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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for establishment of world-class universities



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes a speech at the meeting of Higher Education Establishments Council and Universities Central Council.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for promotion of Myanmar education standards through establishment of world-class universities.

The Vice-President speaking at the Higher Education Establishments Council Meeting and Universities Central Council Meeting at

Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning called the national education committee the sole decision-making organization tasked with adoption and implementation of education policies and objectives.

The committee is in operation with two councils—universities

central council responsible for administrative matters and higher education establishments council responsible for academic matters.

The Vice-President described the role of the committee as a coordinator between 13 ministries, calling on those present and responsible persons to spare no efforts in educational

catch-up process.

He also demanded greater encouragement to compulsory primary education, scholarship and stipend programmes and private schools, announcing gradual inclusion of ethnic language lessons in school curriculums.

He also mentioned such plans for promotion of higher education such as

extension of an academic year in graduate and post-graduate courses, promotion of private universities under the private university law, creation of good learning environment, amendment to university admission selection system, promotion of English proficiency and industrial vocational education. He called on the universities

of respective ministries to turn themselves into world-class seats of education for promotion of Myanmar education.

According to Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye, 3-R campaigns are being conducted from 1 April to 15 May with 1985 volunteer undergraduates and local volunteer teachers. The Union minister also proposed to launch a specialized training programme in higher education beginning 2013-14 academic year which is to specially train 15 students in each specialized subjects up to doctorate level in universities in Yangon and Mandalay. Students with brilliant matriculation exam results will be chosen for specialized training.

Then, future work programmes were discussed. Universities Central Council Meeting will be held tomorrow.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

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First Special Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw summoned

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 83 and Section 212 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16 and Section 52 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, first special session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is called to be held in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 20 May, 2013 (Monday) (11th Waxing of Kason, 1375 ME) in order to seek the approval on declaration of a state of emergency with President's Office Ordinance No. 1/2013 dated 22 March that shall take effect as a law.

Sd/ Khin Aung Myint
Speaker

Notice to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May— First special session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, here, at 10 am on 20 May (Monday). Invitation letters have been sent to Hluttaw representatives.

Those representatives are requested to report at Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Office No. 20 not later than 19 May and not earlier than 18 May whether or not they receive the invitation letters and bring their representative registration cards and representative scrutiny cards.

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Inlay Lake conservation in urgent need of public participation

Powered schooners are finding it difficult to moor in sailing visitors to Phaungdaw U Pagoda in Inlay Lake, Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, following the significant fall in its water levels in this summer and water courses having silted up in the environs of the pagoda. The Irrigation Department has been dredging up for the convenience of foreign tourists since 24 April.

The same period of last

year saw the same situation but the currently fallen water level is not as serious as that of mid-summer 2010. The Irrigation Department has also been dredging up the water course in southern part of the lake. It has also planned to mobilize machines to there to avoid similar problems. Inlay Lake has been silting up and according to academic observations, the annual amount of sediment hits 30 million cubic feet and the Irrigation Department can only dredge out 20 million

By Tin Hlaing

cubic feet of sediment. In addition, the dredged silt is not effectively deposited out of the lake, causing problems in the long run.

The future of Inlay Lake can be guaranteed only when watershed areas are preserved much better than now. The public participation in the lake conservation has also not been satisfactory, calling for greater public interest and participation.

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Pakokku to see Shwe creek bridge No (2) soon



PAKOKKU, 3 May — It is learnt that construction of Shwe creek bridge No (2) that will be beneficial to local people on western bank of Ayeyawady River in Magway Region was nearing completion on third week of February 2013.

Construction of the bridge No (2) near Pakokku-Kyunchaung-Seikpyu railway bridge started on 11 November 2012 with the aim of ensuring smooth and speedy transport of commodities from Pakokku to other regions and states while Shwe creek bridge No (1) sees high volume of traffic, serving as a main road of Pakokku.

"Shwe creek bridge No (2) is under construction by special project-3 group

that is making great effort for timely completion of construction works day in, day out. Special project-1 group is carrying out construction of detour that will link the bridge No (2)", says an official. The detour linking directly from Pakokku Myothit to Ayeyawady-Pakokku bridge is under construction. The 540 feet long bridge No (2) is being built by special project-3 of the Public Works. The bridge will be supported by seven piles that have a distance of 90 feet each other. The bridge will have a 24 feet wide motorway flanked by 3.6 feet pedestrian lanes on both sides. It can withstand 75-ton loads.

Hsinbyushin bridge

Short circuit sparks fire in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 3 May — A fire broke out at a house on Shwegyin-Kyaukkyi motorway in Gangaw Waing ward in Shwegyin at about 3.50 pm on 30 April.

The fire sparked by short circuit at the house of Daw Sann Kyi who is 90 years old. She lives

alone upstairs and she rents downstairs rooms of her two-storey RC building.

Thanks to collaborative efforts of fire crews and ward dwellers, the fire died down at about 4.10 pm. The house was slightly damaged in the fire.

Kyemon

Myanmar to boost export volume through adoption of national-level export strategy

YANGON, 3 May — The government has been formulating a national-level all-round development plan for development of the nation. The Ministry of Commerce that acts as a focal point for development of trade sector of the nation had an offer of help from Geneva-based International Trade Centre to draw an export strategy which is important for development

of economic and trade sectors of the country to boost export volume.

Being an agro-based country blessed with an abundance of natural resources, it is required to ensure a harmonious development that guarantees better socioeconomic life of the people by utilizing effectively its natural resources and manufacturing value-added

products to export without causing any harm to the environment instead of exporting raw materials. It calls for formulation of a pragmatic export strategy equipped with aims and objectives with the technical assistance of ITC after having a plenary meeting with the participation of the government, private sector and civil societies.

In drawing a national-



TAUNGGYI, 3 May — According to a tip-off, police members led by Inspector

Tun Tun Oo of No (2) Police Station in Taunggyi and village heads seized 237 head of cattle, a 10-member level export strategy, priority should be given to develop export sector and ensure competitive with others in the sector.

Productivity, quality of economic environment, market access and matters related to development are to be drawn in the strategy. Moreover, not only prioritized sectors and related ones but also export of goods and services are to be included in it.

Four stages — preliminary coordination, detailed discussion,

Over 100-year-old rowing boat in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 3 May — An over 100-year-old rowing boat that once was crowned with success in Myanmar traditional boat races is being kept at Lamu Village of Htantabin Township in Yangon Region.

The boat was well preserved by successive presiding Sayadaws of Lamu Village monastery.

