developing markets. According to Liikanen, the general view was that the weakened exchange rates in emerging economies were one of the effects of the



tightened monetary policy. He suggested that the most important thing for the developing countries is to know how Fed will operate in the future.

In addition, Liikanen said the ECB would keep

interest rates at record low for a longer period of time, a decision made based on the inflation outlook and the sluggish money supply. "It is important for the ECB's efforts to consolidate the markets", he said. From 23 to 24

August, some central bank governors from around the world gathered in Jackson Hole last weekend. The theme of the meeting was The Global Calculus of Unconventional Monetary Policies.—Xinhua

Broccoli could be key to preventing osteoarthritis



LONDON, 29 Aug—A compound found in broccoli could be key to preventing or slowing the progress of the most common form of arthritis, according to a new research published in the *Journal of Arthritis & Rheumatism* on Wednesday. According to the journal, results from laboratory studies showed that sulforaphane could slow down the destruction of cartilage in joints asso-

ciated with painful and debilitating osteoarthritis.

In the research, mice fed a diet rich in the compound had significantly less cartilage damage and osteoarthritis than those that were not. According to researchers, sulforaphane is released when eating cruciferous vegetables such as Brussels sprouts and cabbage, but particularly broccoli.

Previous research has

suggested that sulforaphane has anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory properties. The researchers discovered that sulforaphane blocks the enzymes that cause joint destruction by stopping a key molecule known to cause inflammation. The study involved researchers from University of East Anglia, along with the University of Oxford and Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

"As well as treating those who already have the condition, you need to be able to tell healthy people how to protect their joints into the future," said Ian Clark, the lead researcher. "There is currently no way in to the disease pharmaceutically and you cannot give healthy people drugs unnecessarily, so this is where diet could be a safe alternative."—Xinhua

Alcohol drinking before pregnancy may increase breast cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug—Drinking alcohol before first pregnancy is likely to boost a woman's risk of breast cancer later in life, US researchers said on Wednesday. Previous studies have looked at breast cancer risk and alcohol consumption later in life or at the effect of adolescent drinking on noncancerous breast disease. However, the link between alcohol consumption during the period of time between a woman's first menstrual period and first pregnancy and the risk of breast cancer had not been reported.

According to research-

ers from the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, breast tissue is particularly susceptible to carcinogens during that period of time. They analyzed data from 116,671 female registered nurses, aged 25 to 44, on medical history, reproductive his-

tory, and lifestyle. With the exclusion of women who did not meet the predetermined study criteria, 91,005 women with a history of full-term pregnancy were included in the final analysis. Among these women, 1,609 cases of breast cancer and 970 cases of benign

breast disease occurred during the study period.

The researchers reported in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* that "the longer the duration of menarche (first period) to first pregnancy, the higher is a woman's risk of breast cancer." Compared with nondrinkers with a shorter duration, nondrinkers with duration of 10 or more years between menarche and first pregnancy had 26 percent and 81 percent increased risk of breast cancer and proliferative benign breast disease respectively, they said.

Xinhua



Verizon, Vodafone restart talks on \$100 billion-plus deal: WSJ

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Verizon Communications Inc and Vodafone Group Plc have restarted talks over a possible buyout of the British firm's stake in their US wireless joint venture, the *Wall Street Journal* said, a deal that is expected to cost Verizon more than \$100 billion. Verizon is in discussions with banks about the tens of billions of dollars in loans it would need to complete the deal, the *Journal* said, citing a person familiar with the matter.

But it added that it was not immediately clear whether the two companies had resolved disagreements over price or whether Verizon has put forward a specific offer, the financial daily added. *Reuters* reported first in April that Verizon had hired advisers for a possible \$100 billion bid and was contemplating a roughly 50:50 cash and stock

offer for the 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless it does not already own.

At the time, most analysts said the roughly \$100 billion figure contemplated by Verizon was too low and that the value of the Vodafone holding was nearer \$120 billion. The *Journal* said significant shifts in financial markets, such as rising rates as well as changes in the US cellphone business had brought the two sides closer together. Verizon could borrow \$50 billion or more to

cover the cash component of a deal, the *Journal* said, citing people familiar with the matter.

A Verizon spokesman declined to comment on the report while Vodafone was unavailable for comment outside regular business hours. Vodafone Chairman Gerard Kleisterlee said last month the company would seriously consider any offer for its stake in Verizon Wireless if it offered more value to investors than the current status quo.—Reuters



A woman walks past the logo of Vodafone company in Luxembourg in this picture taken on 20 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

Carlyle, Townsend to invest \$200 million in China warehouses

HONG KONG, 29 Aug—US buyouts firm Carlyle Group (CG.O) said on Thursday it would invest around \$200 million with US investment management firm Townsend Group to buy and build 17 warehouses as part of plans to build a logistics platform across China.

Carlyle and Townsend have agreed to buy five logistics warehouses owned by Shanghai Yupei Group, a domestic warehouse developer and operator in China, and to build another 12 in a strategic partnership

with Shanghai Yupei.

Shanghai Yupei will also invest \$200 million as part of the deal, and warehouses will be built in strategic hubs across China, including first-tier cities Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, and second-tier cities such as Shenyang, Tianjin, Chongqing, Zhengzhou and Hefei.

The strategic platform is planned to own and operate a nationwide logistics warehouse network with more than 1.8 million square meters of gross floor area.—Reuters

NATIONAL

Four Myanmar-Thai border check points opened as international entry and exit gates



Opening ceremony of Myawady-Mae Sot border check point as international entry and exit gate for passport holders with valid visa in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—A ceremony to open Myawady-Mae Sot border check point as international entry and exit gate for passport holders with valid visa was held at Myawady friendship bridge yesterday morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, state ministers, Mayor of Tak Province in Thailand Mr. Sutiya Peasatbuntitya, the chairmen of chambers

of commerce from Myawady trade zone and Tak Province, officials from KNU, tourists and locals.

At the ceremony, Union Minister U Khin Yi said that Myanmar allows entry and exit of

tourist with six visas and most of them enter through Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw international airports.

As Myanmar shares border with five neighboring countries, bilateral agreements were signed with a view to facilitating border pass for the peoples from both countries and third country nationals, he said. The tourists who have valid passports and official entry visas and documents are allowed to enter through four check points and three international airports and they were allowed to leave through one of those seven gates, he added.

Union Minister U Htay Aung clarified matters on development of tourism industry, Kayin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Aung Lwin, convenience of entry and exit for tourists and preparation for security measures. The Kayin State ministers and officials formally opened Myawady-Mae Sot international entry and exit gate. The Union ministers and party

Coord meeting for holding International Day of Democracy held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The Central Committee for holding International Day of Democracy-2013 held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee, here this afternoon with an opening speech by Central Committee Chairman U Htay Oo.

Chairman U Htay Oo called for coordination between Work Committee for successful holding of the International Day of Democracy-2013 which will fall on 15 September, 2013.

Next, the Secretary of Central Committee explained matters on preparation for holding International Day of Democracy-2013 and so did the six chairmen from the Work Committees.

The Chairman attended to the needs saying that holding International Day of Democracy-2013 is one of the significant days which are held in every nation of the world. The ceremony is aimed at disseminating knowledge on democratic practices, he added.—MNA

inspected undertaking of immigration works by the staff from various departments, opening of exchange counters for tourists, selling of SIM cards and arrangements of taxi.

They also attended a press meet on launching of Myanmar-Thai border check points as international entry and exit gates at Ayechanphyo Hall

in Myawady and replied to queries raised by media persons and locals.

