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Myanmar, Singapore to cooperate in human resource development

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—President U Thein Sein met a delegation led by Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They cordially discussed further promoting amity between the two countries, presence of Myanmar delegation in Asia-Pacific Security Summit (the Shangri-La Dialogue) held in Singapore, cooperation between the two armed forces of Myanmar and Singapore and mutual cooperation in human resources development and economic sector.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Lt-Gen Thet Naing



Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane and departmental heads. The Singaporean delegation

was accompanied by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua.—MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore and party.

MNA

Union FM meets Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Wunna Maung Lwin, received Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to

Lebanon, at his office at 12:00 hrs today.

They discussed further promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Lebanon.—MNA

Union Livestock and Fisheries Minister meets CP Vice-Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met

Vice-Chairman Mr Phongthep Chiaravonont of Charoen Pokphand (CP) of Thailand at the ministry

yesterday.

The meeting focused on cultivating milk-drinking habit since school

age, cow breeding, milk production, cooperation with the Livestock and Fisheries Ministry and the Education Ministry to push ahead with School Milk Programme.

MNA

The Combined Office to be upgraded into international-standard five-star hotel

“The Combined Office located on Strand Road in Kyauktada Township will be upgraded into an international-standard five-star Hotel,” according to Managing Director U Thaung Htaik Min of Flying Tiger Engineering Co., Ltd at a press conference held at Park Royal Hotel in Yangon on 30 April.

On 16 December 2011 Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) invited official tender for investment. It will be upgraded at a cost of USD 50 million.

“Our company won tender permit on 18 May, 2012 and has to submit land use cost of USD 14.4 million to the government. And 5 % of the total profit

will go to the government’s fund monthly,” Managing Director U Thaung Htaik Min said to the news crew of Myanma Alinn Daily.

It is designed by Mr Mike Lin of DP Architect Co., Ltd of Singapore and

will be named The State House. It can create job opportunities for over 600 local engineers and local workers.

It was built in 1927 and completed in 1931. The project will be completed

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during two years.
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Cash allotments to voluntary services in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — In her address at the ceremony to hand over cash assistance to voluntary organizations for 2013-2014 FY at Ayeya Min Hall in Kyonpyaw of Ayeyawady Region on 27 April, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said that there were 217 Youth Development Centers, nine School for the Disable Persons, 61 Homes for the Aged, 10 vocational training school for women, 735 self-reliant nurseries, 70 youth centers, 89 voluntary primary night schools and Mayanchaung totaling 1192 across the

nation. These voluntary organizations recognized by the ministry were allotted K 547.8 million. The amount of cash assistance will increase by 3.13 per cent and K 1716.6 million will be allotted to them for 2013-2014 fiscal year. More cash assistance will be allowed in accord with new era and new system, she added.

At the ceremony, K 4 million handed over to Yay Sakham youth center, K 600,000 each to two pre-primary schools and K 570,000 each to two voluntary primary evening schools through responsible persons. A similar ceremony was

held at Mya Nadi Hall in Hinthada, attended the Union minister. Cash and kind were presented to the Home for the Age and three pre-primary schools.

Next, the Union minister visited office of District Relief and Resettlement Department and warehouses and inspected a chosen site for construction of Disaster Management Training School.

On 28 April, the Union minister looked into Day Care Center for the Aged and prep ration for opening of Early Childhood All-Development Center on Kaba-Aye Pagoda road.

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Drinking water supply underway in Dala Township



YANGON, 2 May — Engineering Department (water and sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee is engaged in supplying more water to some wards under water stress in Dala Township.

According to an official of the department, Dala Township used to be without drinking water supply in the times of previous successive governments. Since 2000, an 8.9-mile long water pipeline which is 16 inches in diameter has transported drinking water to the wards in the township from five tubewells of Yangon Pauk water supply station in Twantay Township. In 2012, drinking water from more five tubewells is being supplied to 20 out of 23 urban wards in the township up to date. Substitution of old water pipeline with new concrete one is being carried out for enabling local people to have access to drinking water. With the aim of ensuring more drinking water supply

in the township, installation of two 37 KW waterworks, two 22 KW waterworks and 1700 feet long concrete pipeline which is 24 inches in diameter, construction of concrete water tank that can hold 100,000 gallons of water and digging of three drinking water lakes were carried out last year. Starting from 8 April this year, two water bowsers with a capacity of 1600 gallons of water each

are supplying drinking water three times a day to Dala dwellers. So far 100,000 gallons of water have been supplied in the township this summer. New 4900 feet long concrete pipeline was installed and drinking water are being supplied to ward dwellers from four out of six drinking water lakes in staff quarter and five public drinking water lakes.

Kyemon

Mobile Team confiscates haul of illegal goods



WAW, 2 May — A mobile team seized a haul of illegal goods—cartoons of Beer Change and confectionery while conducting surprise checks on vehicles driven by Tin Ko Latt, Naing Naing Win and Aung Sann Win separately on its way from Waw to Phayargyi model village in Bago Region on 28 April morning.

The team opened cases over confiscation of illegal goods worth K 3,375,000.

Kyemon

Community-based mobile clinic arrives in Taungnyo of Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri Township



NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Aimed at assisting in education, health and socio-economic sectors of rural people who make up nearly 70 per cent of the total population of Myanmar and providing health care to women and the aged who make up 60 per cent of the population, members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association led by CEC member Daw Thet Thet Swe and doctors and nurses of Nay Pyi Taw 1000-bedded Hospital and Pyinmana 200-bedded Hospital gave health education and free

medical treatment to local people at Basic Education High School in Taungnyo of Ottarathiri Township, here, on 27 April.

The CEC member gave talks on background history of the association and its objectives, Dr Daw San San Hline of Mitta Sann Yay clinic, purpose of opening the clinic and health knowledge, Assistant Surgeon Dr Myo Min Oo, importance of systematic care during pregnancy and Dr Htwe Yin, contraceptive knowledge.

Next, the CEC member and party presented

publications to the ward library and packets of iodized salt, diapers and milk powder to mothers through responsible persons.

A total of 346 locals including expectant mothers, dental and eye patients and the aged were provided with health care and medicines free of charge.

During the period from 2011 to 2013, the community-based mobile clinic gave free medical treatment to 15000 locals in the townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

MNA

Vehicle overturns on Thayet-Kanma-Pyay road

THAYET, 2 May — A car crash occurred near mile post No (9) on Thayet-Kanma-Pyay road in Thayet Township of Magway Region at about 6 pm on 28 April.

A six-wheeled truck carrying iron rods and coconuts driven by Aung Min Han, 25, plunged off the road and overturned due to brake failure near Settaung village on the road.

No one was injured in the car accident, but the driver was charged with reckless driving. — Kyemon



Vehicle's mechanical failure kills six, hurt 24 in Lashio

LASHIO, 2 May — A fatal car accident happened to a vehicle driving from Nay Pyi Taw to Laukkai by Bo Hein, 23, of Pyaeson Aung Model Village of Yaypyar Yoe ward of Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township on the main road to Lashio, near Tanyan feeder road, at about 5.30 pm on 27 April, leaving six dead and 24 injured.

The vehicle carrying road construction workers plunged headlong into a 10

feet deep roadside ditch due to its mechanical failure at mile post No (165/4) near Yaygyaw bridge on the road near Tanyan feeder road.

The fatal car accident claimed lives of six passengers and hurt 24 who are on board the vehicle.

Lashio police station filed a lawsuit against driver Bo Hein for his reckless driving and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon

WORLD

PM Abe vows to promote Japan nuclear infrastructure exports to Mideast

JEDDAH, (Saudi Arabia), 2 May —Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed on Wednesday to promote exports of Japan's nuclear infrastructure to the Middle East as an effort to enhance economic ties with the region. "I want to build...a completely new relationship (with the Middle East)," Abe said in a speech at King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia, ex-

pressing hope to strengthen ties with the region also in political and security aspects.

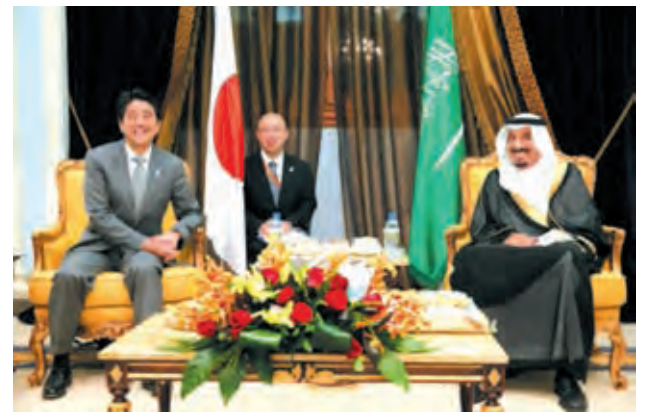
Abe, who visited Saudi Arabia in April 2007 during his first stint as Premier, announced the provision of \$2.2 billion to promote peace and stability, and enhance cooperation between countries in the wide region covering the Middle East to North Africa. Touching on

the continuing civil war in Syria and issues related to Iran's nuclear development, Abe said he "cannot turn a blind eye" to those matters. Following his trip to Russia, Abe is on the second leg of a four-nation tour through Saturday which will also take him to the United Arab Emirates and Turkey.