There is no exact record when the 52 feet long boat was built, but it is learnt that it was the work of carpenter U Tway. The boat was named "Sabei Tin" as two petals of jasmine were found



on the sawn teaks before constructing it. "Villagers are proud that the boat was awarded in every boat race held in successive periods. Since 1996, the boat has been

preserved as an artifact. If Myanmar tradition boat race resumes, Sabei Tin boat is ready to take part," says a villager.

Kyemon

Head-on collision claims lives of married couple



MYAWADY, 3 May — A loaded truck and a motorbike head-on collision between a

loaded truck and a motorbike occurred on Asia Road in

Myawady of Myawady District at about 9.30 am on 26 April.

A six-wheeled truck with a full load driven by a Thai citizen from Myawady to Border Trade Zone collided head-on with a motorbike driven by San San Nwe, 26, and her husband Khaing Maung, 36 and then crashed into the back of a light truck driven by U Naung Lay ahead of it. The couple was killed in the tragic road accident. Actions are being taken against the truck driver by Myawady police station. — Kyemon

Cattle smugglers taken into custody

of cattle arresting groups of smugglers at the junction of Taungni road and Zale road, west of Me Saw Sin Village of Nannhu village-tract on 29 April.

They arrested a 13-member group of smugglers led by Ail Lon, 38, together with 73 head of cattle, eight-member group of smugglers led by Sai Seikta, 27, together with 45 head of cattle, a 10-member

group of smugglers led by Ar Ti (a) Kyaw Kyaw Oo, 20, and 17-member group of smugglers led by Sein Hla, 33, as the suspects failed to show necessary documents that allow to herb the seized cattle.

The suspects were taken into custody over cattle smuggling at No (2) police station in Taunggyi and actions will be taken against them. — Kyemon

formulation of strategy and implementation—will be necessary to complete the task.

The period from drawing the strategy to successful implementation of the strategy will last five years. A delegation of ITC arrived in Myanmar on 14 January 2013 to carry out preliminary coordination. It is set to complete the task of drawing the strategy in October 2013.

An opening of two-day first workshop on formulation of the national-

level export strategy kicked off yesterday at the ministry. Collaborative efforts of INGOs and all stakeholders are needed for the success of the task of drawing the strategy. When the strategy was drawn, a monitoring and evaluation work committee will be formed.

As the onus is on the entire people in formulating the national-level export strategy, public opinion and suggestion is invited to make through nesmyan-mar@gmail.com.—Kyemon

WORLD

Japan, UAE sign nuclear agreement during Abe visit

DUBAI, 3 May — Japan and the United Arab Emirates inked a nuclear agreement on Thursday as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is visiting the country, pushes to sell Japanese nuclear technology overseas. It is the first bilateral nuclear agreement signed by Japan since the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant triggered by the devastating March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

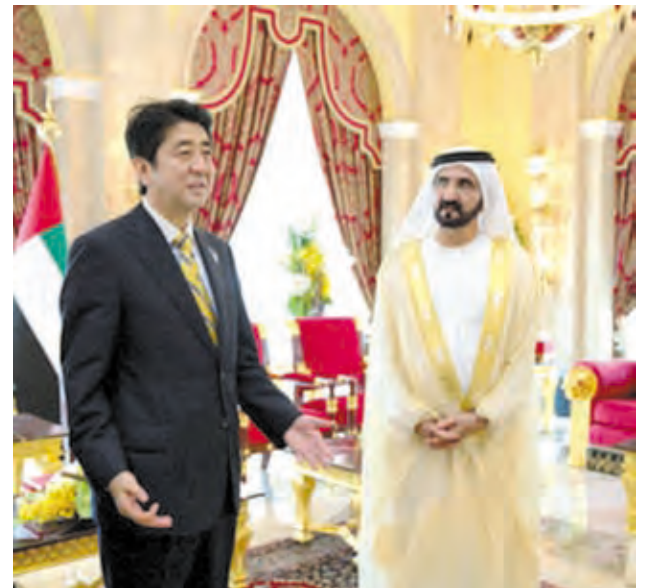
Prior to the signing ceremony, Abe met with United Arab Emirates Vice President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai to discuss bilateral economic and security cooperation. In the

meeting, Abe was expected to ask the UAE to continue being a stable supplier of oil to resource-poor Japan after 2018 when a large portion of Japanese companies' oil rights in the country expire. Tokyo is eager to import energy resources at lower cost as demand for oil and liquefied natural gas has been growing following the Fukushima nuclear crisis, which has left most of the country's nuclear reactors offline due to safety concerns.

The yen's weakness has also boosted the cost of fuel imports. The signing of the nuclear agreement took place amid efforts by Abe, who resumed the premiership last December, to pro-

mote exports of Japanese infrastructure, including nuclear power plants, as a key pillar of the government's economic growth strategy. Japan will also sign a nuclear agreement with Turkey when Abe visits that country on the final leg of a four-nation trip that also took him to Russia and Saudi Arabia. In Saudi Arabia, Abe agreed with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to commence talks aimed at starting negotiations on a bilateral nuclear accord. Japan has so far signed nuclear agreements with 11 countries, including the United States and Britain, as well as the European Atomic Community.

On Wednesday, Abe agreed with General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, crown prince of Abu Dhabi, to bolster bilateral ties in the fields of energy and national security, a Japanese government official said. In the meeting with the crown prince, the Japanese prime minister requested the easing of import restrictions on Japanese food products that were imposed after the Fukushima crisis due to radiation concerns. In response to Abe's invitation for him to visit Japan, the crown prince said he would like to meet Abe in Japan next time, according to the official. — Kyodo News



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and United Arab Emirates Vice President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum are pictured before their talks in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on 2 May, 2013. — KYODO NEWS

Boston bombing suspects had planned 4 July attack



Tamerlan Tsarnaev (L), 26, is pictured in 2010 in Lowell, Massachusetts, and his brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, is pictured in an undated FBI handout photo in this combination photo. — REUTERS

BOSTON/WASHINGTON, 3 May — The two brothers suspected of carrying out the deadly attacks on the Boston Marathon had originally planned to set off their bombs on 4 July, a law enforcement official said. The official said the suspects, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, advanced the date of their attack because they completed building bombs more quickly than they originally anticipated. The official declined to be identified and did not of-

fer more details. Police say the brothers detonated two bombs made with pressure-cookers in the 15 April attack on the Boston Marathon that killed three people and wounded 264. An attack on Boston's packed 4 July celebrations would have carried the extra symbolism of disrupting the city's widely followed Independence Day celebrations.