Similarly, Myanmar-Thai border check points —Tachilek-Maesai border check point in Tachilek, Kawthoung-Ranong border check point in Kawthoung and Hteekhee-Phunaron border check point in Dawei were opened yesterday morning simultaneously.—MNA

Press release on actions of ministries on recommendation submitted to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. Regarding the suggestions on Zizawah Pharmacy Co's importation of drugs, the Ministry of Finance replied that

- (a) In valuation of the imports, the Ministry is to follow Section-30 of the Maritime Customs Act and ASEAN Customs Valuation Guides Book, WTO Valuation Agreement. The following points are used for valuation of miscellaneous goods.
 - (1) scrutinizing whether or not there is previous recorded prices
 - (2) designating compared values with data of some machines (eg- engine power, weight and capacity)
 - (3) valuation by scrutinizing whether or not CTF value, Invoice price and documents match with their actual conditions (sale contract, proforma invoice, commercial invoice, insurance certificate and tax invoice)
 - (4) valuation based on prices on the Internet websites
 - (5) valuation by using deduction method under Para 183/245 of Burma Appraiser Manual
 - (6) valuation based on Form D and Form E
- (b) Prices on internet websites mostly are FOB prices. Myanmar has to levy taxes in accord with Section 30 of Maritime Customs Law, Burma Appraiser Manual, ASEAN Agreement and CIF values. According to Burma Appraiser Manual Para-200, conversion of FOB to CIF prices needs to add 20% to FOB values for importation by land and sea and 10% to FOB values for importation by air if less than K 500 and 5 % if more than K 500.
- (c) Valuation by asking other companies' selling prices will be in accord with Section-30 (a) of Marine Customs Law. Under Para 183/245 of Burma Appraiser Manual, the Ministry fixes

selling prices by Deduction Method.

- (d) Regarding customs for the importation of drugs during the extension of FDA certificate, the drugs companies can distribute and sell drugs only after they have got recommendations from FDA under the Ministry of Health. During the FDA renewing period, the Ministry allows the drugs companies to process customs documents and to take out the drugs. And the stores of respective companies are sealed and they are allowed to sell drugs after getting FDA's recommendations.

2. Regarding the above suggestion, the Ministry of Health has replied as follows:—

- (a) The FDA under the Ministry of Health in registering pharmaceuticals is responsible to scrutinize related documents of the drug (facts related to management, production, quality, pharmacological effects, and medical tests), conduct lab testing on drugs and seek remarks from pharmaceutical consultant committee members about prescription drugs.
- (b) The administration issues certificates for drugs attached with complete documents, whose lab testing results meet standard and for which the pharmaceutical consultant committee members give remarks. The administration has to handle from 250 to 300 kinds of drugs registration in a normal month. In addition, it examines random sample of drugs in the market on a monthly basis.
- (c) The administration gives priority to extension of drug registration period in order to make sure drugs do not run out of stocks in the market and pharmaceutical companies do not have difficulties in importing drugs. To extend the registration period of drug, application should be submitted three months ahead of the expiry of valid registration period with complete documents in line with the procedures. It normally takes four

to six months for the administration to scrutinize drugs for registration according to the job nature.

- (d) The administration only takes six to nine months in scrutinizing the drug registration applications but not one and a half year in case of urgent need of drugs at national level and for importation of registered drug from Europe, American and Australia.
- (e) With regard to application for importation of such medical equipment as disposable, syringes, needles, scalp vein set, infusion set, blood transfusion set, blood donor set, IV Cannula, spinal needle, needle for dialysis, surgical gloves, and examination gloves, the administration scrutinizes related documents and conducts lab tests on samples and issues certificate for importation if the equipment meet set standard. The examination period lasts for three months normally.
- (f) With regard to registration application for importation of rapid diagnostic test kits, the administration scrutinizes quality assurance certificate of Public Health Lab Department and related documents about the test kits and issues medical equipment registration certificate if the equipment meet set standard. The scrutiny period normally is nearly a month.
- (g) The Food and Drug Administration has opened a department, increased the workforce, and started reviewing the drug registration procedures and its special focus will be placed on public access to major, quality and no-side effect drugs and quality and healthy foods.

3. It is hereby announced that further complaints and inquiries about the actions of ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

LOCAL NEWS

Agriculture

Farmers of flood-hit farmlands provided with strains

HPA-AN, 29 Aug—Flash flood was caused by heavy rain and the increase of river water level in 2013-2014 fiscal year monsoon paddy season in Kayin State, destroying 7959 acres of farmlands.

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, accompanied by state agricultural supervisory committee members, provided 107 baskets of Hsinthukha paddy strains to farmers of farmlands

destroyed by the flood in Kyonphe village and 135 baskets of paddy strains to those in Zathabyin village on 18 August.

The meeting in Kyonphe village focused on timely recovery of the farmlands and works to be done.

It was attended by 68 farmers from Zathabyin village and 75 farmers from Kyonphe village of the township.

MMAL-State Agriculture



Collective blood donation held in Shwebo

SHWEBO, 29 Aug—Shwebo's W.Com Computer Centre and Mandalay National Blood Bank jointly organized a collective blood donation ceremony at W.Com Computer Centre

on 18 August.

Volunteers of the youth arm of the computer centre and blood donors in the township donated blood to the team of the Blood Bank of Mandalay. 136 donors

participated in the blood donation. A team of 33 led by Dr Myo Min Han of the Blood Bank (Mandalay), Dr Wai Phyo Maw and nurse Daw Kyu Kyu accepted the blood bags.—MMAL-150

Specialists provide eye care to patients

YANGON, 29 Aug—At Hlinethaya People's Hospital in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon North District, eye specialists provided eye care services to 309 patients on 25 August.

Five specialists and two optical technicians gave eye health care to the patients with the assistance of four nurses. They transferred 23 men and 28 women patients who need to receive surgical

treatment to Eye Specialist Hospital.

The specialists provided glasses to needy patients.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

Yangon Traffic Police Corps ensuring road safety for students, providing traffic rules education

YANGON, 29 Aug—Yangon Region Traffic Police Corps is ensuring safety of schoolchildren before and after the schooling hours.

No (24) Traffic Police Corps strengthened their

efforts to ensure safety of students on road in Ahlon Township.

Members of the No (42) Traffic Police Corps are taking charge of traffic in the cooperation with

All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee in North Okkalapa Township.

They are also providing traffic rules education to the students at the same time.

MMAL-Ye Ko Ko



National Sports

Mandalay Region Football Federation meets

MANDALAY, 29 Aug—A coordination meeting for organizing Mandalay Region Football Federation President Cup U-20 Football Tournament was held at the office of Mandalay Region Football Federation at Bahtoo stadium in Mandalay of Mandalay District on 26 August.

President of Mandalay Region Football Federation U Maung Ko called for promotion of footballing standards of Mandalay Region and organizing football tournaments under supervision of former selected upper Myanmar footballers.

Secretary of the Region Football Federation U Aung Aung and executives Academy Principal U Soe Nyunt, selected footballers association chairman U Zaw Win and officials went into details on rules and regulations of the game, formation of competition



committees, offences and actions.

The football match is scheduled to kick off on 15 October at Bahtoo Stadium.

The application forms

will be made available for potential contesting teams on 20-30 August at the region Football Federation Office.

The entry fee is K 0.1 million with another K 0.1

million as guarantee.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Myanmar to meet with Omen in AFC U-22 Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Myanmar U-22 football team has been qualified for the AFC U-22 Championship without any loss. It is single qualified team in ASEAN region.

The final stage of AFC U-22 Championship 2014 will be held in Omen. Myanmar will meet with Omen on 11 January 2014 at Sultan Qaboos Sports

Complex.

The group matches of the final stage will be held from 11 to 16 January 2014, the quarterfinals on 19 and 20 January, semifinals on 23 January, the third placed match on 25 January and final on 26 January at Muscat of Omen.

The drawing of lots for group matches was held

at Muscat of Omen on 24 August under the supervision of AFC.

Group A comprises Omen, Myanmar, South Korea, Jordan, Group B North Korea, UAE, Syria, Yemen, Group C Japan, Australia, Iran, Kuwait and Group D Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and China.—Kyemon-Maung Maung Zaw

Labour

Committee protecting rights of Myanmar migrant workers formed

TACHILEK, 29 Aug—A committee to help Myanmar migrant workers facing difficulties in Maesai in Thailand was formed in a meeting at General Administration Department Office on 26 August.

Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htway, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Nay Myo Htut, Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and officials participated in discussion on promotion of friendly relations and safeguarding rights of Myanmar citizens abroad.