Despite the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in northeast-

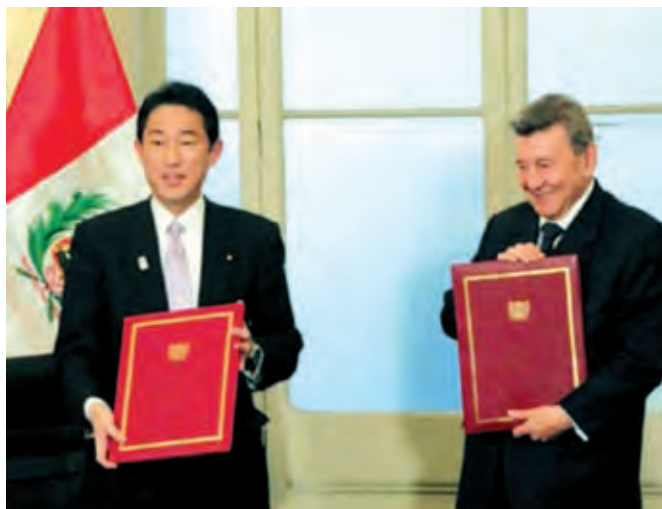
ern Japan, Abe said in the speech, "Japan can provide renewable energy and the world's safest technology to generate nuclear power." Abe, since assuming office last December, has been pushing the export of Japanese infrastructure such as nuclear power plants as part of the country's growth strategy to revitalize the economy.

Kyodo News



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (R) meet in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 30 April, 2013.

KYODO NEWS



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) and Peruvian Foreign Minister Rafael Roncagliolo hold letters of agreement that Tokyo will provide grant assistance to the South American country for environmental measures and tourism development, in Lima on 30 April, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Japan to provide grants worth 1.4 bil yen to Peru

LIMA, 2 May — Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and his Peruvian counterpart Rafael Roncagliolo agreed on Tuesday that Tokyo will provide grant assistance worth 1.4 billion yen to Lima for environmental measures and tourism development, Japanese officials said. The two ministers also confirmed plans to cooperate over ongoing negotiations for a multinational trade liberalization pact called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which Japan is expected to join soon.

"There are many areas

in which both countries can cooperate," Kishida said during the talks, referring to the TPP negotiations, in which Peru is already involved, according to the officials. Roncagliolo said Japan's expected participation in the negotiations and the likelihood of the two countries working together in the talks are welcome developments. The Japanese grants are expected to go toward acquiring next-generation eco-friendly vehicles that do not emit carbon dioxide, and microbial toilets capable of decomposing human waste.

The use of these Japanese products — the vehicles for official use by Peruvian government offices and the toilets for tourists in mountainous areas — is aimed at helping Japanese firms expand into the Peruvian market.

Kishida conveyed to his Peruvian counterpart Japan's plans to double the number of Japanese volunteers dispatched to Peru for technical assistance and other purposes to about 40 by the end of March 2014, the officials said, adding that Roncagliolo appreciated the offer.—Kyodo News

Nuclear watchdog to study impact of 2011 quake on Fukushima plant

Tokyo, 2 May —The Nuclear Regulation Authority decided on Wednesday to investigate more thoroughly whether key safety equipment for one of the nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant sustained damage before the complex was hit by a tsunami in March 2011.

The decision was reached by a panel tasked by the NRA to further study the cause of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster and how it evolved, given differences among accident investigation com-

missions that looked into the disaster. A government-appointed commission expressed skepticism in its report that the magnitude 9.0 earthquake on 11 March, 2011, by itself caused catastrophic damage to key facilities of the Nos 1 to 3 reactors that suffered meltdowns.

But another commission appointed by parliament suggested that the quake may have damaged piping for an emergency cooling system, called an isolation condenser, at the No 1 unit.

The report said sev-

eral workers on the fourth floor of the No 1 reactor building at the time of the earthquake witnessed a water leak on the same floor, which houses two large tanks for the isolation condenser and the piping for the equipment.

The now-defunct commission also denied the possibility that water sloshed out of the spent fuel pool on the fifth floor, but no on-site inspection has taken place.

Access to buildings housing the three reactors remains limited due to high radiation levels.

Kyodo News

Turkey accepts Tokyo's apology on Istanbul's 2020 Olympic bid

TOKYO, 2 May —Turkey's sports minister Suat Kilic has accepted an apology from Tokyo Governor Naoki Inose for criticizing Istanbul's bid for the 2020 Olympics, according to *The Associated Press*. "We now wish for a friendly competition between the candidate cities abiding by the criteria" established by the International Olympic Committee, Kilic was quoted as saying by the AP.

"We place the utmost

importance on the friendship and mutual respect between the peoples of Turkey and Japan that date back for centuries." Inose apologized on Tuesday for remarks he admitted were "inappropriate" about rival bidder Istanbul during a recent interview with *The New York Times*.

In the newspaper interview dated Saturday, Inose said, "So, from time to time, like Brazil, I think it's good to have a venue for the first

time. But Islamic countries, the only thing they share in common is Allah and they are fighting with each other, and they have classes."

On Tuesday, Inose said, "I'd like to apologize for comments that were inappropriate," said Inose, who also chairs the Tokyo bid committee. "I'm sorry what I said may have provoked any kind of misunderstanding among the Islamic community."

Kyodo News

At least 15 killed in Iraq bomb blasts

BAGHDAD, 2 May—At least 15 people were killed in a series of bomb blasts across Iraq on Wednesday, police and medics said, following a sharp increase in violence that has prompted warnings of a full-blown sectarian conflict.

Violence in Iraq has increased as the civil war in neighbouring Syria puts a strain on fragile relations between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims. Tensions are at their highest in Iraq since US troops pulled out more than a year ago. A suicide bomber wearing an explosives vest detonated himself in the midst of a group of government-backed Sunni fighters who were collecting their salaries east of the city of Falluja, killing six, police sources said.

In Baiji, 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad, police said a roadside bomb killed four policemen. A car bomb in a Shi'ite district in northeastern Baghdad killed at least three people and wounded 14, police and hospital sources said. Another car bomb north of the city of Ramadi killed two policemen and wounded another 10.

Reuters



Russian President Vladimir Putin (L) presents a Hero of Labour award to Mariinsky theatre director Valery Gergiev during an awards ceremony in St Petersburg on 1 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Russia's Putin restores Stalin-era labour award

ST PETERSBURG, 2 May —President Vladimir Putin likes to deny that he is taking Russia back to the USSR, but on Wednesday he dusted off another communist relic by restoring a labour medal introduced under Josef Stalin. A week after telling the nation there was nothing in Russia that smacked of the late Soviet dictator, Putin pinned the Hero of Labour award on five recipients in St Petersburg, the cradle of the 1917 revolution that swept communists to power.

The name has changed slightly from Stalin's Hero of Socialist Labour, which rewarded outstanding work for the Soviet nation. But

the award is clearly back, more than two decades after it seemed to have died with the Soviet Union. Putin has made no secret of his attempt to appeal to the conservative values and patriotism of the working class, his main power base, and counter the threat of the mainly middle-class demonstrators who led protests against him last year.

"The Hero of Labour title is ... a step towards resuming the continuity of traditions, tighter ties between eras and generations," Putin told a ceremony on May Day, the traditional workers' holiday and an important date in the Soviet calendar.—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China launches communications satellite

XICHANG, (Sichuan), 2 May—China launched a communications satellite, “Zhongxing-11”, at 0:06 am on Thursday (Beijing time) from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China’s Sichuan Province.

“Zhongxing-11” will be mainly used in provid-

ing commercial communications services for users in the Asia-Pacific region, according to a statement from the centre. The satellite was sent by a Long March-3B rocket into the preset orbit, the statement said. It marked the 176th launch of China’s Long March series of rockets.—Xinhua

A Long March-3B carrier rocket is launched in Xichang, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 2 May, 2013. China successfully sent a communications satellite, “Zhongxing-11”, into orbit with a Long March-3B carrier rocket launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre on Thursday.—XINHUA



Australian scientists make breakthrough on quantum computers

CANBERRA, 2 May—Australian scientists has made a breakthrough that brings the prospect of a network of ultra- powerful quantum computers—connected via a quantum internet—closer to reality, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) said in a statement on Thursday.

The study, published in the journal *Nature*, is a collaboration between researchers from the ARC Center of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology based at UNSW, the Australian

National University and the University of Melbourne.

According to the statement, the research team is the first in the world to have detected the spin, or quantum state, of a single atom using a combined optical and electrical approach. Quantum computers promise to deliver an exponential increase in processing power over conventional computers by using a single electron or nucleus of an atom as the basic processing unit—a quantum bit, or qubit.

By performing multiple calculations simultaneously,

quantum computers could be applied to economic modeling, fast database searches, modeling of biological molecules and drugs, and encryption and decryption of information.