Citing unnamed officials, *The Boston Globe* reported on its website

that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the younger brother who was captured by police four days after the bombing, told investigators the pair discussed detonating their explosives at the city's famed celebration on its Charles River Esplanade. News of the alleged 4 July attack plan and other details supplied by Tsarnaev to investigators was earlier reported by *The New York Times* and other media outlets. NBC News, also citing unnamed officials, reported Tsarnaev told investigators the bombs were made in the home of his brother Tamerlan, who was killed in a shootout with police early on 19 April. The Times reported the ethnic Chechen brothers also considered suicide attacks and that they had viewed online sermons by Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical US-born cleric who was killed by an American drone strike in Yemen in 2011. — Reuters

Japan seeking to extend trans-Pacific FTA meeting in July

TOKYO, 3 May — Japan has asked 11 countries involved in the Trans-Pacific free trade talks to extend the length of their meeting scheduled for late July in Malaysia, a government source said on Thursday. Japan won their unanimous backing to become the 12th member of the multilateral trade negotiations in April and it is aiming to join the talks for the first time from the upcoming meeting.

The request has been made as the United States still needs to complete domestic procedures for for-

mal approval of Japan becoming a new member of the FTA negotiations. The White House gave Congress 90-day's notice of its plans to start TPP talks with Japan on 24 April, which means that without the extension, Japan is likely to be able to take part in the Malaysia meeting only for a short time.

A round of TPP negotiations usually last about 10 days. The 11 countries, also including Australia, Chile and Singapore, are seeking to complete the trade negotiations by the end of the year.

Japanese officials are

concerned about their lack of involvement in the rule-making process of the envisioned free trade zone, covering about a third of world trade, even without having China as a member.

On Tuesday, Yasutoshi Nishimura, senior vice minister in charge of economic and fiscal policy, suggested in Washington it would be difficult for Japan to fully participate in the July meeting. The other countries involved in the talks are Brunei, Canada, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and Vietnam. — Kyodo News

US lifts more sanctions on Myanmar to support reforms

WASHINGTON, 3 May — The United States on Thursday lifted another set of sanctions against Myanmar to support reforms in the formerly army-ruled country, while retaining visa and investment bans against individuals accused of human rights abuses.

The Obama administration decided that a 1996 ban on granting US entry visas to the former Myanmar's military rulers, their business partners and immediate families was no longer necessary after two years of reforms, the State Department said in a statement.

"Since 2011, the civil-

ian-led Government of Myanmar has taken important steps toward significant social, political, and economic reform that demonstrate substantial progress on areas of concern," the statement said.

The statement added, however, that the termination of that visa ban did not mean that people covered by it would automatically be eligible for visas. All visitors from Myanmar would still have to apply for visas, and formerly banned officials would face scrutiny, officials said.

In a move announced simultaneously, President

Barack Obama extended for another year the annual National Emergencies Act, which prohibits US businesses and individuals from investing or doing business with Myanmar figures involved in repression of the democracy movement since the mid-1990s.

The rapid US rapprochement with Myanmar since 2011, in which Washington has rewarded political reform by lifting long-standing economic sanctions and easing most of its ban on imports from the country, has come under fire from human rights groups.

MNA/Reuters

April bloodiest month in Iraq since 2008

BAGHDAD, 3 May — April was Iraq's bloodiest month for almost five years, with 712 people killed in bomb attacks and other violence, the United Nations Iraq mission said on Thursday. Iraq has grown more volatile as the civil war in neighbouring Syria strains fragile relations between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims. Tensions are at their highest since US troops pulled out in December 2011.

The number of attacks increased sharply after security forces raided a Sunni protest camp near Kirkuk last week, triggering clashes that quickly spread to other Sunni areas including the western Province of Anbar, which borders Syria and Jordan.

"The month of April was the deadliest since June 2008. A total of 712 people were killed and another 1,633 were wounded

in acts of terrorism and acts of violence," a UN statement read. The number of civilians killed last month was 434 while the toll of security forces personnel was 288.

Iraqi authorities published a monthly death toll for April on Wednesday which was much lower than the UN figure.

The Interior Ministry said 245 people, including 84 members of the security forces, were killed. Iraqi authorities often report lower estimates for the number of victims of attacks for unclear reasons but April's toll is still the highest since the beginning of the year.

Violence is still well below its height in 2006-07, but al-Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate and other Sunni Muslim insurgents are launching attacks on a daily basis to undermine the power of the Shi'ite-led government and provoke wider confrontation.

Reuters



Residents carry the coffin of a victim, who was killed in a bomb attack, during a funeral in Najaf, 160 km (100 miles) south of Baghdad, on 27 April, 2013. — REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Weebly refreshes its website publishing tools

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 May — For futurists in Silicon Valley, the question is fundamental, almost philosophical: In the coming years, will the humble website still be the dominant way we interact with the Internet?

For David Rusenko, the 27-year-old founder and chief executive of global website builder Weebly, the answer is: Of course!

On Thursday, Weebly unveiled a refresh of its publishing suite, which allows people to simply drag and drop page elements like images and headlines onto a canvas to build a site. Using the new form, mobile versions of websites — a critical concern in a modern economy awash with smartphones — can be published simultaneously with desktop versions.

The San Francisco startup's update comes at a time of flux for the Internet industry, which has been grappling with the ramifications of users who are spending less time on the Web and more time within

closed ecosystems like Facebook Inc's social network or the cornucopia of smartphone apps — an economy valued at \$25 billion in 2013, according to research firm ABI.

Yet Rusenko is not willing to accept any talk of the open Web's demise. He argues that Web pages, more than ever, carry more weight and meaning in an age of fleeting tweets and malleable Facebook identities.

"The picture is becoming clearer," Rusenko said. "Facebook has focused on the conversation, but not really on absorbing the Web into its walled garden."

For a lot of people, "their digital identity is their site," he added. "It's where they showcase their ideas and really put themselves out there."

Along with his Thursday relaunch, Rusenko unfurled a slate of new growth statistics and research data showing that his company, which has enjoyed healthy growth and now boasts a network of 15 million sites



The logo of Web-building service Weebly is seen at its headquarters in Francisco, California on 28 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

that have been visited by 100 million people.

Weebly's own extensive research showed that a majority of people would not trust a business that had no website, yet 58 percent of businesses do not have a Web presence, Rusenko said.

In 2006, Rusenko, a fresh-faced graduate of Penn State University, burst onto the Silicon Valley scene and garnered plaudits in national magazines with Weebly, which quickly rose in stature as the natural heir to GeoCities, the service that fueled a webpage-creating craze in the 1990s.

After the initial acclaim, Weebly has kept a lower profile while rivals like Wordpress, the professional-grade blogging platform, and Tumblr, the

minimalist social blogging network, have captured more media attention, but not the consumer Web publishing market.