Myanmar migrant workers who witnessed abuses by some Thai authorities recalled their experiences.

The Myanmar Citizen Support Committee (Tachilek) was formed

with 27 members including Tachilek Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and officials, members of social organizations,

members of political parties, members of ethnic cultural groups and media men.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

Communications



LOW-PRICED SIM CARD DRAW: U Kyaw Htin Aung and U Nyi Nyi Lyin of village administration support committee in Ywakauk village in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area witnessed the draw of lots for sale of low-priced GSM and CDMA SIM cards at the village-tract administrator office on 24 August.—MMAL-145

NATIONAL

Asia Development Bank Institute visits mechanized farmlands

PERSPECTIVES

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Employment opportunities

Creation of job opportunities can contribute much to socio-economic development of individuals and families as well as to country's development, leading to reduction of poverty rate. Only when every family has more job opportunities, would they enjoy high income and living standards.

Nowadays, the majority of the countries in the world are placing special emphasis on creation of more job opportunities. Especially, China creates employment opportunities of its citizens through job fairs and establishment of job creation centers. Recently, our country sees job fairs in Yangon and Mandalay.

Job fairs serve as a bridge between job seekers and employers. The job hunters may apply for the posts they want to and the employers may appoint qualified staff.

Like Yangon and Mandalay, such fairs should be held in other cities across the country so as to create more job opportunities for people there. The State is pushing for swift establishment of small-scale enterprises throughout the country. Thanks to it, the country is likely to see more employment opportunities soon.

It is crucial for job seekers and hunters to have proficiency skills in their related fields. And they should complete the courses such as computer, accounting, management, English and mechanics. Here, we believe that job fairs and establishment of job creation centers can create more job opportunities.

MoU on Saemaul Undong signed

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—A ceremony to sign an MoU on Saemaul Undong between the Ministry of Cooperatives and the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here this afternoon.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan and Minister of Security and Public Administration Mr Yoo Jeong Bok of ROK signed the agreement.

In carrying out the survey of ten villages in Myanmar on the ground in February 2012 for the first step in order to implement Saemaul Undong, the Korean researcher team chose the east village of Phaunggyi in Hlegu Township and Thanatpin Village of Thanlyin Township. In May 2012, six representatives from each village and three officials from the Ministry were sent to Korea to attend the course and in June, the Korean experts arrived in Myanmar and implemented the pilot test for

the first phase.

A total of 5396 people from 1242 households in two villages were provided with US\$ 45,000. As a part of implementing Saemaul Undong project, construction of bridges, repairing of the villages' roads, replacing the roofs with the new ones and distribution of agriculture inputs were carried out. As a result, the project met the target in 2012 enabling the people who live in those areas to create good environment, to uplift their self-improvement, to fulfill the basic requirements for improvement of business and to change their mindset.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology will sell four items of K-100 stamp, four items of K-500 stamp and one item of stamp depicting eight K 100 and K 500 worth stamps in commemoration

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with expert Dr Jae-Ha Park (Deputy Dean) of Asia Development Bank Institute-ADBI and Special Adviser Mr Giovanni Capannelli and experts viewed round thriving seasonal crops and vegetables on 900 acres of land in Ottarathiri Township this morning.

They also visited the plantations in Dekkhinathiri Township and viewed thriving Japanese and Korean strains of vegetables. They also viewed milch cow breeding farms. They looked into use of modern agricultural machinery and heavy machinery in farming and fruit processing sites.

The Union minister



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and guests view round thriving sugarcane plantations.—MNA

and party visited Ngalaik dam irrigated 440-acre monsoon paddy plantations in Pyinmana Township and 3000-acre mechanized farms in Dekkhinathiri Township.

The Union minister,

Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw met ADB delegation members to draw Road Map of Myanmar agriculture sector at the ministry yesterday afternoon.

They discussed

technological assistance from ADB for development of seed production, water supply for dry zone including Meiktila for agricultural purpose and drawing of a Road Map.

MNA

India to provide US\$ 25m for five-year plan



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win holds talks with Indian Ambassador Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win received Indian Ambassador Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya at his office this afternoon.

At the call, they frankly discussed implementation of road and bridges, education and health projects in Chin State and Naga Self-Administered Zone in cooperation with Ministry of Border Affairs,

plans to undertake border region development tasks spending US\$ 5 million funded by India in 2013-14 FY, donation of US\$ 1 million for construction of 10 primary schools in Rakhine State, Sittway Port Project for comprehensive development of Rakhine State and development of Kaladan River Basin.

India will fund US\$ 25 million for five-year project to build roads and bridges, education and health infrastructures in Chin State and Naga Self-Administered Zone.—MNA

Cultural exchange talks between Myanmar and ROK

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut delivers speech at talks on cultural exchange.

MNA



YANGON, 29 Aug—A cultural exchange talks between the broadcasting departments of Myanmar and the Republic of Korea was held at Yankin hall of Sedona Hotel, here, this afternoon.

On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut and Chairman of the Foundation of Broadcast

Culture of the ROK Mr Kim Moon-Hwan delivered speeches. The cultural exchange programme was followed.

Also present at the meeting were departmental officials from the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, Foundation of Broadcast Culture and guests.

MNA

Nine new stamps on sales as of 2 September



of the XXVII SEA Games at region/state/district and township communication stations (post office) as of 9 am on 2 September (Monday).

As a special



programme, the stamps will be sealed with the date of purchase at Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay Post Office on 2 September.—MNA

NATIONAL

U Tin Yu concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Latvia

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Latvia.

MNA

Parliamentarians to keep on showing their capacity and genuine goodwill

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The following is the undertakings in today's seventh regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw explained by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann.

The Speaker said the seventh regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would wind up, thanking the lawmakers for their works and cooperation.

The seventh regular sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw started on 25 June, 2013, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on 1 July. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was convened on 18 days during the period of the seventh regular session, the Speaker acknowledged.

A total of 3683 observers—3608 local observers including members of political parties and associations and trainees, students from universities and schools, departmental personnel and members of ethnic

groups and 75 observers from foreign delegation—visited the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in these days. The Speaker related the increase in number of visitors and increasing attention of the public on the parliament and progress in the democratization efforts.

A total of 16 laws have been enacted in the period with two bills including Telecommunications Bill sent to the President to sign, the Speaker said. Reports of Investigation Commission into Land Grabs, Joint Committee for Employer and Labour Rights and Joint Public Accounts Committee were approved, he said.

Most importantly, the joint constitutional review commission was formed and started reviewing 2008

Rural development ...

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their efforts paid off and now South Korean has become one of 10 wealthiest countries in the world, the Vice-President said.

He expressed his wish to establish Myanmar Development Institute that would emulate the success of Korean Development Institute established in 1971 by Korean then President

Park Chon Hye. He mentioned Myanmar Development and Research Institute as a pilot project of the Myanmar Development Institute.

Korean experts from Saemaul Undong Centre have been drafting a pilot project for Myanmar's village development since September 2012, he said. He stressed the need to transform cooperative syndicates of the villages into larger cooperative societies.

He acknowledged that the government initiated political and economic reforms and liberalized the economy in first 30 months. He said the government would give priorities to electricity supply, adequate potable and drinking water, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and industrial development in remaining 30 months.

He said the reason behind the formation of cooperative societies was

that it would be hard to distribute resources to dispersing individuals.

He called on the farmers to initiate combined farming. He said Nay Pyi Taw Accord had been declared to facilitate cooperation with development partners.

The Vice-President confessed that the country needed aids, cooperation and consultations from inside and outside the country. Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said small loan is the most fundamental part of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation scheme. He called for funding from international organizations, UN agencies, WB, ADB and international monetary organizations to establish Microfinance Bank.

Director of International Economy Department under the Ministry of Strategy and Finance Mr Tae Yong Yoon, Executive

Director of International Development Centre of KDI Mr Hongtaek Chun and Korean Minister of Security and Public Administration Mr Yoo Jeong Bok delivered addresses.