Lead author of the study, UNSW’s Dr Chunming Yin, said the new approach opens up the possibility of using light to couple the atoms, or qubits, together to form a quantum computer. “Using light to transfer information in the quantum state is easier than doing it electrically. Ultimately this will lead to quantum communications

over long distances.” Yin said. Associate Professor Matthew Sellars, of the Australian National University, said it was a step towards connecting a solid state quantum computer to what will be the quantum internet.

“The quantum internet will allow separate quantum computers to be integrated and it will enable encrypted communications.” Quantum communication systems will become critical for providing secure communications for government, military, defence, finance business and health industries.—Xinhua

IBM, Lenovo call off server deal talks

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 May—IBM and Lenovo have called off negotiations over a multibillion-dollar deal in which the Chinese company would have bought Big Blue’s low-end server business, *Fortune* magazine cited unidentified sources as saying on Wednesday.

Talks between the two companies were halted after disagreement over the valuation of a business that sells servers used to power corporate datacenters, the business magazine cited a person familiar with the discussions as saying. It added that the negotiations could still resume. News of the talks surfaced last month, when industry newsletter

CRN reported that IBM was looking to unload its “x86” server hardware division for as much as \$6 billion. The Asian company, now ranked consistently among the world’s three-largest PC

makers, balked at that price, *Fortune* reported.

The proposed acquisition recalls a 2005 deal in which the US enterprise computing giant sold its PC-making business to Le-

novo for \$1.25 billion. The move vaulted a mid-sized Asian company into the top ranks of the global PC sector, and allowed IBM to effect a successful transformation into a software and solutions-oriented player. Reuters has not independently confirmed the status of their negotiations, and IBM declined to comment on Wednesday.

Lenovo has said it was in preliminary talks about a potential acquisition but has not identified the target. Company representatives were not available for comment outside of normal business hours in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

Reuters



An employee installs a computer at the booth of IBM during preparations at the CeBit computer fair in Hanover, on 4 March, 2013.—REUTERS

iPads and low-end rivals propel higher tablet shipments

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 May—Global tablet shipments more than doubled in the first quarter and while Apple remained the top seller, Asian manufacturers making low-end gadgets accounted for a major chunk of the growth, according to a report.

Tablet shipments reached 49.2 million units in the January-to-March period, 142.4 percent more than in the same quarter in 2012, market research firm IDC said on Wednesday. Apple’s iPads accounted for 19.5 million units, an increase of 65.3 percent.

Samsung Electronics, Asus, Amazon Inc and Microsoft all grew their tablet shipments and eked out market share gains against Apple. But the biggest jump in market share came from other Asian manufacturers churning out inexpensive devices sold globally to customers including Staples, Toys R Us, Hewlett-



A salesperson unpacks an Apple iPad Mini to test it for a customer in the Apple specialty section of a Croma retail store in Mumbai on 22 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Packard and Toshiba, IDC analyst Ryan Reith told Reuters.

“There’s no question the growth is at the low end of the market,” Reith said. “It’s 80 to 100 vendors distributing no-name brands across the world - and those are just the ones we can get a sense of.”

Those devices are almost all based on Google’s Android platform, have 7-inch displays and are

powered by no-frills processors from Asian chip-makers like Rockchip and Allwinner Technology, Reith said, adding they often wholesale for less than \$60 each. Shipments of tablets outside the top five vendors surged to 15.5 million units in the first quarter and accounted for nearly a third of the market, up from a quarter of the market a year ago, according to the report.

Reuters

Comcast reports higher profit, revenue in first quarter

NEW YORK, 2 May—Comcast Corp posted higher quarterly profit on Wednesday, driven by strength on the cable side of the business. The leading US cable television provider, which also owns broadcaster NBC Universal, posted first-quarter profit of \$1.4 billion, or 54 cents a

share, up from \$1.22 billion, or 45 cents a year ago. Excluding revenue from Comcast’s sale of spectrum, the company posted earnings of 51 per share and beat analyst estimates by a penny.

While the cable unit lost a worse-than-expected 60,000 customers, it added 433,000 high-speed Internet customers, slightly more than the 432,000



The news ticker outside the Today Show announces GE’s sale of NBC to Comcast, in New York, on 3 Dec, 2009.—REUTERS

was negative \$35 million, worse than a year ago when it was negative \$14 million.

Comcast said in February it had clinched full control of NBC Universal by buying out General Electric Co’s stake for \$16.7 billion.

Revenue at Comcast rose 3 percent to \$15.31 billion. Analysts, on average, expected of \$15.38 billion.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Scientists say new bird flu poses “serious threat”

LONDON, 2 May—A new strain of bird flu that is causing a deadly outbreak among people in China is a threat to world health and should be taken seriously, scientists said on Wednesday.

The H7N9 strain has killed 24 people and infected more than 125, according to the Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO), which has described it as “one of the most lethal” flu viruses.

The high mortality

rate, together with relatively large numbers of cases in a short period and the possibility it might acquire the ability to transmit between people, make H7N9 a pandemic risk, experts said.

“The WHO considers this a serious threat,” said John McCauley, director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Influenza at Britain’s National Institute for Medical Research.

Speaking at a briefing in London, experts in virology said initial studies sug-

gest the virus has several worrisome characteristics, including two genetic mutations that make it more likely to eventually spread from person to person.

“The longer the virus is unchecked in circulation, the higher the probability that this virus will start transmitting from person to person,” Colin Butte, an expert in avian viruses at Britain’s Pirbright Institute, said.

Of the some 125 people infected with H7N9 so far, around 20 percent have

died, approximately 20 percent have recovered and the remainder are still sick. The infection can lead to severe pneumonia, blood poisoning and organ failure.

“This is a very, very serious disease in those who have been infected. So if this were to become more widespread it would be an extraordinarily devastating outbreak,” Peter Openshaw, director of the centre for respiratory infection at Imperial College London, told the briefing.—Reuters



Chickens are seen at a poultry farm on the outskirts of Shanghai on 16 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Ford hires 2,000 in Kansas City, pickup truck demand booms

DETROIT, 2 May—Ford Motor Co is adding more than 2,000 jobs at its pickup truck factory in Kansas City as growth in the US housing and oil sectors trigger a boom in truck sales.

The second-largest US automaker said on Thursday that it will add 900 jobs and a third shift at its Kansas City Assembly Plant to build the F-150 pickup truck, the top-selling US vehicle for well over three decades.

Another 1,100 jobs will be added starting in the fourth quarter to prepare for the 2014 introduction of the Ford Transit full-size van. The moves will boost Ford’s workforce at the factory by just over 80 percent.

The announcement comes after several months of surging sales in the lucrative pickup truck market. Truck sales grew three times the rate of the overall auto industry, Ford executives said on Wednesday while discussing April US

auto sales.

“There’s a lot more room for the housing market to move because it bottomed out so low in the US,” said Joe Hinrichs, who leads Ford’s operations in North and South America.

He added in an interview that the average age of the trucks on the road is at a record high, which should push some tradesman to buy new trucks as business picks up.

Kansas City is the latest Ford factory in the United States to run a third shift. Hiring more entry-level workers as well as increasing factory capacity utilization helped Ford’s profits margins in North America.

About 1,000 of the workers will be hired at the entry-level wage. Entry-level workers start at \$15.78 an hour or nearly half the pay of traditional unskilled blue-collar Ford workers.—Reuters



An employee works on the new 2009 Ford F-150 on the assembly line at Ford’s Kansas City Assembly Plant in Claycomo, Missouri on 2 Oct, 2008.—REUTERS

Goldman’s special situations group names new global head

NEW YORK, 2 May—Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N) has named Julian Salisbury to become head of its Global Special Situations Group, as current head Jason Brown retires, according to memos sent on Wednesday that were obtained by Reuters.

Salisbury, a partner and managing director who now heads the group’s European operation, will move from London to New York for the role.

The Global Special Situations Group is



known on Wall Street as one of Goldman’s most profitable operations. It invests the bank’s own money and sometimes client money in stocks, bonds and loans to distressed companies in hopes of earning profits through a restructuring or turn-around plan.

Although the group is managed by Goldman’s securities unit, profits from the business flow into the bank’s Investing and Lending earnings segment, which reflects money the bank earns from investing and lending its own capital.

The Global Special Situations Group—often referred to by the acronym SSG—has received more attention in recent years because of the Volcker rule, which prevents banks from trading for their own account and limits banks’ investments in hedge funds and private-equity funds.

Reuters

Stopping hormone therapy may have its own risks

NEW YORK, 2 May—Though long-term hormone replacement therapy has serious health risks, going off the medication may lead to a return of menopausal symptoms and increased risk for high blood pressure, according to a new study.

Taking estrogen or estrogen and progesterone hormones can help alleviate some bothersome symptoms of menopause, like hot flashes, vaginal dryness and trouble sleeping, but the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends that postmenopausal women avoid the therapy due to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, dementia and breast cancer.

The risks were widely publicized after the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI) study results were published in 2002.

Despite those risks, “for some women there may be definite benefits (of hormone therapy) that have not been realized,” lead author Dr Michelle Warren of Columbia University Medical Center in New York told Reuters Health.

The new study, which was funded by Pfizer, manufacturer of Prempro and Premarin hormone replacement drugs, included 310 postmenopausal women aged 56 to 73 who had been on hormone therapy for at least five years.