With its refresh, Weebly is now more oriented toward what Rusenko called everyday entrepreneurs looking to "start something": amateur food bloggers, teachers, or crafts enthusiasts who want to share their passion before potentially launching a small business.

Weebly has been in talks with a payment startup to provide an e-commerce platform for people wanting to sell goods, said Rusenko.

The company is also introducing planning tools that offer ideas and inspiration to help newcomers "identify their goals" and lay out their pages, Rusenko said.

Reuters

Twitter hires Morgan Stanley banker with IPO, M&A background

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 May — Twitter has hired Cynthia Gaylor from Morgan Stanley to run its corporate development team, bringing in a veteran investment banker with experience in acquisitions and initial public offerings.

Twitter, which announced Gaylor's hiring in a tweet on Thursday, is expected to be the next big IPO to emerge from Silicon Valley. But executives have kept quiet about the company's precise plans. According to her LinkedIn profile,

Gaylor led "technology execution efforts" at Morgan Stanley, including equity and debt securities issues, as managing director of mergers and acquisitions at its global technology group.

She has also advised on high-profile deals such as Amazon.com Inc's purchase of Zappos and Google Inc's acquisition of AdMob.

"Look forward to joining and focusing on M&A + strategy," Gaylor tweeted on Thursday. "Pointed north ... let the migration begin!"

Reuters



An illustration picture shows the log-on icon for the Website Twitter on an Ipad in Bordeaux, Southwestern France, on 30 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

Intel picks insider as CEO, dashing hopes for shakeup

NEW YORK, 3 May — Intel Corp chose veteran insider Brian Krzanich as chief executive, disappointing some investors who hoped an outsider would push for aggressive changes to help the world's largest chip-maker catch up in the mobile revolution.

The company also announced on Thursday that software honcho Renée James, 48, had been elevated to the post of president. Her appointment signaled to some that Intel, while likely intending to stick with its formula of intense investment to keep it ahead in the microchip technology game, is willing to explore new growth areas.

The company said last November that it might go external for its next CEO, raising hopes that it might find someone to shake it out of recent doldrums.

Seen as a frontrunner for the job since November, Krzanich inherits a company with margins of almost 60 percent that has all but extinguished rival Advanced Micro Devices Inc in the past few years, and is now the dominant maker of microprocessors for computers and servers.

But the company is in danger of finding itself sidelined as mobile devices such as tablets and ever more powerful smartphones accelerate a contraction of the per-

sonal computer market. The majority of gadgets today run processors based on rival ARM Holdings Plc's power-saving chip architecture.

"An external candidate might have been a better choice — with no negative reflection on Brian — simply because of the juncture Intel is at with what's happening in the PC market and the need to take major action outside of PCs," said Cody Acree, an analyst at Williams Financial Group.

"Brian may very well come in and make those same very difficult dramatic choices, but it's less likely."

He will take on the top job at the company's annual shareholder meeting on May 16, replacing Paul Otellini.

A relative unknown outside the tight-knit semiconductor industry, Krzanich has worked at Intel since 1982, rising to chief operating officer just over a year ago. The 52-year-old has earned a reputation for being a decisive leader who liked to keep a low profile. Intel on Thursday stressed that he will have a strong partner in James, who in 2011 spearheaded Intel's \$7.7 billion acquisition of No 2 security software firm McAfee Inc.

Reuters



Intel Chief Operating Officer Brian Krzanich is seen during an interview with Reuters at Intel headquarters in Santa Clara, California 13 March, 2012.—REUTERS



Australia's Coral Sea, near the Great Barrier Reef, is one of the last remaining tropical wilderness areas in the world. Home to 400 coral species, the Great Barrier Reef is a mosaic of approximately 2,900 offshore and inshore reefs.—XINHUA

Vietnam to launch first remote sensing satellite into orbit

HANOI, 3 May — Vietnam will launch the first remote sensing satellite, VNREDSat-1, into orbit on May 4 from the Kourou launch pad, Guyana, France, reported the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) on its website, quoting sources from the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology as saying.

Specifically, the VN-REDSat-1 Project has a total investment of 55.8 million EUR (73.3 million U.S. dollars) in preferential Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) of the French government and 64,820 million VND (3.1 million US dollars) in corresponding capital from Vietnam.

The VNREDSat-1 was

designed and consulted by Astrium SAS Company under the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), experts in producing satellites of France.

Once completed, Vietnam will be able to provide high resolution satellite images to ministries, agencies, provinces and cities that have demand to use remote sensing satellite images, bringing practical effectiveness for socio-economic development, coping with natural disasters and climate change.

VNREDSat-1 project is a coordination, making the best use of the available infrastructure of the system to receive, store and process images of remote sensing

satellites of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, creating a complete and independent supervising system from the satellite to ground-receiving station and the center for processing and distributing remote sensing image data in Vietnam.

It is an optical earth-observation satellite capable of capturing images on all areas on the earth's surface. Its mission is to take photos in PAN and four MS bands, with a revisit time of three days. The spatial resolution is 2.5 meters (PAN) and 10 meters (MS). Its platform is 600mm x 570mm x 500mm. It has total mass of about 120 kilograms. The designed life-time is five years.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Tabata metes out fitness in short, repeated flashes

NEW YORK, 3 May—For people who are too bored or busy to spend an hour on a treadmill an exercise regime that was developed for athletes but is being taught in gyms may help to build fitness in less time.

The Tabata Protocol is a four-minute regime that measures fitness in seconds — 20 seconds of full-out work followed by 10 seconds of rest, repeated eight times.

Although it can boost fitness levels of the healthy and time-pressed, experts say it is not for everybody and should not be done every day.

“Tabata is about all-out maximum effort,” said Jessica Smith, a Miami-based fitness expert and Tabata coach, adding it is a good workout in a shorter amount of time, especially for people who don’t have

hours to spend at the gym.

“The intensity has to be high to get the benefits, but you don’t want to do it too often.”

The Tabata Protocol was developed by Dr Izumi Tabata after the Japanese scientist conducted tests on two groups of athletes, comparing moderate intensity training with high intensity interval training (HIIT).

He found that short bursts of highly intense exercise were at least as effective as hours of steady moderate training.

While Tabata falls under HIIT, its preset work-to-rest ratio is more specific, and usually more demanding, than other interval workouts, which can encompass anything from boot camps to circuits.

“HIIT has more leeway,” said Smith. “The intervals can be longer.”

The Tabata Protocol can be followed with kettlebells or on treadmills.

Rachel Buschert, who leads a Tabata group fitness class at an Equinox gym in New York, follows

the protocol as closely as she can in a group fitness setting.

“The idea is to tax your body in 20 seconds,” she explained.