The Vice-President posed for a documentary photo with those present at the forum. The forum was jointly organized by Korean Strategy and Finance Ministry, Korean Development Institute, Ministry of Cooperatives, National Planning and Economic Development, and Livestock, Fishery and Rural Development. A village development pilot project has been implemented in Hlegu Township with the assistance of the Korean government since 2012. Saemaul Undong Complex Centre will be opened in Phaunggyi east village on 30 August. An MoU on extension of similar projects in other villages was signed yesterday.—MNA

Committee for Supervising and Safeguarding Tourists meets



Meeting of Committee for Supervising and Safeguarding Tourists in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The meeting 2/2013 of Committee for Supervising and Safeguarding Tourists was held at the meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, this evening, with an opening address by Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

At the meeting, the Union minister said that tourist arrival has increased due to economic reform

process in Myanmar and entry and exit for tourists through border check points were allowed at present. The Union minister clarified plans for extension of air lines and called for broader cooperation among the committee.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, U Han Sein, U Myint Thein and

U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and the committee members. Joint Secretary Police Brig-Gen Tin Soe reported on formation of work committees, Secretary Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win, offences for foreigners and ongoing tasks of the committee.

MNA

Chinese guests visit MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Press House



Public Service Media Governing Body Chairman U Ye Tint explains tasks of board to Chinese delegation members.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—A Chinese delegation led by Ms Zhang Xia, Editor-in-chief of Overseas Edition of China Daily from All-China Journalists' Association looked round Myanma Radio and

Television (Tatkon), here, this morning.

Then, the Chinese delegation observed Nay Pyi Taw Press House in Zeyathiri Township.

After that, they paid homage to the Uppatasanti

Pagoda and left here for Yangon in the afternoon.

In the evening, the delegation viewed the office of Public Service Media Governing Body on Theinbyu Road in Yangon.

MNA

Japanese Govt assists USD 116,434 to construct new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Under the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP), the Japanese government has extended an assistance of USD 116,434 to build Kwet Thit Basic Education Post Primary School in Ward (4), Hmawby

Township in Yangon.

Mr. Mikio NUMATA, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, and U Aye Ko, Chairman of Kwet Thit Basic Education Post Primary School Construction Committee, signed the grant contract yesterday.

The school is in need of cash assistance for its repair tasks.

The contribution would be used for constructing a new two-storey building, toilets and school furniture.

Such assistance to the need of students strengthens good relations between Japan and Myanmar.

MNA

Mine clearing course concludes at PyinOoLwin Station



PyinOoLwin, 29 Aug—The mine clearing course 2013 concluded at Defence Services Engineering Training Depot in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region on 26 August.

It was attended by

Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Maj-Gen Aung Lin Dway, Commandant of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Zaw Myint, Commandant of Military Hospital (700-bed) Brig-Gen Soe Win, Commandant

of Defence Services Engineering Training Depot Col Myint Than Oo, senior military officers of stations, PyinOoLwin District Deputy Commissioner U Aung Zaw Latt, Township Administrator U Muang Maung, Commander of PyinOoLwin District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Myint and 15 trainees.

At first, the commander of PyinOoLwin Station made a speech. The commander of District Police Force spoke words of thanks.

Next, the trainees demonstrated their skills as the graduation performances.

The trainees attended the mine clearing course

with the assistance of mine clearing dogs and other related modern equipment from 5 to 26 August.

Kyemon-614

Mway Hill, Phar Hill mineral exploration project in Chin State

KALAY, 29 Aug—Mway Hill and Phar Hill located in Tiddim of Chin State, border of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region has been designated as rain forest since British era. The forest of the hills were designated as prohibited area for logging. As part of conservation of the weather, the local people avoid cutting logs and extraction of timber up to now.

The two hills are surrounded with over 30 villages in Tiddim Township of Chin State and Kalay Township of Sagaing Region.

The hills are resources of nikle nickel. Mineral exploration project was assigned to Ban Bau Co in last years, but it was not able to implement the project. Now, North Mining Investment Company will go on the project.

The project needs 207,630 gallons of water per day and 15 megawatts of electricity a day, said an official of the company.

Upon achievement of the mineral exploration project, Chin State government can earn US\$ 500,000 yearly from the two per cent benefit of the project.—Kyemon-Ju Nine

HRD

Entrance text held for BEd course in Haka



HAKA, 29 Aug—The entrance exam for the second batch of BEd 5-year course of University for Development of National Races 2013 was held at Basic Education High School No 1 in Haka on 26 August.

Among 20 candidates,

17 took the examination. The winners must enter the personal interview at the Chin State Education Department.

Township level entrance exams were held at the respective townships.

Kyemon-Chin State
IPRD

Livestock breeding section accelerated in Taikkyi

TAIKKYI, 29 Aug—Staff Officer Dr Thet Naing and party of Taikkyi Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made a field trip to village-tracts in the township.

In meeting with local breeders, they gave talks on extended breeding of pig, poultry and cows for economic development of rural areas and raising meat and fish sector of the State.

The department provides assistance to the

local breeders and distributes raising layers and broilers and pigs to the rural areas at Gyobu Village-tract on 26 August for enhancement of fish and meat sources.

Deputy heads of the department also discussed the arrangements for higher intellectuals of the students of Basic Education Primary Schools in the village-tract, feeding milk to the students free of charge.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing
(Myaing)

Raising reading habit, taking census talked

KATHA, 29 Aug—Jointly organized by Katha District Information and Public Relations Department and Katha Township Writers Association, the talks on raising reading habit and taking census was given at Basic Education Primary School in Upper Wegyi Village of Katha Township on 25 August.

Chairman of Township Writers Association U Khin Maung Lay (Maung Lay-Katha) and Secretary U Aye Lwin (Aye Lwin-Katha) gave talks on development of culture, Staff Officer U Chi Maung of District IPRD and Patron of the association U Chit Myaing (Thin Hnway-Katha) gave talks on raising reading habit and taking census process.

Member of Katha District Traffic Rule Enforcements Committee Traffic Police Cpl Aung Win presented pamphlets on

knowledge about traffic rules to the attendees and donated 300 copies of journals and publications to the school library.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The talks was attended by over 250 local people and students of Upper Wegyi Village.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Narcotic drugs seized in Katha

KATHA, 29 Aug—SIP Kyaw Nyunt Win and party of Mansigy Police Station in Bamauk Township of Katha District of Sagaing Region together with SIP Maung Zaw and party of Shwetaw Police Station on 21 August, acting on tip-off, searched Kenbo black motorcycle driven by Aung Htay on Naungyaw-Shwehmaw Aukcheint Road.

The combined team seized 0.3 gram of white powder in the pennicilin bottle which may be heroin from his bag and two grams of white powder worth K 230,000.

File of lawsuit was opened against Aung Htay under Section 15/16(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon District IPRD

INUNDATION IN MAWLAMYINE:
Low-lying area Shwedaung ward and Shwedaung Street was inundated due to heavy rain and overflow of Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine on 22 August.
KYEMON-694



REGIONAL



Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan (1st L) meets with Brunei's Minister of Energy Mohammad Yasmin Bin Umar in Seri Begawanon, Brunei, on 28 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Indonesia to build particular jail for terrorists

JAKARTA, 29 Aug—A plan to build particular penitentiary to jail terrorists arrested in Indonesia has been set with project site set in Sentul, Bogor, West Java near the country's capital city Jakarta.

A senior official said Wednesday that the particular jail would be used as a centre to de-radicalize terrorists and militants arrested by the apparatus.

The construction of the particular jail would commence in the near future and to be carried out by Indonesian Law and Human Rights Ministry in co-operation with the government's anti-terrorism desk of BNPT, Law and Human Rights Deputy Minister Denny Indrayana said on Wednesday.

"This is intended for de-radicalization measure as the requirements to do so were stipulated in the existing law and presidential decree," Denny said on the sidelines of a sworn-in ceremony of senior officials in his ministry here.

The acting penitentiary director general at the ministry, Bambang Krisbanu said on Monday that construction plan, including the design, is still being intensively discussed in related ministerial level at the moment.