The women were divided into three groups: those on continuous hormone therapy, those who stopped taking the hormones briefly and went back on them and women who stopped taking the hormones permanently.

Reuters



Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) employees work at the bourse at TSE in Tokyo on 24 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Asian shares fall on fears for health of world economy

TOKYO, 2 May—Growing doubts over the health of global economies pushed Asian shares lower on Thursday, adding to investor caution before the European Central Bank meeting later in the day that could see interest rates cut to support growth. Investor sentiment has weakened as oil futures and US stocks dropped overnight after the latest US economic data cast doubts about the strength of the world’s biggest economy.

The euro zone recession was behind mounting market expectations for the ECB to lower its main interest rate by 25 basis points to a record low 0.5 percent, while sluggish US demand may be slowing China’s economic recovery.

On Thursday, the final HSBC Purchasing Managers’ Index dropped to 50.4 in April from March’s 51.6 and a tad below a flash reading of 50.5, as new export orders fell for the first time this year. Concerns about slow demand from China, Australia’s top consumer and the world’s second-largest, weighed on Australian shares and its currency while also hitting Chinese shares and Shanghai copper.

“The trend in the Chinese economy continues to improve and it has not lost momentum, but it is fragile and vulnerable to out-

side shocks, namely the US economy which is showing signs of pausing,” said Hirokazu Yuihama, a senior strategist at Daiwa Securities in Tokyo.

“Market tone is dictated by the tug-of-war between growth prospect worries and support from sustained monetary stimulus. Weaker US growth may prompt profit taking in Asian equities which have outperformed earlier this year, keeping regional markets in ranges,” Yuihama said.

MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan <.miapj0000pus> fell 0.5 percent, with Australian shares (.AXJO) leading the decline as miners dragged the key index down 0.8 percent.

“What we’re seeing today is the material stocks lagging, pulling the market down, there’s still no real conviction in the major mining stocks despite them being at pretty depressed levels,” said Peter Esho, investment adviser at Wilson HTM Investment Group, of Australian shares (.SSEC) were down 0.3 percent after earlier touching 2013 lows while a sharp slide for CNOOC made the Chinese oil major the largest drag on Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index (.HSI) which eased 0.4 percent.

Reuters

WORLD

Humanoid robot “pop idol” reappears at Osaka store

OSAKA, 2 May—A female humanoid robot, designed as a 26-year-old pop idol and equipped with new skills to recognize words and have conversations, reappeared and entertained shoppers at a department store in Osaka on Wednesday.

Named “Minami” after a popular downtown area in Osaka, it will be on display until 12 May at the Takashimaya outlet where it first appeared last November. Up to 50 visitors a day will get to talk with her and take photos in a private room in order of arrival on the weekends and some other given days.

The latest addition to its functions allows Minami, whose older version had to rely on a touch panel for conversations, to recognize questions and answer them.

To a question like “Do you have a boyfriend?” she would answer “I don’t because I’m a pop icon and am not allowed to have any.” Minami was co-developed by Hiroshi Ishiguro, a robot expert and Osaka University professor, and the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International in Kyoto Prefecture.—Kyodo News

Minamata observes 57th anniversary of mercury-poisoning disease

KUMAMOTO, (Japan), 2 May—Minamata city in Kumamoto Prefecture hosted a ceremony to pray for the victims of Minamata disease on Wednesday that fell on the 57th anniversary of Japan’s official recognition of the mercury-poisoning disease. The anniversary came amid discussions on how best to improve standards for recognizing Minamata disease victims after a Supreme Court decision on 16 April called for providing relief to a wider range of people suffering from the disease.

“We gravely accept the Supreme Court decision,” Kumamoto Gov. Ikuo Kabashima said before some 750 people at the ceremony. “We would like to promptly consider a new recognition system along

with the central government and pave the way (for the wider relief).” Environment Minister Nobuteru Ishihara apologized at the ceremony for the government’s past failure to prevent the spread of the disease, one of Japan’s worst outbreaks of illness linked to industrial pollution. But he did not touch on the Supreme Court decision.

The disease has been traced to mercury-tainted water that Shin-Nippon Chisso Hiryo K.K., now called Chisso Corp, released into Minamata Bay in Kumamoto, southwestern Japan. By Tuesday, the number of people recognized as Minamata disease sufferers reached 2,976 including cases attributed to mercury-contaminated water released by Showa

Denko KK in Niigata Prefecture.

But many people filed lawsuits to obtain recognition as sufferers of the disease, leading the government to make a political decision in 1995 to provide relief money, which 11,000 people have accepted. About 65,000 people have applied for relief measures under a special law on the disease, which took effect in 2010.

In October this year, Kumamoto city plans to host a conference at which some 800 representatives from about 140 countries and regions will adopt and sign the Minamata Convention to help prevent mercury poisoning and pollution. The representatives will also visit Minamata then.

Kyodo News



Visitors view paintings at the Art Beijing 2013 in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 May, 2013. Opened Wednesday at Agricultural Exhibition Centre in Beijing, the annual art fair attracted some 150 participating art organizations.—XINHUA

‘Cool Biz’ summertime casual work wear campaign kicks off



Employees at the Environment Ministry work without ties in their office in Tokyo on 1 May, 2013, when Japan began its annual “Cool Biz” campaign.—Kyodo News

TOKYO, 2 May—Japan began on Wednesday its annual “Cool Biz” campaign that allows government and parliamentary staff to work without their usual ties and jackets to promote energy conservation and combat global warming by reducing the use of air conditioning.

This is the third year that the government has

brought forward the start of the campaign, which was introduced in 2005, by a month to enhance power saving amid the suspension of most of the nation’s nuclear plants following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis. Under the campaign, office workers are encouraged to set air conditioners at 28°C and dress casually.

Environment Minister Nobuteru Ishihara said, “We want people to pitch in by keeping their air conditioning at an appropriate temperature, while guarding against heatstroke by staying hydrated.” Cool Biz will run until the end of October. From 1 June, the campaign will be stepped up to “Super Cool Biz”, which will allow workers to wear Hawaiian aloha shirts and polo shirts in the office.—Kyodo News

KABUL, 2 May—Four Afghan civilians, including three children, were killed and three others wounded when an improvised bomb hit a vehicle in southern Province of Uruzgan on Tuesday, the Interior Ministry said on Wednesday. “An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) placed by Taliban struck a civilian vehicle

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The injured were shifted to a hospital by the police in the province 370 km south of Kabul, it added. Taliban militants, who have been wag-



Photo taken on 2 May, 2013 shows the tilted suspension bridge in Fenghuang County, central China’s Hunan Province. About 40 people, who returned from a bonfire party, were on the bridge when the bridge floor suddenly tilted in Fenghuang at around 9:10 pm on 1 May, and more than 20, including children and elderly people, fell into the 1.2-metre-deep river water.—XINHUA

Tourists rescued after bridge accident in central China

CHANGSHA, 2 May —A total of 24 tourists have been rescued after they fell into a river from a tilted suspension bridge at a popular tourist town in central China on Wednesday night. They had been sent to hospitals and only two who suffered from minor injuries remained in hospital for further observation, according to the government of Fenghuang county, Hunan Province.

About 40 people, who returned from a bonfire party, were on the bridge when the bridge floor suddenly tilted in Fenghuang at around 9:10 pm, the county’s deputy head Cai Long told Xinhua. More than 20, including children and el-

derly people, fell into the 1.2-metre-deep river water, Cai said, citing eyewitnesses. A total of 15 people managed to climb onto the river bank on their own, Cai said.

Search and rescue work is still underway to ensure no one was left out, the county government said. The county authorities have ordered all hotels and inns in Fenghuang to check if all the guests have returned.

All bonfire parties and other leisure programmes in the town have been suspended for safety checkups. Wednesday marks the end of the three-day May Day holiday.—Xinhua

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ing an insurgency for more than one decade, use IEDs to launch roadside bomb attack on security forces but the lethal weapon also inflicted casualties on civilians. Also on Tuesday, three British soldiers with the NATO-led coalition forces died in an IED attack in neighbouring Helmand Province.

Taliban began their

spring rebel offensive against the Afghan and more than 100,000 NATO-led troops over the weekend. The Taliban-led insurgency and conflicts claimed the lives of more than 2,800 Afghan security forces and 402 foreign soldiers while leaving 2,754 civilians dead last year in the war-hit central Asian state.

Xinhua

Pakistan Army chief rejects Taliban offer for talks with conditions

their detained five leaders and a guarantee that their three political and religious leaders would not be arrested.

The Taliban also refused to lay down their arms during the peace dialogue. The government has ignored the conditions demanded by the Taliban but the Pakistani Army has not publicly responded to the Taliban initiative.

However, General Kayani, speaking to thousands of relatives of those security men who died in the fighting against the Taliban and other armed groups in the garrison city of Rawalpindi late Tuesday has ruled out talks with the insurgents unless they surrender and abandon their rebellion.

“We sincerely desire that all those who have

strayed and have picked up arms against the nation, return to the national fold. However, this is only possible once they unconditionally submit to the state, its Constitution and the rule of law. There is no room for doubts when it comes to dealing with rebellion against the state,” the army chief said in a written speech, aired live by all TV channels.—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Shan traditional drum attracts flocks of tourists in Hsipaw



Hsipaw, 2 May—Hsipaw is an ancient town located on Mandalay-Lashio Union Highway in Shan State (North).