Reuters



A jogger (2nd L) passes fitness enthusiasts performing stretching exercises after sunrise at Queenscliff Beach in Sydney on the first day of Spring on 1 Sept, 2008. REUTERS

Computer game promises cure for lazy eye

WELLINGTON, 3 May —A popular computer game may hold the secret to curing lazy eye — and possible blindness — in both children and adults, New Zealand scientists announced on Monday.

The world-first experiments to cure amblyopia by playing Tetris, the game that requires skillful construction of different colored blocks, were devised at the University of Auckland’s Centre for Brain Research, in collaboration with a team from Canada’s McGill University.

“Although amblyopia is often known as ‘lazy eye’ the impairment in vision is due to abnormal development within visual areas of the brain, not a defect of the eye,” Dr Ben Thompson, of Auckland University, said in a statement.

The study showed that patients could use both eyes at the same time, if the images to the lazy eye were more visible than those to the good eye.

The higher intensity Tetris stimulation to the affected eye helped train both eyes to work together if they played for an hour a day for 10 days.

The effects had been shown to last for up to three months so far.

Xinhua

Boeing plans to build world’s longest-range passenger jet

PARIS, 3 May—Boeing has shown airlines a blueprint for the world’s longest-range passenger jet, adding spice to a long-awaited revamp of its 777 wide-body jet, people familiar with the matter said.

Boeing on Wednesday launched a race against Airbus for sales of the newest long-haul jets by announcing it had begun selling an upgraded aircraft family code-named 777X.

First seen in the 1990s, the 777 cornered the market for large twin-engine aircraft able to fly routes previously only possible with four engines, earning it the nickname “mini-jumbo.”

Analysts say the 777 is Boeing’s most profitable plane, thanks largely to the 777-300ER, a 365-seat version that began operations in 2004.

Most of the industry’s attention is now focused on a future 400-seat version

known as the 777-9X, which is Boeing Co’s response to a growing challenge from the largest version of Europe’s newest aircraft, the Airbus A350-1000.

But talks between Boeing and potential buyers have also generated interest in a 777-8X that would be a successor to the 777-200LR, the industry’s current distance champion, with a range of more than 9,300 nautical miles, people briefed on the talks said.

The 777-8X, boasting a range of 9,500 nautical miles, would be designed for some of the world’s longest trips such as from the Middle East to South America.

“They are offering an ultra-long range aircraft in the 777-8X,” said an industry source briefed on the plans. “It’ll be the longest range aircraft in the business.”

Reuters



Boeing flags flutter as an Airbus A380, the world’s largest jetliner, takes part in a flying display during the 49th Paris Air Show at the Le Bourget Airport near Paris on 25 June, 2011.—REUTERS

FDA advisers recommend against Delcath’s cancer therapy

NEW YORK, 3 May—A panel of advisers to the US health regulator unanimously recommended against approving Delcath Systems Inc’s cancer therapy for a rare form of eye cancer that spreads to the liver, saying it was too risky.

Concerns that the treatment may not win US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approval have driven New York-based Delcath’s shares down by three-quarters from a year high of \$2.94 in May.

The shares fell heavily

on Tuesday when FDA staff documents were released that showed serious concerns about the risks of the therapy, the only product Delcath has in development.

Trading in the shares was halted around 1300 ET when the panel meeting convened.

There is currently no approved therapy for patients suffering from this type of cancer but the FDA staff said there was no indication the treatment improved overall survival or

delayed disease progression.

One of the advisers, Aman Buzdar, vice president of clinical research at Texas-based MD Anderson Cancer Centre said during the panel discussion on Thursday that though the condition has no cure, by any yardstick the quality of life would be worse after the therapy.

The panel of independent experts voted 16-0 against recommending the therapy.

Reuters

AIG beats estimates, property and casualty business shines

NEW YORK, 3 May—American International Group Inc’s (AIG.N) property and casualty business booked its first underwriting profit in two and a half years during the first quarter, as the insurer wrote more premiums at higher prices and reported lower losses.

The long-awaited turnaround in AIG’s property and casualty business helped the company beat analysts’ quarterly profit expectations on Thursday, sending its shares up 3 percent in after-hours trading.

The unit reported a combined ratio of 97.3 percent last quarter, the first time that ratio has dropped below 100 since the third quarter of 2010. A combined ratio below 100 in-



dicates an underwriting profit, meaning an insurer is receiving more in premiums than it is paying out in claims.

“The important thing for this quarter is that the combined ratio improved,” said Josh Stirling, an insurance analyst with Bernstein Research. “That’s the thing

people will focus on: they actually made money.”

Insurers have had trouble raising prices in the property and casualty business for some time. AIG has not reported an annual underwriting profit there since 2007, but the first quarter seems to have been a turning point. Travellers Com-

panies Inc (TRV.N), Chubb Corp (CB.N) and ACE Ltd (ACE.N) also beat earnings expectations last month, citing higher pricing.

AIG’s property and casualty unit reported operating income of \$1.6 billion (£1.02 billion) in the first quarter, up from \$1 billion a year earlier. Its first-quarter, property-and-casualty underwriting income of \$231 million compares with a \$180 million underwriting loss in the same period a year ago. AIG’s life insurance business also reported some improvement, with higher returns on alternative assets and gains on the value of securities held in its investment portfolio. Its operating income rose to \$1.4 billion from \$1.3 billion a year ago.—Reuters

WORLD

Israel's Netanyahu says would put peace deal to referendum

JERUSALEM, 3 May —Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday he would put any peace deal with the Palestinians to a referendum, raising expectations that direct negotiations might soon resume following a two-year stalemate.

It was the second time in just three days that Netanyahu has publicly mentioned the possibility of holding a nationwide vote on an eventual accord and came as US Secretary of State John Kerry met Israeli politicians in Washington to discuss talks.

"If we get to a peace agreement with the Palestinians, I'd like to bring it to a referendum, and I'd like to talk to you about your

experiences with that," Netanyahu said as he met Swiss Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter.

Switzerland regularly holds referendum on a broad range of issues. Israel, by contrast, has never

held a referendum in its 65-year history, and previous peace treaties with Arab neighbours Egypt and Jordan were approved by parliament.

Netanyahu leads a centre-right coalition that in-

cludes supporters of the settlement movement, many of whom are fiercely opposed to the idea of allowing the Palestinians an independent state on land seized by Israel in the 1967 war.

By pledging to put any deal to a referendum, Netanyahu could be hoping to avert any immediate far-right backlash to a decision to talk land-for-peace with the Palestinians, promising that the Israeli people would have the final word. "There is a very serious effort under way to get talks to resume," said a senior Israeli official who declined to be named.