He added that besides the BNPT, police's anti-terrorism squad of Detachment 88 were also involved in the plan.—Xinhua

Japan no longer sees UN chief's remarks as questionable

TOKYO, 29 Aug — The government said on Thursday it no longer sees UN-Secretary General Ban Ki Moon's remarks that were taken as criticizing Japanese political leaders' perception of wartime history as questionable.

Ban's "true intent has become clear", Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference, a day after a senior Japanese official met with Ban in the Netherlands and asked what he meant by his comments.

Ban was quoted by Suga as telling Japan's Senior Vice Foreign Minister Masaji Matsuyama that he "is well aware" of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's position on the per-

ception of history and Japan's longtime efforts as a peaceful nation.

Speaking to journalists on Monday in Seoul, Ban said Japanese leaders should have "deep reflection and vision to look toward the international future in an effort to foster friendly ties with a correct view of past history".

Ban, a former South Korean foreign minister, was referring to the conflict between Japan and China and South Korea over some Japanese lawmakers' views on Japan's wartime aggression in the region, as well as to moves by Abe's Liberal Democratic Party to revise the country's pacifist Constitution.

Sri Lanka assures transparency with human rights chief

COLOMBO, 29 Aug—The Sri Lankan government on Wednesday assured full transparency during the ongoing visit of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay. Government Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said Pillay was given all that she asked for during her visit and the government hopes the visit will be an eye opener for her.

Pillay arrived in Sri Lanka on Sunday and on Tuesday she visited the war-torn north of the country and had discussions with government officials as well as

civil society. She also met families of people reportedly missing during the battle between the Tamil Tiger rebels and the military.

Silva said that several allegations had been raised against the government but the government was not shaken. He said that Pillay now had the opportunity to see for herself the ground situation and reach a conclusion accordingly.

The minister also said the government hopes Pillay will give a fair and balanced report on Sri Lanka to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva following her visit

to Sri Lanka. He was of the view that her impression on Sri Lanka should be positive from what she sees on the ground. Pillay was invited to visit Sri Lanka by the government and following a tour of the north she travelled to the east on Wednesday and will be having meetings in Colombo on Thursday and Friday.

Sri Lanka ended its civil conflict by defeating the Tamil Tigers four years ago but human rights groups have been accusing the military of committing human rights abuses during the conflict.

Xinhua



In shape, the hotel looks like a "Gold Brick", which has been found in Jiangsu Province, south China. There are 48 floors within this building with total investment of 1,500,000,000 RMB.—XINHUA

Pakistan plans "targeted operation" against miscreants in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 29 Aug—The Pakistani government on Wednesday hinted a "targeted operation" against the miscreants in the violence-hit port city of Karachi where businesses are now demanding deployment of the army to restore peace.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said the government has proposed a targeted operation in Karachi against identified target killers, extortionists and criminals.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad on Wednesday, the interior minister said the next meeting of the federal cabinet would be held in Karachi to discuss the blueprint of the proposed operation.

A report released by the Human Rights Commission

of Pakistan earlier in July said a total of 1,726 people were killed in Karachi during the first half of 2013.

Those killed included victims of sectarian violence, targeted killings, as well as over a hundred people whose dead bodies were found in the city and who appeared to have died in incidents of violence, the Commission said in a latest report.

The minister said there was no need for whole scale operation in Karachi as a number of target killers, extortionists and criminals have already been identified and the city can get rid of these elements in a non-political and transparent targeted operation.

The federal cabinet, presided over by Prime Minister

Nawaz Sharif, Wednesday discussed the law and order situation in Karachi and called for deployment of the regular army to check violence.

"The Prime Minister took serious notice of the law and order situation in Karachi and directed the Interior Minister to make a comprehensive presentation in the next cabinet meeting on the issue," an official statement said.

Information Minister Pervez Rashid said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif directed the Interior Ministry to present a detailed report on law and order situation in Karachi before the cabinet to assist the provincial government to improve the situation.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Aug, 2013 shows books displayed at the 20th Beijing International Book Fair in Beijing, capital of China. Over 2,000 publishers from 76 countries and regions took part in the fair.—XINHUA

Vietnamese Party leader meets Seychelles President in Hanoi

HANOI, 29 Aug—Vietnam always wishes to bolster cooperation with African nations, including Seychelles, said General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Nguyen Phu Trong.

Trong made the statement here on Wednesday during his meeting with President of Seychelles James Alix Michel during the latter's visit to Vietnam.

Xinhua

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One civilian killed in Afghan capital suicide bombing

KABUL, 29 Aug—At least one civilian was killed on Tuesday evening when a suicide bombing took place in western Kabul, the police and witnesses said.
“One man detonated his explosive jacket near the entrance of Ministry of Power and Water Resources. The bomber was killed on the spot and one civilian also died as a result of the explosion,” a police source told *Xinhua* anonymously.
The obvious target of the attack remained unknown, he said. The incident happened in the road where several gov’t agencies, including the parliament building, are located.

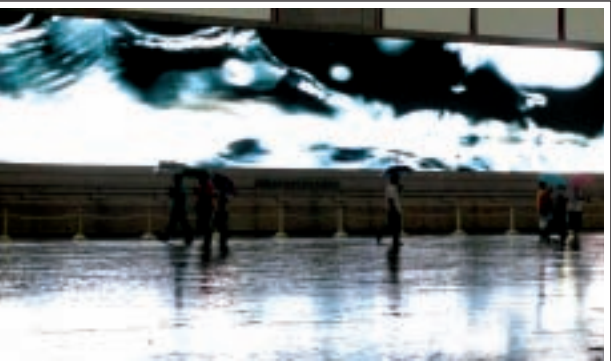
Xinhua

Language list aims to pass on Chinese culture

BEIJING, 29 Aug—A team of experts has urged the public to use standard Chinese characters despite the popularity of Internet buzzwords.
A team of experts working with the Ministry of Education released a list of 8,105 of the most commonly known Chinese characters on Tuesday, categorized by frequency of use, in an effort to standardize the language and deter the use of newly coined terms on the Internet.
“These words were made up by netizens in a certain context and can be replaced by commonly used characters to represent the same meanings,” said Wang Ning, a professor with the Beijing Normal University and leader of the team that compiled the list. “We suggest people not overuse them in daily communications as it might mislead young students or foreign Chinese learners and trigger issues in the passing on of Chinese characters.”—*Xinhua*

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Tourists pass by a LED screen in rain at the Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Aug, 2013. Beijing witnessed a rainfall on Wednesday.—XINHUA

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Five killed in small plane crash in western Germany

BERLIN, 29 Aug—A small plane crashed in Ruhr region of western Germany on Tuesday evening, killing five people including one child.
The *Piper* plane crashed at 17:00 (1500 GMT) on a meadow near Dortmund in the western German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.
Two men, two women and one child were killed. Three other children were seriously injured and transferred to hospital by a helicopter, reported *West-deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* newspaper, citing police source.
The accident site lies between the cities of Wickede and Frondenberg, a spokesman said. Some of the victims were trapped in the crashed plane and had to be freed. Tens of rescuers, several vehicles and helicopters were on site.