Because of the good news, tourists pay visits to Hsipaw to enjoy scenic beauty of natural waterfalls, confluence of Dokhtawady River and other natural scenes.

Therefore, the Township Development Affairs Committee built a Shan traditional drum as a symbol of the Shan State kept at the entrance to Hsipaw. The tourists who arrived in Hsipaw cannot neglect the Shan traditional drum, and they pledge to view the symbol on their way.

Myanma Alinn

Drug seized on coach of 132-down train

KYAUKME, 2 May—Railway Police Force members seized suspected heroin kept in soap boxes from two passengers of No 132-down train that left Lashio for Mandalay.

On 10 April, while checking the coaches of the train, members of Railway Police Force took passengers Ma Thin Shwe, 39, of West Taunggon Village in Indaw Township and Maung Po Ni, 23 of Thayagon Village from Nantsi Village-tract of Mohnyin Township from the ordinary class coach No. 1 to inspect their equipment to the office of the Railway Police



Platoon Office when the train arrived at Pyin Oo Lwin Station.

HOMALIN, 2 May—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of new building at Basic Education High School and repairing of X-ray room at the station hospital was held at the rural hall in Namtaw Village of

Basic tailoring course opens in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 2 May—With the aim of developing women's life and increasing their incomes through vocational education, Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the basic tailoring course at Ayeya Ward in Myitkyina on 26 April.

It was attended by

Homalin Township on 24 April afternoon.

Wellwisher U Aung-Daw Maw Si (Aung Thamadi Gold Shop, Mandalay/Yangon) donated K 5 million for school building and K 1 million for the X-ray room. Village-tract

Patron of State Women's Affairs Organization wife of the Kachin State Chief Minister Daw Kan Hsee Hsai Lon, members of Women's Affairs Organization and MCWA, and trainees.

Altogether 30 trainees from wards and villages are attending the one and a half months course.

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Drugs seized at entrance to Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 2 May—A team led by IP Yan Aye of Kachin State Special Police Force searched the tuk-tuk that left Waingmaw for Myitkyina near the combined checkpoint at the entrance to Myitkyina at 4.05 pm on 27 April.

They seized 13 grams each of suspected heroin kept in the soap boxes totalling 273 grams worth K 13,650,000 and 3648 WY brand stimulant tablets worth K 10,944,000 from Daw Chan Nan, 45 of Myitkyina and Po Htaik (a) Aik Oo, 40 of Tatkon Ward.

Waingmaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug traffickers under the law.

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Courses on Shan literature and culture conclude

YAKSAWK, 2 May—Shan State Rural Region Development Foundation, Taunggyi Shan Literature and Culture Association and Yaksawk Culture Association jointly organized the education course and agriculture course at the hall of Basic Education Primary School in Loikoe Village in Yaksawk of Shan State (South) on 25 April.

It was attended by chairmen of Shan State Rural Region Development Foundation and Shan

Literature and Culture Association and responsible persons, chairmen of Yaksawk Township Shan Literature and Culture Committee, departmental officials, course instructors and 100 trainees from 14 villages.

The training was aimed at turning out outstanding youths and improving agriculture, livestock breeding, economic and social standards.

The training course runs from 25 April to 15 May.

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K 6 million donated to education, health fund

administrator U Thein Tun accepted the donations.

It was also attended by Sagaing Region Minister for Development Affairs U Tin Hlaing Myint, Shan National Race Affairs Minister U San Shwe and Acting Township

Administrator U Myo Naing.

The school building will be 200 feet long and 36 feet wide RC two-storey building at a cost of K 109 million. The government will spend K 69 million on construction of the building.—Myanma Alinn

Fire destroys lathe and mould industry



YANGON, 2 May—A fire broke out at Super U Thaung Myint Lathe and Mould Industry of U Thaung Myint at No. 384 on Moemakha Street in Ward 64 of Industrial Zone 2 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township at 1 am on 28 April.

A total of 43 fire engines from South Okkalapa, Thingangyun, Dagon Myothit (North), Kyauktada, Sangyoung, Tamway, Tamway Branch, Shwepaukkan, Thakayta, Dawbon, Dagon Seikkan, Hline, Mayangon, North

Okkalapa, North Okkalapa Branch, Insein and Shwepyitha Townships were putting out the fire.

Under the close supervision of Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department, five management vehicles were also used in fire fighting. They could totally put out the fire at 1.50 am.

The fire caused K 1.55 million loss of property.

Action was taken against in-charge of the industry U Tin Shwe.

Myanma Alinn



In commemoration of the 85th birthday which falls on 12 April, U Mya Kyi (retired camp officer) of Public Works (Head Office) of Room 15 of Building 6 at U Wisara Housing in Dagon Township donated K 500,000 to No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) through Commandant Brig-Gen Sein Lin.—MYANMA ALINN

Potable water supplied to local people in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 2 May—Policemen led by Commander of Kyaukme District Police Force Police Lt-Col Myo Win, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ko Ko Gyi and members supplied potable water to

local people of wards 7 and 8 of Kyaukme on 26 April.

They supplied water to the people from a four-inch tubewell in the compound of the District Police Force Office.

Myanma Alinn

Arms, drugs seized in Kalay

KALAY, 2 May—Special Branch of Myanmar Police Force and Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on tip-off, searched the house of U Thong Swam Khwal (a) Khwal Thong of Regon 4 in Tarhan Ward of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region at 8 pm on 25 April.

The squad seized five grenades of BA 82 and BA 60, four packets

of gunpowder and 0.1 gram each of 160,000 white suspected pseudoephedrine tablet, one 16 kg packet and 165 kilograms packet, totalling 325,000 tablets in 23.5 kg worth K 32.5 million under the bed of the house.

Kalay Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the arms and drug case.

Myanma Alinn

Ten acres of wheat harvested in Kutkai Township

KUTKAI, 2 May—A ceremony to harvest ten acres of wheat of farmers U Yi Pu, U Aik Sai, U Aik Kyaw and U Yi Bauk of Swamlon Village was held in Kutkai Township, Shan State (North) on 28 April.

The harvesting produced 80 baskets of wheat per acre.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and party.

Head of District Agriculture Department Daw Nan Lwin Lwin Sein explained modern agricultural technology to 150 local farmers.

Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 3 May, 2013

Disadvantages with advantages

Social networking is now become a part of every day's life. It is trending more than movies or fashion. It gives some great opportunity for the people. This is because it is for people, and any kind of social group or community can interact here. Maximum of the users utilize social networking sites for their personal networking. Uploading latest pictures are common habit for them. Getting likes and comments in the pictures are also important for them. You can also make a group and also can aware people about any topics. You can track your friends from school those are lost from your life and can make a connection with them. Users can easily gain the information about anything by using social networks.

According to Newton's third law, every action has an equal and opposite reactions. This is true for social network also. It has some disadvantages with the advantages. Because of bit carelessness, users can face harassment from the social networking sites. While giving information in your autobiography in your social networking profile try to be reserve and don't let your secrets to become public.

Social networking sites contain a high rate of scams and harassment problem. Anyone can open any number of profiles and it does not require any verification. So people can give threats and provide nasty videos and share it. Some can also use social media to attack somebody's reputation and post faked photos while others use social media to spread wrong information and rumors.

So, we should not believe these information to the full and news come from unreliable sources. Many people waste their valuable time on these social networking sites. Gaming is an attraction in social media, and people waste their valuable time. Especially the youngsters, they are completely addicted with this. It can suffer their brain and eyes a lot.

Parents should monitor the use of internet by their children. Social media can have a negative impact on worker productivity. Employees may waste valuable time using social media. When social media is used excessively or in the wrong way, it could have serious detrimental outcomes on both mental and even physical health of individuals. Everything have advantages and disadvantages.

Yedashe people get drinking water

YEDASHE, 2 May—Due to excessive heat, local people from Yedashe Township in Bago Region are experiencing a scarcity of water. As of yesterday, Yedashe Township Development Affairs

Committee distributed drinking water to local people.

Moreover, it is set to sink tube wells in at 30 villages and ten fur-flung villages during this month.

Kyemon

Vice-President U Nyan Tun...

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resources from international community would be necessary. Nay Pyi Taw Accord was approved and issued to ensure effectiveness in making cooperation with development partnership countries.

The Vice-President said that each and every undertaking should be agreed with the interest of the people, aspiration of the people and desire of the people as the government was elected by the people. Formulation of export strategy would be needed in respective sectors driven by people-centered approach of ministries concerned. It should be intended

not only to guarantee more production and to create more employment and income but also to enable the products of the country to have access to the international market under special projects. He continued that objectives could be realized by having assistance from international community.

He said that arrangements were being made to send economic attachés to the nations that are important in global markets and neighbouring countries to be able to boost export sector. They would help improve export sector of the country by collecting economic information around the world. As a

special offer that economic sanctions on Myanmar imposed by EU many years ago ended recently, Myanmar export products would have access to EU market. To take advantage of the opportunities, systematic formulation of export strategy would be needed.