"People are devoting a lot of time and effort to this. It is possible and it is doable."—Reuters



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 28 April, 2013. —REUTERS

Sumitomo Precision to acquire Canadian aircraft equipment maker

OSAKA, 3 May—Sumitomo Precision Products Co said on Thursday it will acquire Canadian aircraft equipment maker CFN Precision Ltd to strengthen output and sales of aircraft landing gear systems in North America.

Sumitomo Precision will buy all the outstanding shares of the Ontario-based company through its wholly owned subsidiary, also based in Ontario, for around 1 billion to 2 billion yen within this month. Under the umbrella of Sumitomo Precision, CFN will supply its products to the Sumitomo subsidiary and other aircraft equipment makers in North America.

Kyodo News

FBI releases photos of three men from Benghazi attack site

WASHINGTON, 3 May —The FBI on Thursday released the photographs of three men it said were at the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, when it was attacked last September.

The FBI did not call the three men suspects in the attacks, saying only that they "may be able to provide information to help in the investigation." "The FBI is now asking Libyans and people around the world for additional information related to the attacks," the US investigative agency said in a statement with the photographs.

Four Americans including US Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens died in the attacks on 11 Sept, 2012, on a poorly guarded temporary US

diplomatic mission compound and a more fortified CIA compound nearby. No individuals are known to have been charged in the attacks.—Reuters



A combination of surveillance photos released by the FBI on 2 May, 2013 show three men who the agency is seeking information regarding the attack on the American diplomatic mission in Benghazi on 11 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

14 people killed in car accident in Iran

TEHERAN, 3 May—At least 14 people were burned to death in a car accident in Iran's southwestern Khuzestan Province, semi-official ISNA news agency quoted Iran's traffic police chief as saying.

After passenger bus which came from Ahvaz city in Khuzestan to central Isfahan city hit a lorry coming

from the opposite direction, the bus caught fire and it was spread to the lorry, said the police commander Mohammad-Reza Mehmandar.

The incident led to the death of 12 passengers of the bus and two crew members of lorry, said Mehmandar, adding that four passengers of the bus were also hospitalized due to the fire injuries.

The cause of the incident is under investigation, he added.

Official figures show that more than 20,000 people died and 200,000 others wounded in traffic accidents annually in Iran. Inexperienced drivers and low-efficiency of the cars and the roads are blamed for causing these accidents.—Xinhua

A moai statue from Chile goes on display at the Grand Front Osaka commercial facility in Osaka on 2 May, 2013. The newly made statue is a present given as a token of support from the Chilean government to the town of Minamisanriku, Miyagi Prefecture, hit by the March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami. The display will run through 9 May, before the statue is transported to Minamisanriku. KYODO NEWS



A photographer takes pictures in the all-electric bus at the announcement of the opening of an electric bus manufacturing plant by the Chinese firm BYD, in Lancaster, Southern California, the United States, on 1 May, 2013. BYD is China's leading electric car and battery maker.—XINHUA

Clashes erupted between Turkish police, Syrian gunmen on border, seven injured

ANKARA, 3 May—Clashes erupted on Thursday morning between the Turkish police and some Syrian fighters who attempted to enter Turkey illegally, leaving at least seven Turks injured, local Today's Zaman reported.

The Syrian group was waiting on the Syrian side for a long time, attempting to across the border, a move

rejected by the Turkish police in the Akcakale town of Sanliurfa Province.

The Syrian fighters then set a Turkish police station on fire and clashed with the policemen, which injured three Turkish policemen, two soldiers and two civilians. More security forces were deployed to region to suppress the tension.—Xinhua

Man kills himself in shooting at Texas airport

HOUSTON, 3 May —Local police in Houston, a city in the US state of Texas, confirmed an armed man shot and killed himself at the city's Bush Intercontinental Airport on Thursday afternoon.

The police said that at around 1:35 pm local time, Thursday, they were informed of a "discharge of firearm" at Terminal B at the airport. And the shooting took place at the ticketing area of the airport when one armed man pulled out a gun and committed suicide, according to a report aired by the local TV channel abc13.

CNN also reported that the man walked into the terminal with a military-style semi-automatic rifle and fired two shots into the ceiling. When he was confronted by an air marshal, the man pulled out another gun and shot himself, the report said.

Eyewitnesses said they heard a couple of gunshots. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a ground stop for all flights at the airport, according to reports. United Airlines unveiled the newly renovated Terminal B at the airport last month.

Xinhua



Police guard outside the Terminal B at the Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, the United States, on 2 May, 2013. Shots were fired on Thursday at an airport in the US state of Texas, a local TV station reported. XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Formation of mobile teams in Sagaing Region discussed

MONYWA, 3 May—A coordination meeting on formation of mobile teams at the border towns and strategic areas in Sagaing Region was held at the office of Sagaing Region Government on 22 April afternoon.

Region Minister for Economic and Planning U Sein Moun made a speech, saying that the government allows import of 318 items of commodities to the country.

However, he said that the importers do not pay tax to the State in their works dutifully, importing goods through illegal trade route. That is why he continued that mobile teams are to be formed for prevention of illegal trade. Those present took part in the discussions.

The mobile teams will be formed in Tamu, Kalay, Monywa, Katha, Shwebo and Sagaing of Sagaing Region.—*Myanma Alinn*

Boiling of maize destroys 32 houses in ChaungU

CHAUNGU, 3 May—A fire broke out at No 7 block of Shwegu Village in ChaungU Township of Monywa District on 26 April. The fire started from boiling maize by Ma Moe Moe Win, daughter of U Zaw Min Oo in the hut, spreading to 32

houses. Fire fighters from Monywa and ChaungU Township fire stations put out the fire. In the accident, three pigs were destroyed but no one was injured.

Outbreak of fire is under investigation by officials concerned.—*Myanma Alinn*

Strong winds cut power lines, blow off roofs

LOIKAW, 3 May—Squalls hit 4th-Mile Model Village of Loikaw Township at 12.30 pm on 29 April with about one-inch hailstones.

The squalls broke 16 towers linking 33 KV power line from No 2 Lawpita power station to Moebye near the village. Likewise, one house in the village collapsed in the squalls and roofs of

eight houses were blown off. Some damages occurred at 11 KV power line of MRTV re-transmission station and the roof of the police outpost was damaged.

Kayah State Electrical Engineer U Myint Aung Kyaw and electricians repaired the power lines and lamp-posts.

—*Myanma Alinn*

Revolver-snatchers arrested

MAWLAMYINE, 3 May—The reveller youths quarrelled one another in front of the pandal of Maha Thingyan Festival in Yoegoe Village in Mawlamyine Township, but they did not obey the advice of the policemen and townsellers.