Xinhua

Students increasingly lured to study overseas

BEIJING, 29 Aug—China’s top universities, which once had students and parents scrambling for admission, are experiencing an embarrassing downturn in applications in the face of growing competition from overseas.
According to a recent survey by Chinese education consulting company MyCOS, the proportion of mainland students applying for top universities, such as Peking University, Tsinghua University in Beijing and Fudan University in Shanghai, is on a downward trend. Between 28 June and 30 July, MyCOS conducted an online survey of 492 students who have already received offers from universities for 2013. About 4 percent of those surveyed said they have turned down offers from the country’s top universities, about 1 percentage point higher than last year. About 3 percent said they are still considering their options.
One explanation given for the trend is the increasing lure of overseas universities, such as in Hong Kong and Macao, which appear to be attracting larger numbers of the mainland’s top students. About 93 percent of those surveyed said they will apply at the top universities on the Chinese mainland, compared with 97 percent in 2012. As early as in 2002, universities in Hong Kong and Macao began to enroll undergraduate students from the mainland, attracting them with high-quality educational resources, generous scholarships and bright job prospects.
This year, the number of mainland students applying at Hong Kong University hit a record high of 12,000. The university planned to enroll between 250 and 300 students from the mainland, but the number finally expanded to 303, including 16 champions of the gaokao — the mainland’s college entrance exam.—*Xinhua*

Wild golden monkeys are seen at the Qinling Mountains in Yangxian County, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 26 Aug, 2013. The number of wild golden monkeys at the Qinling Mountains in Yangxian County has increased by 30 since the beginning of 2013. Like the giant panda, the monkeys are counted among China’s “national treasures” and placed under top state protection.—XINHUA



ENTERTAINMENT

Country singer Bryan keeps top spot on Billboard album chart



US actor George Clooney (R) poses with actress Sandra Bullock during a photocall at the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 28 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Clooney, Bullock launch Venice into orbit with 'Gravity'

VENICE, 29 Aug—The Venice Film Festival got off to an explosive start on Wednesday with the premiere of 3D space movie "Gravity", teaming George Clooney and Sandra Bullock as astronauts imperiled by a botched Russian missile shot.

Twenty films, including five from the United States and three British ones, are in competition for the Golden Lion trophy that will be awarded at the end of the 70th edition of the world's oldest film festival, on 7 September.

"I hate space," Bullock's astronaut character Ryan Stone says midway through what essentially is a Clooney-Bullock two hander in which their shuttle is destroyed by an avalanche of space debris triggered by a Russian missile strike on a spy satellite gone horribly wrong.

She does not learn to love space, but Stone, a scientist who has been grieving over the death of her four-year-old daughter, has a spiritual rebirth, thanks in part to the ebullient resilience of Clooney's country-music-loving Matt Kowalsky and to her discovering her own instinct to survive.

At the post-film news conference, Bullock and

Clooney said the film, directed by Mexico's Alfonso Cuarón, had been one of the most demanding in which they had ever appeared.

"Physically and mentally it was the craziest, most bizarre, challenging thing. But you find what you're made of," Bullock said. In possibly the strongest female space acting performance since Sigourney Weaver killed the female reptile in "Alien", Bullock overcomes waves of debris that destroy pretty much everything in orbit as Stone and Kowalsky embark on a roller-coaster ride from hell to get back to earth.

There is no sound in space, the movie says in its opening titles, but the pounding soundtrack, and the 3D explosions on board one disintegrating space vehicle after another strongly suggest otherwise. There is more suspense in the movie's one and half hours than any of the online trailers have suggested.

David Rooney, critic for the Hollywood Reporter, told Reuters of "Gravity", which is not in competition: "You sit there watching completely immersed in this atmosphere and puzzling over how they achieved all this."

Reuters

LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug—Country singer Luke Bryan topped the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday for the second consecutive week, denying singer-songwriter John Mayer's latest album the No 1 spot in its first week.

Bryan's "Crash My Party" sold 159,000 copies in the past week after tallying 527,000 in sales the prior week, according to figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Mayer's sixth studio album, "Paradise Valley," sold 144,000 in its first week on the chart. Four of Mayer's six albums have topped the weekly US album chart.

Half of the albums to

reach Billboard's top 10 did so in their first week of sales, including three debut studio albums.

R&B super-group TGT, composed of singers Tyrese, Ginuwine, and Tank, landed at No 3,

selling 76,000 copies of their debut album, "Three Kings," in its first week.

Teenage rapper Earl Sweatshirt's first album, "Doris," sold 49,000 copies, which was good enough for No 5, while

A\$AP Ferg's debut album, "Trap Lord," entered the chart at No 9 with 39,000 copies sold.

Veteran singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett's 27th studio album, "Songs from St. Somewhere," sold 55,000 copies in its opening week, reaching No 4.

Pop singer Katy Perry still holds the top spot on the digital songs chart as her new single "Roar" sold 392,000 copies last week, a week-over-week decline of 30 percent.

Year-to-date album sales are down 6 percent to 181 million, while year-to-date digital song downloads are off 3 percent to 865.4 million.

Reuters



Singer Luke Bryan performs on NBC's 'Today' show in New York, on 16 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones separated

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Star Hollywood couple Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones have separated in what could spell the end of their nearly 13-year marriage, *People* magazine reported on Wednesday, and a representative for Zeta-Jones confirmed the separation.

"Catherine and Michael are taking some time apart to evaluate and work on their marriage," a spokeswoman for Zeta-Jones said in a statement provided to Reuters, adding that she would not make any further comment.

According to *People*, Douglas and Zeta-Jones,

both Oscar winners and among Hollywood's most high-profile couples, have in recent months vacationed separately, appeared at red carpet events without the other and are ostensibly living apart. The magazine cited two close confidants of the couple, with one quoted as saying, "They're taking a break." Neither star has filed for divorce nor moved toward a legal separation, it added.

Douglas' New York office had no comment on the report. Douglas, 68, and Zeta-Jones, 43, married in 2000 and have two children. Both have struggled with health issues in recent years.

Zeta-Jones said in April that she was seeking help for bipolar disorder, her second-known trip to a healthcare facility for the condition since 2011 when she sought treatment for what aides said was the stress of coping with Douglas' advanced throat cancer diagnosis in 2010 and subsequent treatment.

"The stress has taken a toll on their marriage," *Peo-*

ple quoted a friend as saying.

The A-list couple decided to spend time apart shortly after Douglas returned from the Cannes Film Festival in France in May, where his Emmy-nominated movie about Liberace, "Behind the Candelabra," was screened.

They first met in 1998 at the Deauville Film Festival in France, began dating the following year, got engaged on New Year's Eve of 1999 and co-starred in the 2000 release "Traffic."

Zeta-Jones, most recently seen in the summer release "Red 2," had at that point recently returned from round of treatment to monitor her bipolar disorder, the magazine said.

Douglas has won Oscars as a producer of the 1975 best picture "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and as best actor in 1987's "Wall Street." Zeta-Jones won her best supporting actress Academy Award for the 2002 musical "Chicago."—Reuters



Michael Douglas (L) and Catherine Zeta-Jones attend the 40th Anniversary Chaplin Award Gala at Lincoln Center in New York in this file photo taken on 22 April, 2013. Douglas and Zeta-Jones, both Oscar winners and among Hollywood's most high-profile couples, have separated in what could spell the end of their nearly 13-year marriage, *People* magazine reported on Wednesday.—REUTERS

Venice film festival president highlights Chinese jury

VENICE, 29 Aug—Jiang Wen is an "important Chinese actor, director and screenplay writer," said 70th Venice film Festival president Alberto Barbera.

Jiang Wen will present the first movie he directed in the Venice Classics section, his movie *In the Heat of the Sun* which has been recently restored took part to the main competition in Venice and won the Volpi

Cup for the best actor.

Barbera said at the Press conference, "the Chinese cinema with its interesting masterpieces had in the recent years the most important growth ever, even bigger than the one in the US. For this reason I wanted to have a prominent Chinese author."

During the opening Press conference of the 70th edition of the Venice

Film Festival, Barbera introduced the three juries of the contests in the festival starting from the main competition Venezia 70, which is chaired by the Italian movie director Bernardo Bertolucci.

Mr Barbera said that there would be "a lot of surprises during this festival and some of them also are going to be hilarious".

About the main selec-

tion, Mr Barbera explained that it was very difficult to have Mr Bertolucci in the jury. "He accepted only in a second stage after I wrote him a letter," he said.

Talking about expectations from this experience in the jury, Mr Bertolucci pointed out that "This is a very tiring job but I will be very happy to be surprised and to be amazed by something unexpected."—Xinhua



Member of the international Jury of Venezia 70 Jiang Wen (R) walks on the opening ceremony red carpet of the Venice Film Festival with his wife Zhou Yun on the Lido island of Venice, Italy, on 28 Aug, 2013. XINHUA

SPORTS

Suarez could make Liverpool return against Man United

LONDON, 29 Aug—Banned Liverpool striker Luis Suarez could make his return to action against Manchester United after the two teams were drawn against each other in the League Cup third round on

Wednesday.