The export strategy which was going to be drawn would be formulated under four stages—preliminary coordination, detailed discussion, designing and implementation. He expressed his belief that there would be development in export sector of the country thanks to effective collaboration of the government, private sector and International Trade Centre. He stressed the

need of all-out efforts of all stakeholders.

Next, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Senior Officer Mr. Darius Kurek of Geneva-based International Trade Centre (ITC) elaborated matters related to the ceremony and workshop.

It was also attended by Union ministers, chairmen of Hluttaw committees, deputy ministers, and departmental officials, representatives from ITC and international organizations and media men.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and Union ministers posed for documentary photos together with representatives from international organizations.

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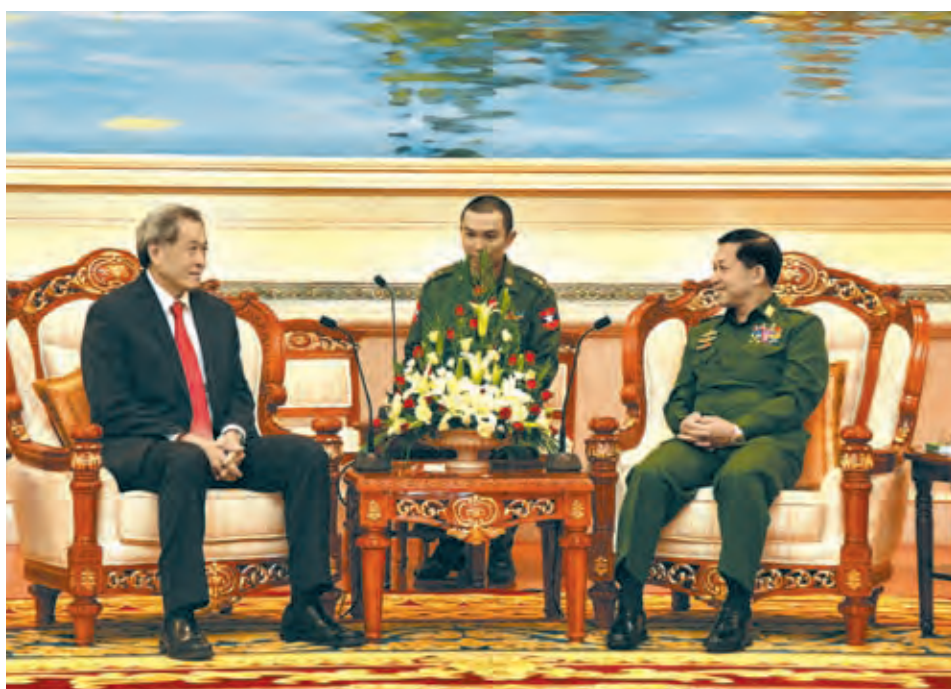
Myanmar, Singapore to cooperate in regional peace and stability

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a goodwill delegation led by Dr Ng Eng Hen, Defence Minister of the Republic of Singapore, at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this noon.

They held a cordial discussion on Singapore's support for Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, hosting of 2013 ASEAN Army chiefs meeting, ASEAN Shooting competition, 2014 ASEAN Army chiefs meeting, cooperation for regional and local peace and stability between the two countries and cooperation between Tatmadaws of the both countries.

After the meeting, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hosted a luncheon to the goodwill delegation.

After the dinner, Senior



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Singaporean Defence Minister Dr Ng Eng Hen.—MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing and the Singaporean Defence Minister exchanged the gifts and presented to a flower basket to Myawady Music Band and Anyeint troupe.

Also present at the

call together with the Senior General were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers from the

Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. The delegation was accompanied by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua and officials.

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U Paw Lwin Sein concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

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Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives Honorary Consulate-General of Myanmar to Lebanon

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo received Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Lebanon, at the meeting hall No.1 of

Hluttaw Building, here, at 8:30 am today.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on further promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Lebanon.

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LOCAL NEWS

Aids for Shan culture

HSIPAW, 2 May—In commemoration of 50 years serviceterm, U Kaung Taing-Daw Nan Loung Kham and family of Shan Ozi Housing in Pantaintaung Ward, Hsipaw, donated K 200,000 and necessary equipment to Township Shan Literature

and Culture Committee in Hsipaw of Shan State (North) on 25 April morning.

The Committee Chairman and members accepted the donations, presented a certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Kyemon

Bawdwin mine celebrates May Day

NAMTU, 2 May—A ceremony to mark the May Day was held for the first time at the gymnasium of Bawdwin mine in Namtu Township from 27 April to 1 May. On 27 and 28 April, writers Kyaw Yin Myint, Hninsi Aung, Hsipaw Ko Latt and Nay Myo Nwe (Lashio) gave literary talks.

It was enjoyed by Deputy General Manager Geologist U Chandra Kuma and staff, Bawdwin Village Administrator U Win Hlaing and enthusiasts. After the talks, the writers donated publications and writer Kyaw Yin Myint K 50,000 to the library committee of Bawdwin.—*Kyemon*

Katha sees better communications

KATHA, 2 May—While plans are underway to enable everyone to have access to low-priced SIM cards by the government, substitution of

old landlines with new ones were carried out for ensuring better communications in Katha of Sagaing Region yesterday.—*Kyemon*



Mobile teams seize illegal goods

BAGO, 2 May—As the illegal trade inspection mobile teams are making surprise checks on transportation routes to curb illegal trade and black market, a mobile team seized unlicensed goods at the strategic point where the old and new Sittoung bridges

meet in Waw Township, Bago Region on 23 and 25 April.

The seized items include petrol, energy drink, perfume, edible oil and some others and the police have filed lawsuits against the illegal carriers.—*Kyemon*



Farmland operation permits issued



BAGO, 2 May—Farmland operation permits were given in Bago Township, Bago District, Bago Region yesterday.

Chairman of Bago District Farmland Management Committee U Wai Zin Tun gave the permits to farmers, at Kwetanshae Village-tract in Bago yesterday.

Village-tract Administrator U Nyunt Tin accepted the permits on behalf of the farmers.

A total of 196 permits were given to famers and

the remaining farmland are reported to be in the process of being scrutinized for ownership.

Kyemon

Magwarian blood for hospitals

MAGWAY, 2 May—Honouring the 23rd anniversary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), collective blood donation of Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of

Magway Region was held at Blood Bank in Magway People's Hospital on 30 April morning.

Patron of Region MCWSC Daw San San Myint and members encouraged the blood

10 April.

The rent of machinery for oil drilling is K 1200000 for a place on oil field and an engine with 18 to 22 hp is used to collect the oil which usually cost 800000. The labour cost is K 100000 per head both for day and night with free meal. Motor bike taxi drivers from Bwe, Yenamma, and Zidaw villages also buy oil from the oilfield.

Due to the decrease in output, the price of oilfield has also declined, dropping to between K 200000 and K 500000.—*Kyemon*

Tasks given to implement objectives of planning in Sagaing District

SAGAING, 2 May — A ceremony to give tasks to assign duty to implement regional undertakings for 2013-2014 FY took place at the meeting hall of Sagaing District General Administration Department this morning.

In his address, Chairman of Sagaing District Management Committee U Myint Wai called for goodwill and accuracy of statistics in carrying out tasks of poverty alleviation scheme for rural people so that objectives of the plans will be realized.

Next, U Sein Linn, head of the district Planning



Department, gave an account of facts and figures over planning. Then tasks were given to the chairmen of township management committees and in-charges.

It was attended by

chairmen of Sagaing, Myinmu and Myaung Township management committees and district and township level departmental personnel.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards given in Yenangyoung Tsp



YENANGYOUNG, 2 May—Yenangyoung Township

Immigration and National Registration Department

under the Moe Pwint 5 Scheme issued citizenship scrutiny cards to locals from wards and villages in Yenangyoung Township on 30 April.

It was attended by Magway Region INRD officials, Mawgay Region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Naing Linn, and U Win Tin, township administrator U Kyaw Kyaw and departmental personnel.

A total of 592 persons were given citizenship scrutiny cards.—*Kyemon*

Sunni unrest revives fears of sectarian war in Iraq

RAMADI, 2 May — Wearing military fatigues with his cleric's turban, Sheikh Ali Muhaibes brought on Friday prayers in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland to a climax with chilling words for the Shi'ite-led government.

"If you want jihad,

we're ready. If you want confrontation, we're ready. And if you want us to go to Baghdad, we're coming," he roared to the crowd in the western Province of Anbar. For months, Sunnis have been protesting against Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, whom

they accuse of marginalizing their minority sect and monopolizing power since US-led troops toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. Now the mood is suddenly uglier.

Government concessions had begun to defuse Sunni unrest, but, when security forces raided a protest camp in the town of Hawija on 23 April, clashes swiftly spread to other Sunni areas, raising fears that Iraq might slide back into the kind of all-out sectarian bloodletting that ravaged it in 2006-7. "We worked together to bury sectarianism, but it is rearing its head again," Maliki told Sunni and Shi'ite clerics at an Islamic "rapprochement and dialogue" conference on Saturday. But many Iraqis fear such efforts will prove futile.