The youths attacked them and snatched one revolver with five bullets from a sub-police inspector in the incident.

Under the supervision of the Mon State Police Force Commander, the deputy state police force commander, the commanders of Mawlamyine District and Mawlamyine and Mudon

Township Police Forces and policemen unearthed the revolver in the farm near Khunnakhwetaung in Kyaikmaraw Township two days after the incident.

Due to the attacks of the youths, IP Myint Naing of Mawlamyine Township Police Force and IP Soe Myint of Daingwunkwin Police Station of Mawlamyine are under treatment in intensive care unit at Mon State General Hospital.

After investigation, the policemen arrested 13 youths including Maung Kun Palai, 30 of Taungpaw Monsu Village in Kyaikmaraw Township and Maung Lin

**Bridge on Yangon-Myeik Road under construction**

YE, 3 May—Bridge Construction Project Special Group No 6 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction will undertake completion of Bridge No 4/101 on Yangon-Myeik Highway during the period from January 2013 to 15 May.

The bridge will be of 60 feet long reinforced concrete.

It will be 24 feet wide and has two-way motor road flanked by two feet each pedestrian way on either side. The ministry spends K 15 million on construction task.

The facility will withstand 60-ton loads. So far, the construction has been completed by 85 per cent.

—*Myanma Alinn*

Kyaukkyi gets transformer in rural area

KYAUKKYI, 3 May—A ceremony to launch the transformer to supply electricity to Shanchaung, Zawti, Phankhagon, Ywathit and Thanbo villages in Kyaukkyi Township of Bago Region was held in Zawti Village on 10 April morning.

The ceremony was attended by Kyaukkyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Nyan Swe Win, Bago Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Baby Ohn, Deputy Bago Region Electrical Engineer U Win Myint, Kyaukkyi Township Administrator U Myint Khaing, township level officials, ward and village administrators, members of the power supply

committee and over 200 local people.

The Pyithu Hluttaw, the region minister and the deputy region electrical engineer formally opened the transformer.

The government spent K 25 million on installation of transformer as of 12 March 2012.

—*Myanma Alinn*



MANDALAY, 3 May—Organized by Cooperative Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives, the advanced accountancy

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police

Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).—*MNA*

Accountancy, book-keeping and audit courses opened in Mandalay

course, book-keeping course and audit grade II level course were held at the hall of Cooperative College (Mandalay) in Patheingyi

of Mandalay Region on 29 April.

Director of Cooperative Department U Aung Phyu made a speech.

Deputy Director of Mandalay Region Cooperative Department U Sai Kyaw Min, officials and Vice-Chairman of Mandalay Region GEC U Than Tun, Principal of Mandalay Cooperative College U Hla Myo, faculty members and trainees attended the ceremony.

A total of 96 staff officers are attending the four-week course.—*Myanma Alinn*

Silver coins unearthed in digging pit for construction of monastery

CHAUK, 3 May—As nine villagers led by the abbot of Aungzetawun Htantaw Monastery dug the pits for construction of the new monastery in Kyaukye Village in Chauk Township of Magway Region on 26 April morning, they unearthed 206 silver coins

of an earthen pot made from 1862 to 1901 at the nine inches deep pit, 25 feet from the old monastery.

Officials of Township General Administration Department and Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department inspected silver

coins on 27 April, and then they will submit the coins to the superior level officials.

The abbot donated one silver coin made in 1214 ME to the Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department and kept 205 coins at the monastery.

—*Myanma Alinn*

NATIONAL

Vice-President receives Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses for documentary photo together with Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Mr. Elie Debahy, Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar to Lebanon, at

the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were deputy

ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Than Tun, U Win Than and Dr Pwint Hsan.

On the occasion, they discussed the reform processes of Myanmar's

political and economic sectors, current reforms in administrative sector and potential for Lebanon's investment in Myanmar.—MNA

National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) opens first hall

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—A ceremony to open the first hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) under the Ministry of Culture was held at the library on Yazahtani Road in Ottarathiri Township, here, this morning.

The Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department explained the purpose of opening the library. Then, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Ministers Daw Sanda Khin and U Than Swe cut the ribbon to open the library and looked round it.

The first hall of the library comprises rooms



of reference books, archaeological books, books in English on Myanmar country, Myanmar books,

English books, recreation and children's library storing over 250,000 books. E-Library keeps over 15000

Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu at National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA



books for the public reading. The library is kept open daily from 9:30 am to 4.30 pm except Sunday, Monday and gazette holidays as of 3 May.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Than Htay, U Tint Hsan, U Kyaw Lwin, U Maung Myint, U Zeyar Aung and Deputy Ministers, members of Union Civil Services Board, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun, Directors-General and Managing Directors of the departments and enterprises.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 4 May, 2013

Export-led growth

There has been a question after all the drastic, unexpected political and economic reforms put in place by the new civilian government: Can Myanmar be the next Asian Tiger? Some responded with a nod to the question whereas some gave a mocking smile. Does economic miracle belong to Lady Luck or simply the hard work?

Sitting on abundant mineral, land, forest and water resources and being blessed with temperate climate and fertile soil, and less prone to environmental catastrophes, Myanmar still finds it difficult to help its people rise from rags to riches. Economic management is not so simple as waving a magic hand but Myanmar once was believed to become the fastest-growing economy in the region.

It would be too tiring and also be useless to point the finger now. Mismanagement, wrong policies, impractical approaches, and bad choices—leave them in the past. If we are to catch up with regional economies, all the opportunities are to be grasped with at least tripled or quadrupled efforts apart from adoption of sensible policies, pragmatic approaches and proper management.

Designing of national-level export strategy is seen as the first step to boost exports as a driver of economic growth as the Vice-President called for export-led economic development to help achieve better socio-economic status of the people.

The economic concept of exported-oriented industrialization is not strange to Asian economies since it has been at the core of the development of the national economies of the Asian Tigers: Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore in the post-World War II period. To reduce tariff barriers, introduce a floating exchange system and render government support for exporting sectors are parts of the policies to promote export-led industrialization and ultimately, economic development.

A large pool of low-cost labour is viewed as a comparative advantage for Myanmar to boost labour-intensive manufactured exports, solving the problem of unemployment at the same time. It is also important to move toward greater value-adding activities while best reducing transaction costs and simplifying the export procedures.

If all could work with greater focus on public welfare and not on personal gains, there is no reason we can't work an economic miracle even if we can't turn ourselves into the next Asian Tiger.