Suarez, serving a 10-game suspension for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last season, will be eligible for the match at Old Trafford scheduled for 24 or 25 September.



Liverpool's Luis Suarez controls the ball against Thailand's national soccer team during a friendly soccer match at Ratchamangkala Stadium in Bangkok, on 28 July, 2013.—REUTERS

The Uruguay striker is an unpopular figure at United after he was banned for eight games for racially abusing the club's defender Patrice Evra in 2011 and he inflamed the situation by refusing to shake the Frenchman's hand after making his return.

The third round also features a repeat of last season's FA Cup final as Manchester City take on Wigan Athletic, who were relegated from the Premier League after upsetting City to win at Wembley in May.

There are four other all-Premier League clashes as Fulham play Everton, Aston Villa host Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United take on Cardiff City and West Bromwich Albion play Arsenal.

Holders Swansea City visit second-tier Birmingham City.

Premier League Southampton host third-tier Bristol City, Leeds, winners in 1968, visit Newcastle United and Norwich City play Watford.

Leicester face local rivals Derby, Premier League Hull City host Huddersfield and four-times winners Nottingham Forest will face Burnley.—Reuters

Stoppage time winner books group spot for Celtic

Shakhter Karagandy's Nikola Vasiljevic (R) challenges Celtic's James Forrest (C) during their Champions League play-off round second leg soccer match at Celtic Park Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland on 28 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS



LONDON, 29 Aug—Celtic winger James Forrest scored a dramatic stoppage time winner to secure his club a Champions League group stage place on Wednesday alongside AC Milan, Real Sociedad, Zenit St Petersburg and Czech champions Viktoria Plzen. The five clubs will go into Thursday's 32-team draw for the lucrative group phase, where all participating clubs earn a basic fee of 8.6 million euros (\$11.47 million) plus a million for each win and half a million for a draw.

Celtic, inspired by the fervour of their Glasgow supporters, overturned a two-goal deficit from the first leg to beat Shakhter Karagandy of Kazakhstan 3-0 and secure a group stage spot for the second year in a

row. They overcame early jitters to score through Kris Commons on the stroke of halftime and then levelled the aggregate tally through Giorgios Samaras early in the second half.

The 3-2 aggregate triumph was secured with only seconds remaining at the end of a mazy run through the defence from Anthony Stokes that set up Forrest's goal for a grandstand finish to maintain the tradition of rousing nights of European competition at Celtic Park.

"This is the greatest night of my football life," said Celtic manager Neil Lennon. "I never come across Real Madrid, so that's something I'd like and a Battle of Britain would be great as well. "But I don't care. I'm just delighted that we will be

in the Champions League again." AC Milan, advanced to the group phase for a 17th time, moving swiftly to quell the potential threat of PSV Eindhoven's much vaunted young side. Kevin-Prince Boateng scored with a rasping shot from outside the area inside the opening 10 minutes.

He added another 13 minutes from the end after Mario Balotelli had scored the second for the seven-times European champions, who won 3-0 at San Siro for a 4-1 aggregate triumph.

PSV, with an average age of just over 22 and four teenagers in the starting line-up, had two early chances but Milan then went ahead through Boateng's love 25-metres shot in the ninth minute.—Reuters

Arsenal, Liverpool face local credentials' tests

LONDON, 29 Aug—Arsenal will be eager to show the north London balance of power has not shifted to Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool face a test of their top-four credentials against Manchester United as traditional local rivals clash in the Premier League on Sunday.

Arsenal pipped their neighbours to a Champions League qualifying spot last season, but while Arsene Wenger's team have been thwarted in their efforts to strengthen their squad, Tottenham have liberally splashed the cash.

Argentina international Erik Lamela is set to become Spurs' fifth transfer-window signing, taking

their spending to more than 90 million pounds (\$140 million), and Spurs fans are optimistic for the season ahead.

Two wins from their opening two matches have

added to the positive vibe emanating from White Hart Lane, which has not been dampened by the impending world-record transfer of Gareth Bale to Real Madrid.

Things could not be

more different at Arsenal, who have added a solitary new face to their ranks, the free transfer of Yaya Sanoogo.

Manager Arsene Wenger has been rebuffed in his efforts to bring in a marquee signing with reported efforts to recruit Liverpool's Luis Suarez and now-Napoli striker Gonzalo Higuain coming to nothing. Although they reached the Champions League group stage with a comfortable win over Fenerbahce and beat Fulham in the Premier League last weekend following the shock opening home loss to Aston Villa, there is still frustration among supporters.—Reuters



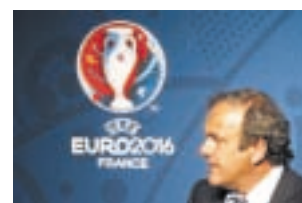
Arsenal's Theo Walcott lies on the pitch with a ball during a training session ahead of a friendly match against Urawa Reds in Saitama, north of Tokyo on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Platini says any FIFA chief bid not dependant on Blatter

PARIS, 29 Aug—Michel Platini's decision on whether to run for the FIFA presidency in 2015 will be made without considering the plans of incumbent Sepp Blatter, the UEFA chief was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

FIFA president Blatter, 77, said two years ago that he was starting his fourth and last term but the Swiss recently indicated he could seek another four years in charge if that was necessary to lead the governing body's reform process.

"I don't know (what Blatter is going to decide). At first, he said that he would quit in 2015. Now,



Michel Platini, UEFA President reacts in front of the UEFA EURO 2016 logo at a news conference in Paris on 26 June, 2013.

REUTERS

he has been saying that he will talk next year in Brazil," former France and Juventus playmaker Platini told French daily L'Equipe.

"I will make my decision on my own, without taking Sepp into consideration."—Reuters

Venus vows to come back after defeat to China's Li

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Walking out the door, Venus Williams vowed to be back. The 33-year-old American lost a heartbreaker to China's Zheng Jie 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(5) in the second round of the US Open today before rejecting any possibility of retirement.

"Oh wow, I definitely

want to come back for the atmosphere," she said. "I'll get there. I just have to keep working on it. I've had a tough set of circumstances to work through, especially this year, last year and the year before. "I've been dealt some cards that aren't easy, but I have to play with them. I'm

a fighter." Williams suffers Sjogren's Syndrome, which causes fatigue and joint pain, and has been hampered this year by back pain.

Champion in New York in 2000 and 2001, Williams had a parochial crowd on her side as the match went down to the wire. A rushed volley

at five-all in the deciding tiebreaker proved costly. "I should have made the shot," she said. "I rushed so badly and didn't make it. I had a lot of opportunities, I was always stepping up and putting myself in a good position ... but I just dug myself into so many holes.—Reuters



Jie Zheng of China (L) shakes hands with Venus Williams of the US after Zheng won their second round match at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 28 Aug, 2013.

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Asleep In Jesus
Rev. Dr. Paul F. Johns
Age (79) years
Senior Pastor

Immanuel Baptist Church

Son of Mr. J. William Johns & Mrs. Esther Clara Johns, brother of Ms. Noreen Johns (U.S.A), Maj. Sam Johns (Rtd), Miss Martha Johns (Deceased), Gilbert Johns (Thailand), Michelle Johns (U.S.A), cousin of Capt. Olive Johns @ Daw Hnin Yu - (Maj. Win Maung), nephew of Maj. Dr. Maria Kyaw Nyunt - (Col. Kyaw Nyunt) was called to His Heavenly Home on the 28th day of August 2013. Funeral Service will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church No.(411), Mahabandoola Garden Road, Kyauktada Township, on Saturday the 31st August 2013 at 9:00 AM, and thence to Yayway Christian Cemetery to be entombed.

Bereaved Family.