Reuters



Iraqi troops stand at a makeshift camp at a public square in Hawija, near Kirkuk, 170 km (100 miles) north of Baghdad, on 23 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Companies hire less, manufacturing growth slows in April

NEW YORK, 2 May — Companies hired the smallest number of employees in seven months in April while manufacturing growth slowed, providing more signs that the economy is encountering a soft patch. Businesses added 119,000 employees to their payrolls last month, according to the ADP National Employment Report released on Wednesday. It fell short of economists' expectations for 150,000 jobs and was the smallest gain since last September.

The slowdown was primarily due to the effect of tighter fiscal policy through a combination of an increase in payroll taxes at the start of the year and the \$85 billion govern-

ment spending cuts that went into effect across the board in March, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, which jointly develops the ADP report. "They are starting to bite and starting to weaken growth," said Zandi. "It's affecting all industries and almost all company sizes." March's private payrolls were revised down to an increase of 131,000 from the previously reported 158,000.

Two separate reports on the manufacturing sector also showed employment slowed in April, and analysts said there was some risk Friday's larger employment report from the government could disappoint. After reaccelerating in the

first quarter, recent data suggests overall economic growth cooled heading into



second quarter, a familiar pattern the recovery has seen in past years. "This slowing pace of growth we have been seeing the past

Job seekers listen to a presentation at the Colorado Hospital Association health care career fair in Denver on 9 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Man killed by bull in Japan's Kagoshima

OSAKA, 2 May — A 40-year-old man was killed on Wednesday after being gored by his own bull in a bull ring in a town on an island of the southern Japanese prefecture of Kagoshima, local Press reported.

The terrifying incident happened in the bull ring on Tokunoshima Island

when a raging bull jumped into the raider of the animal and gored him fatally in the chest, according to Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), Japan's public broadcaster.

The report said that local rescuers carried the raider to a nearby hospital, but he was later confirmed dead.

The report cited local officials as saying that the incident happened when the man would try to take the bull, weighs about 1, 100 kg, out from the outdoor arena after a training match. Local police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Xinhua

Three British soldiers killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 2 May — Three British soldiers were killed by a road side bomb during patrol in Afghanistan, Britain's Ministry of Defence (MOD) said on Wednesday. Their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device whilst on a routine patrol in Nahr-e Saraj District, Helmand Province on Tuesday, MOD said in a statement.

They received immediate medical attention and were evacuated by air to the Military Hospital at Camp Bastion but could not be saved, the statement said. Spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Major Richard Morgan, said, "It is with deep sadness that I must confirm that three soldiers from The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland, have died after

their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in the Nahr-e Saraj District of Helmand Province."

The soldiers' next of kin have been informed and have requested the customary period of grace before further details are released. "Security in Helmand, where most UK forces are based, is steadily improving with Afghan forces already responsible for the bulk of the province. But the environment in which our troops operate remains risky and dangerous, including the threat of improvised explosive devices and insurgent attack," said a spokesman of the MOD. "We will continue to do all we can to minimize these risks but they can never be removed entirely," he added.—Xinhua

Somali pirates release Danish vessel with six crew

NAIROBI, 2 May — Somali pirates have released the Danish coaster M/V Leopard after two years in captivity, a Kenyan maritime official said on Wednesday. Seafarers' Union of Kenya Secretary General Andrew Mwangura said the vessel which was captured in January 2011 was released on Tuesday with six member crew. "The two Danish and the four Philippine seamen have very recently been released off the Somali coast and are now in safe surroundings," Mwangura said. The latest information comes as the number of at-

tacks off the coast of Somalia related to Somali pirates has reduced drastically with five incidents being reported in the first quarter of 2013 including the hijacking of a fishing vessel and its 20-member crew.

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has however warned of complacency in its latest quarterly report for January-March, saying the risk of being approached or attacked still exists. "Although the number of acts of piracy reported in Somalia has significantly decreased, there

can be no room for complacency," IMB Director Potengal Mukundan said on 15 April. Mukundan said the drop in reported attacks is due to proactive naval actions against suspect Pirate Action Groups, the employment of privately contracted armed security personnel and the preventive measures used by the merchant vessels (as per latest Best Management Practices recommendations).

The Danish owned vessel was attacked by pirates while underway on 12 Jan, 2011. During the attack two Danish sailors and four Filipino crew

members of the vessel were kidnapped from the ship and taken ashore in Somalia. Later the ship and cargo of weapons was recovered by NATO warships by, but there was no indication of the crew's whereabouts. The M/V Leopard is operated by a weapons and hazardous cargo transport firm called Ship Craft. The registered owner of the 1, 780 DWT ship is the Danish based Lodestar Ship Holding Limited. The vessel was discovered without its crew by combined naval forces after receiving a distress call from the crew.

Xinhua



Thieving elephant targets tourists for their lunches.

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A triplet of baby monkey, tiger and lion cuddle at the "animal kindergarten" of a zoo in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 1 May, 2013.

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We heartfully congratulate to Wunna Kyaw Htin Sithu *U Aung Ko Win*, Chairman of KBZ Bank Limited for receiving the State Excellence Award (*First Prize among the entrepreneurs serving the highest tax payments to the State Budget Revenue*) recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar conferred by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's State Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony held on 30th April 2013.

We all wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.



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Our heartiest congratulations to the

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conferred by **"World Finance"**, a London based

prestigious organization on 3rd April 2013.

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AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING
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Alex Ferguson sets sights on
Manchester United transfer
targets

LONDON, 2 May—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson revealed on Tuesday that he is already plotting how to strengthen his squad during the close-season transfer window.

United secured the Premier League title last week, but with rivals Chelsea and Manchester City both expected to invest heavily in new players in a bid to bridge the gap next season, Ferguson says his side cannot afford to stand still in the transfer market.

"We've been doing a bit of work on that over the last three or four

months, targeting who the players are that we feel could enhance us, make us better or help us maintain the level we're at," he told the club's official magazine, Inside United.

"Hopefully the players we bring into the club in the next year or so will be of the quality we need. We're competitive in the market — we're not Chelsea or Manchester City in terms of money, but we're competitive."

United have been linked with some high-profile strikers in recent weeks, including Robert Lewandowski of Borussia Dortmund and Atletico Madrid's Radamel Falcao, but Ferguson believes the squad already has solid foundations.

"You have to look at the structure of the club at present, in terms of the number of first-team players we have at 23 or under," Ferguson added.

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Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson

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Sheikh Salman wins AFC presidential
election

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 May—Sheikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa will run Asian football for the next two years after the Bahraini won a three-way election for the presidency of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Thursday.

Sheikh Salman secured 33 votes of the 46 available from the AFC's member associations in Malaysia to beat Yousuf Al Serkal of the United Arab Emirates (six votes) and Thailand's Worawi Makudi (seven votes).

Outsider Hafez Al Medlej of Saudi Arabia unsurprisingly withdrew on the eve of the vote after failing to win full support of the West Asian region.

Sheikh Salman replaces

Qatari Mohamed Bin Hammam, who was banned for life by FIFA in 2011 amid allegations of trying to buy votes. The AFC has been in limbo ever since, with China's Zhang Jilong's interim leadership beset by numerous matchfixing and graft scandals among member associations.

Sepp Blatter, the president of world governing body FIFA, said earlier on Thursday it was time for Asian football to move forward. "It is a historical day because it is a day of election, a day of election in your confederation that has been in a difficult situation during the past two years," said Blatter.

"And together you have



overcome all these difficulties and now you are in this situation where you are going to have a restart. But I would identify this restart as an intermediary restart because then the right start will be in two years in 2015 ... you have two more years to put

your house in order." Blatter added. The shorter two-year term on offer to the winner of the vote is a result of Bin Hammam's exit. The Qatari had been elected unopposed as AFC president for a third four-year term in 2011.

Reuters

World bodies back Augusta ruling not to disqualify Woods

NEW YORK, 2 May—Tiger Woods of the US walks to the 14th tee during final round play in the 2013 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, 14 April, 2013.

Golf's governing bodies ruled on Wednesday that Augusta National officials made the correct call not to disqualify world number one Tiger Woods for an improper ball drop at the Masters.

The Royal & Ancient

(R&A) and United States Golf Association (USGA) released a joint statement explaining in lengthy detail the controversial events that occurred during Woods's second round and sent the year's first major into a frenzy. Woods controversially avoided disqualification from the Masters when, after failing to add strokes to his scorecard for an improper drop, officials used discretionary powers to hand him a two-stroke penalty.

The 14-times major champion, who draws massive TV ratings and was a hot favourite at Augusta National, earned his reprieve after a review by officials of a penalty drop he took during the second round at the par-five 15th last month.

Aided by a recently amended rule announced at the 2011 Masters, Woods was not disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard because his infringement was based on television evi-

dence.

The R&A and USGA determined the original ruling was based on exceptional facts and officials were right not to disqualify Woods but stressed that players are still under an obligation to return a correct scorecard and understand the rules.

The sport's governing bodies also maintain that officials are under no obligation to make players aware of any possible rules infraction.