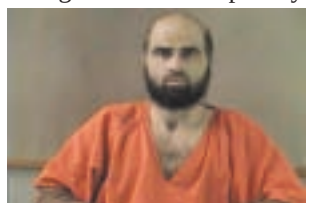


Philipp Roesler, German Vice Chancellor, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology and Chairman of Free Democratic Party (FDP) speaks during a FDP election campaign in Berlin, Germany, on 28 Aug, 2013. Germany's upcoming state and general elections will fall on 22 September. —XINHUA

Fort Hood shooter sentenced to death for 2009 killings

FORT HOOD (Texas), 29 Aug— A military jury on Wednesday sentenced a US Army psychiatrist to death for murdering 13 people in 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas, where he gunned down unarmed soldiers in what he later called retaliation for US wars in the Muslim world. Major Nidal Hasan shouted “Allahu Akbar” (“God is greatest” in Arabic) during the attack and later said he wanted to be a martyr. Now he faces death by lethal injection, pending an automatic appeal, for the rampage that also wounded 31 people.

The jury deliberated just over two hours before deciding on the death penalty



Nidal Hasan, charged with killing 13 people and wounding 31 in a November 2009 shooting spree at Fort Hood, Texas, is pictured in an undated Bell County Sheriff's Office photograph.

REUTERS

for Hasan, who opened fire with a laser-sighted handgun in a medical facility at the sprawling central Texas military base just weeks before he was to be deployed to Afghanistan. Bald with a thick beard, wearing Army fatigues and seated in a wheelchair, Hasan showed no expression as the president of the jury read aloud the sentence that he “be put to death.” He is paralyzed from being shot by police upon his arrest on 5 Nov, 2009.

Death sentences are rare in the military, which last executed a member of the service 52 years ago. Hasan, 42, will become the sixth man on death row at the US military's prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The same jury convicted him on Friday of 45 counts of premeditated murder and attempted premeditated murder.

“A weight has been lifted off my shoulders,” said widow Joleen Cahill, who said she agreed with the sentence. Her husband, retired Chief Warrant Officer Michael Cahill, was among those killed. The other 12 were active duty soldiers.

Reuters

Birmingham to open largest public library in Europe

BIRMINGHAM, 29 Aug— Library of Birmingham, the largest public library in Europe, will open to the public on 3 September. Located in Birmingham's Centenary Square, the centre of the England's second largest city, the Library is expected to attract over 3 million visitors a year, with many more visiting online.

To celebrate the opening of the Library, which cost 188.8 million pounds (or 293 million US dollars), a programme, called “Discovery Seasons,” of exciting events and activities for all ages will run until the end of 2013. Designed by a team led by Netherlands-based architectural practice Mecanoo, the Library is a flagship project of Birmingham City Council's 20-year Big City Plan. The Library is set to transform the city's library services and become a major cultural destination, housing Birmingham's world-class collections of archives, photography and rare books as well as a million printed volumes, the largest number held by any public library in Britain. At 31,000 square metres, the 10-level Library is around 20 percent larger than the old Central Library building, sharing a spacious entrance and foyer as well as a flexible studio theater seating 300 people with the Birmingham Repertory Theater.—Xinhua

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- * Visiting A Serene Village In The Northwest Of Myanmar
- * World News
- * Great Shwedagon-The Ten Traditional Arts & Crafts
- * Local News
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- * Will you feed the pigeons
- * Local News
- * Historic And Mystery Behind The Caves
- * World News
- * Variety Puppet Dances
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Social & Charitable Association (Episode-1)
- * World News
- * Movie Review: The Legend of the Cloud Princess
- * Local News
- * Tapestry-A Unique Combination Of Painting and Craftsmanship
- * World News
- * Myanmar Masterclass: Portraiture
- * Local News
- * Me N My Travel (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- * World News
- * Wholesale Fish
- * Local News
- * Snow Flakes...Scenic Confluence...To Kachin State
- * World News
- * Herbal Medicine By Thurein (Aloe Vera)

Former champion Del Potro passes tight first test

NEW YORK, 29 Aug— Former champion Juan Martin del Potro out-slugged a gritty Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in a contentious four-set match to reach the second round of the US Open on Wednesday. Argentine Del Potro, who won his only grand slam at Flushing Meadows in 2009, beat the 74th-ranked Spaniard 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(7) on his fourth match point.

“Felt good because I won the big battle for the first round,” Del Potro said. “He's a very tough opponent. He plays so solid on the baseline. He made a good forehands, backhands.”

“We play like every time long rallies. I (had) to make three or four winners in the same point to win the



Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina celebrates defeating Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 28 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

point.” The match included a bad-tempered exchange between the towering sixth seed and the inspired Garcia-Lopez as the players bickered on a changeover when Del Potro questioned

whether the Spaniard was entitled to treatment on his left leg.

Garcia-Lopez, who ended up on the losing end of several extremely close calls, later kicked at his

towel in disgust after a replay of a point was ordered in the tiebreaker that he thought should have been ruled in his favour.

“I'm proud of the way I played, but I am a little bit disappointed because I gave everything, physically and mentally,” the Spaniard said. The four hour, 13 minute marathon actually lasted twice as long with two rain delays totalling more than four hours. Despite the long day spent at the National Tennis Center, Del Potro said he was happy to be back in New York.

“As everybody knows it's my favourite tournament,” Del Potro, who ended Roger Federer's streak of five straight US Open titles in their five-set final, said in an on-court interview.—Reuters

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Vice-President U Nyan Tun addressed KSP High Level knowledge Forum on Rural Development Policy and Cooperation at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

It was attended by Union ministers, Hluttaw committee chairs, deputy ministers, region/state planning ministers, Korean officials, academicians, members of cooperative societies and invited guests.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that government is implementing eight Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation tasks.

The President visited Saemaul Undong Centre on his three-day visit to South Korea in October 2012 and was inspired by

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new village projects across Korea, the Vice-President said. The President realized that the rural development might be carried out through cooperative efforts of the villagers, he said.

The villagers there contributed their efforts and properties to the project, (See page 9)

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Myanmar to get loan of 261.50 million USD from WB



Final day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Union ministers held discussion on getting a loan of 261.50 million USD from the World Bank (WB) at today's final day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung said that loan is earmarked for school development, stipends and scholarships, capacity buildings of school heads and township education ministers and assessing of Myanmar language proficiency from 2014 to 2016 academic years across the country.

The Education Ministry will get a long-term loan of 60 million USD from WB which will be spent on free compulsory primary education and school enrolment.

The Finance Ministry will ask for a long-term loan of 30 million USD from WB. It will be used for development of taxation system, development of budget system, capacity building of public financial management, budget analysis and auditing.

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein said it would help support swift implementation of Union government's projects.

It is learnt that loan repayment period is 40 years including 10-year suspension period. And service charges for the loan is 0.75 per year, but service charges during suspension period will be collected based on drawing amounts. After the suspension period, original capitals and service charges are to be repaid.

That loan could help facilitate the public finance management reforms in the short period of time.

The Hluttaw approved to take a loan of 261.50 million USD from the WB.

Afterwards, three MPs discussed Public Accounts Joint Committee's report (5/2013) on Union Auditor-General's important findings on 2nd bi-annual budget (2011-2012 FY).

Union ministers and deputy ministers from the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism discussed the report. The Hluttaw approved the

report.

Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htike said that there were 3172 cases due to the lack of departments' financial rules and regulations and procedures. Action has been taken against those who got engaged in the cases in accord with departmental procedures.

The Hluttaw also approved the Farmers' Rights Protection and Interests Promoting Bill. After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker read out President's message dated today.

(Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker's speech is separately reported.)

The 7th regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw successfully concluded in the afternoon.—MNA

Myanmar, US focus on further strengthening of relations between two armed forces

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

They cordially exchanged views on further strengthening of relations between two armed forces of Myanmar and the US, important role of Tatmadaw in democratization in Myanmar, discussions of Defence Service Personnel Representatives in the

Hluttaw, matters related to the constitution, internal peace-making processes, and measures of defence, security and rule of law for the State.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office. The US Ambassador was accompanied by US Military Attaché Colonel William C Dickey and officials.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shaking hands with US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell.—MNA