Reuters

GENERAL



Contestants Maria Gabrielle Seally (L), Carolina Brid (C), and Sara Bello pose for photos during their coronation in the beauty pageant "Miss Panama 2013" in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 30 April, 2013. XINHUA

Moderate quake shakes north India

NEW DELHI, 2 May — A magnitude 5.8 earthquake shook on Wednesday India's northern states of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh at 12:27 local time, a preliminary report issued by India's Meteorological Department said. The epicentre was said to be in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda District, with tremors also felt in the capital New Delhi. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Describing the quake of "moderate density", the Met report said, "The event, which falls under the category of moderate earthquake, was felt in parts of north India, including Delhi. This earthquake is likely to cause slight to moderate damage to poorly built structures in and around the epicentre." It was the third time in a fortnight that tremors have been felt in New Delhi and surrounding areas, following earthquakes in the Himalayan regions.

Meanwhile, German news agency DPA reported that the US Geological Survey measured the quake at 5.7 on the Richter scale and plotted the epicenter to Bhadarwah in Doda district, some 500 kilometres north of New Delhi. "The tremors lasted between 8 to 10 seconds and caused people to rush out of their homes and offices in Srinagar and other cities," the report said.— *Kyodo News*

Photo taken on 30 April, 2013 show a street Hoi An, an ancient Town in central Vietnam. As an important South-East Asian trading hub from the 15th to the 19th century, Hoi An is exceptionally well preserved. The town is thus an outstanding material manifestation of the fusion of cultures, indigenous and foreign especially Chinese.—XINHUA



Saudi candidates pulls out from AFC presidential race

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 May — Saudi Arabian candidate Hafez Ibrahim Al Medlej has announced a last-minute withdraw from the presidential race of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), the Asian football governing body said on Wednesday.

Hafez has long been seen as the underdog of the race, with previous reports saying that he would withdraw before the election.

The remaining three candidates, Bahrain Football Association chief Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, United Arab Emirates Football Association chief Yousuf Al Serkal and Thai FIFA Executive Committee member Worawi Makudi will compete for the new AFC chief

in the first presidential election since AFC's disgraced former boss Mohamed Bin Hammam was banned for electoral fraud.

Backed by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad AL-Sabah, Shaikh Salman is considered as a frontrunner of the race. He is eyeing a two-third majority in the first round of voting to win the election outright.

Sources said Al Serkal and Makudi have jointed hand to deny a victory of Shaikh Salman.

AFC will also elect a FIFA executive committee member, among other positions, in the Extraordinary Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

Reuters

Thirteen dead, four missing in floods in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 2 May — Saudi Arabia announced 13 people dead and four others missing in Riyadh, Baha, Hail and Quwaiyah due to recent rains and floods, Saudi Press Agency reported on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia has been witnessing medium and heavy rains in different regions since Friday, resulting in the closure of schools in some districts.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence spokesman Colonel Abdullah bin Thabit Al-Harthi said that the victims included two persons in Kharj, three in Aflaj, one in Hariq, four in Taif and three in Baha.

Similar weather occurred in 1981, 1982 and 1983 when the largest valleys in the kingdom were filled with water.— *Xinhua*

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Mourinho exit would leave Real president in a hole

BARCELONA, 2 May — Jose Mourinho's possible departure from Real Madrid at the end of the season would leave club president Florentino Perez in a tricky position as he seeks an adequate replacement for the man he has constantly lauded as "the best coach in the world". Obsessed with winning the 10th continental crown that has eluded Real since 2002, construction magnate Perez hired the controversial Portuguese at great expense in 2010 after he led Inter Milan to the Champions League title.

After Tuesday's elimination from Europe's elite club competition by Borussia Dortmund, when Real narrowly failed to overturn a 4-1 deficit in their semi-final second leg at the Bernabeu, Mourinho dropped his strongest hint yet that his time in the Spanish capital is drawing to a close.

Karim Benzema and Sergio Ramos scored late goals to give Real hope but they fell just short and Dortmund



Jose Mourinho

went through to the 25 May final 4-3 on aggregate. Asked after the game if he would stay on next term — he has a contract until 2016 — Mourinho told ITV Sport: "Maybe not. I don't know but I want to be where people love me to be."

At a later news conference he added: "I am loved by some clubs, especially one (Chelsea). In Spain it is different, some people hate me, many of you in this (press) room." Mourinho's reference to Chelsea appeared to give credence to recent reports saying he is poised to return to the London club where he won Premier League titles in 2005 and 2006 but came up short in the Champions League.

If he does leave Real at the end of the season, he will have led them to one La Liga title, when they set a record points tally, and, if they beat Atletico Madrid in this month's final, two King's Cups.

It is a decent record by most standards but at Real it is success in Europe that counts above all else and on that score he has disappointed, suffering elimination in the Champions League semi-finals for the past three seasons.

Mourinho's combative character may have had a negative impact on the club's image that will leave behind a damaging legacy, according to marketing experts.

Appointed sporting manager as well as first-team coach, an unusual step for a club in Spain where the power of Mourinho's counterparts is much more limited, he has responsibility for the development of the Real soccer product.

Reuters

Vice-President U Nyan Tun calls for effective role of export sector in socio-economic development drive of the nation



Vice-President U Nyan Tun addresses the first workshop on formulation of the national-level export strategy.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Vice-President U Nyan Tun addressed the first workshop on formulation of the national-level export strategy at Ministry of Commerce here this morning.

Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum was held on 19 January, 2013 to seek help and cooperation in implementing national level projects and the forum was a success with the attendance of all international aid organizations and as a result, the International Monetary Fund offered to help with Myanmar in boosting export volume by sorting out prioritized sectors and markets through adoption of national-level export strategy.

The Vice-President said the government in putting in place economic and social reforms has

chosen people-centered development approach according to framework on socio-economic reform, calling for national export strategy to be consistent with national comprehensive development scheme.

The Vice-President called high export volume an integral part of the economic performance of developing countries and contributor to rapid development and poverty reduction. Exportation brings great benefits and such driving forces as stronger competition and technological advancement have brought about impressive results in export sectors of world countries, said the Vice-President.

National export strategy thus should be based on the long-term scope of establishing an economy driven by highly

competitive export industry for national prosperity and development. The general objective of the national export is to strengthen high-value products supply chain by increasing the number of export items to promote productivity and manufacturing activities. Meanwhile, it is required to integrate small and medium enterprises in the supply chain of production, value-adding and exporting, stressed the Vice-President.

It needs to adopt a framework that can guarantee public and private can come together for partnership for achievement of objectives set by the two parties. Meanwhile it is also pivotal to set a set of guidelines on how to distribute rare resources useable for export promotion according to their position on list of priorities.

In addition, it is important to place a special focus on ensuring export sector, take a supporting role in

the government's socio-economic development drive—covering such aspects as foreign currency

earning, job creation, poverty reduction, regional development, gender equality, inclusiveness and environmental conservation.

It is also important to set up strong national export strategy value chain that encompasses result-monitoring system along with systematic mechanism for competitiveness, market penetration, and export development.

Plan for ensuring better socioeconomic life of the entire people called for active participation of the government, the people, entrepreneurs and social organizations as well as organizations from donor countries and INGOs so that it would meet the success.

In enhancing development of Myanmar, acquisition of knowledge, experience and (See page 8)

UEC Chairman meets USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator



Chairman of the Union Election Commission (UEC) U Tin Aye receives Dr Sarah Mendelson, Deputy Assistant Administrator of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Chairman of the Union Election Commission (UEC) U Tin Aye received Dr Sarah Mendelson, Deputy Assistant Administrator of

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and party at the meeting hall of the UEC, here, this morning.

They held a cordial

discussion on UEC's undertakings for free and fair election in 2015. Also present at the call together with the chairman were UEC members.—MNA

Union Defence Minister receives Singaporean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received a delegation led by Defence Minister of Singapore Dr Ng Eng Hen at the meeting hall

of the Ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed ASEAN Chairmanship of Myanmar in 2014 and cooperation between the two armed

forces.

Present at the call were Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and Commodore Aung Thaw and officials.—MNA

Public Notice

As regards the assets of **Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Ltd**, a clearing has been made on capital borrowed from the government and dividends to be given

to the government on 31 March, 2013. Union government representatives having worked as the patrons of the bank have also resigned from their posts. It is hereby announced that plans are under

way to set up the bank as a **public bank** under a **new name**, separated from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

1st Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 kicks off

YANGON, 2 May—The 1st Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013, jointly organized by Junior Golf Myanmar and Myanmar Golf Federation, took place at Yangon Golf Club in Insein Township, here, this morning.

Yangon Golf Club Captain U Zaw Min, Vice-

Presidents of MGF U Aung Kyi and U Tint Oo teed off after the participant golfers had taken positions at 1st Tee.

This was followed by today's 18-hole event.

About eight golfers in the U-10 event, 23 in U-14 event, 18 in U-18 and U-24, totaling 49 participated in the tournament.

The Co-sponsors were Myanmar Thiha Co Ltd, Double Eagle Golf Co Ltd, J'Donuts (J&J Co Ltd), Elite Tech, Han Golf Masters Pte, Ltd, IBTC Group of Companies and Kaung Myat Co Ltd.

The second round continues tomorrow.

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