A ceremony to donate soya bean milk and cereal refreshment was held at the hall of Theinbyu artificial turf hockey pitch on 3 May. Brand Manager Daw Ei Ei Han of Premier Coffee Co presents refreshment for athletes who will take part in XXVII SEA Games to Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, Information Secretary U Aung Than and medical officers Dr Sai Kyaw Han and Dr Win Win Myint.—REPORTER THAN SWE (PABEDAN)

NATIONAL

Union Information Minister calls for applying Social...

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whole country. Due to the fragility and problems of the young democracy, it would be wiser to use Socialresponsibility Model rather than the Libertarian Model which has analytic questions for Myanmar people.

He urged at the same time every government institution in the country to work together with media associations, the press council and civil societies in creating a social responsibility model which reflects Myanmar's cultural norms and values, putting public interest as top priority. Besides, he called for joyful participation of all journalists, press and media workers (including those once in exile) who serve as communicators between the Government

and the citizens to work together in harmony in order to achieve the spirit of goodwill in the media.

UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press-2012 award winner U Win Tin made a speech.

UNESCO resident representative Mr. Sardar Umar Alan read out the joint statement of UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon and UNESCO Director-General Ms. Irina Bokova. Next, Secretary of Myanmar Press Council (Provisional) U Kyaw Min Swe said that freedom of the press is the essential fundamental right of the human society. The right of every citizen to read news is directly proportionate to freedom of news release, speech and writing. Summing up, the Myanmar Press Council would like to avail

itself of the opportunity to express its solemn pledge to work with relentless effort for the emergence of the fourth estate inclusive of responsible, accountable, code-abiding, reliable and respectable journalists from all walks of life, and for the peaceful and smooth transition to democracy in Myanmar.

U Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Journalists Association, made a speech hoping that the media development partners, many of whom are represented in the today's momentous event, would continue to support not only the government but the private sector and civil society organizations as well.

An expert from UNESCO discussed media development in Myanmar.

The Union Minister posed for a documentary photo together those present on the occasion.—MNA

Feasibility study on building solar power plant in Minbu



Ministry of Electric Power and Green Earth Power Co Ltd of Thailand sign an MoU on conducting a feasibility study of solar power plant.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Ministry of Electric Power and Green Earth Power

Co Ltd of Thailand signed an MoU on conducting a feasibility study of solar power plant in Minbu in Magway Region yesterday.

Currently, there are two hydropower plants in Magway Region—Mone Creek hydropower plant and Kyiohngyiwa hydropower plant—each generates 75 megawatts which is distributed to national grid.

Chairman of Green Earth Power Co Ltd Mr

Paul Yaung explained the operation plans. Solar power plant project lies beside Minbu-An railroad, 14 miles from Minbu and will be able to generate 50 megawatts.

The ceremony was attended by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Soe Maung, U Hla Tun, U Than Htay and U Aye Myint, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, deputy ministers and officials.—MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister meets US guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win received Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migrations of the United States of America Ms Kelly Tallman Clements and US Ambassador to Myanmar

Mr Derek Mitchell, and Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alex Garcia Chua at the ministry here this morning separately.

The Union minister held discussion with the US delegation on Government's effort for sheltering of victims in Rakhine State

in cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations, undertakings of work committee, short- and long-term plans and population survey in Rakhine State.

The Philippine Ambassador handed over USD 50,000 donated by the

government of Philippines to Rakhine victims and discussed more cooperation in humanitarian aids programme in Rakhine State.

The donation will be used for sheltering of Rakhine victims before the rainy reason.

MNA

Yangon University, Hankuk University sign MoU



The signing of MoU between Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (ROK) and University of Yangon in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 3 May—Foreign Studies (ROK) signed an MoU on mutual cooperation at the latter, here, Hankuk University of

Prize awarding of Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 held

YANGON, 3 May—The prize awarding ceremony in conjunction with second round of the 1st Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 sponsored by Junior Golf Myanmar under the

supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation was held at Yangon Golf Club in Insein Township, here, this afternoon.

Myanmar Golf Federation General Secretary

U Aung Hla Han presented prizes to winners.

Vice-Presidents of MGF U Aung Kyi and U Min Thein also gave awards to winner golfers.

Golf enthusiasts took

this morning.

Pro-rector of Yangon University Dr Kyaw Naing explained special emphasis placed by both universities on development of educational programme and lessons, cooperation in teaching and research, exchange of visits by educational staff and students, cooperation in research, lectures and courses and exchanges of technology and knowledge on the interested subjects.

After that, President Professor Park Chul of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (ROK) and Pro-rector of Yangon University Dr Kyaw Naing signed the agreement.

MNA

Myanmar, Germany focus on institutional economic cooperation

YANGON, 3 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung held talks with German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortch and Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of International Economic Affairs Dr Volker Treier of Association of German

Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) at the office of the federation yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on further promotion of investments of German entrepreneurs in Myanmar, signing of MoU for cooperation between the economic institutions of the two countries and implementation of the MoU by opening a representative office in Myanmar.—MNA

Development of townships on the other banks of Yangon discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint held talks with Mi Rye Park, Chairperson of SOOSUNG Engineering Co., Ltd of the Republic of Korea, at Sky Palace Hotel, here, yesterday afternoon.

Townships on the other banks of Yangon will see rapid development when the company could make necessary engineering feasibility study on the sites for construction of Dala Bridge in Yangon.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

True Shelter social organization opens office

THAYET, 3 May—True Shelter social organization opened its office in No. 3 Ward, Kanma Township, Thayet District on 1 May, attended by Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Myo Hlaing, township administrator U Kyaw Soe Moe Tun, and executive member of the social

organization U Aung Myint. The social organization is intended to help with patients that need blood, give free health care and promote knowledge on sports and literature among youths, according to the chairman U Pho Yin.

Kyemon



One dead, six injured in Taungup car accident

TAUNGUP, 3 May—A car heading for Yanbye from Thandwe overturned near Kyinchaung bridge in Kyinchaung village 28 miles and 5 furlongs from Taungup of Rakhine State on 26 April morning. The car carrying 17 passengers—eight males and nine females—hit Bridge's right steel truss due to excessive speed.

The accident killed passenger U Tin Hlaing, aged 35 with the wounds to the head and injured six others.

The injured were sent to Shwehlay Station hospital. Shwehlay Police Station has taken action against driver U Than Bo in connection with the case.

Kyemon

Medic robbed of necklace in Pyay

PYAY, 3 May—A doctor was robbed of her gold necklace in Pyay on 26 April evening. Dr Daw Cho Yi Yi Nyunt working at Parami Clinic on Bogyoke Street, Ywabe Ward in Pyay, while

riding from Khittara Myothit to Ywabe Ward, was robbed of her necklace worth around 1 million kyats by a man on bike. The Pyay police force are in hot pursuit of the robber.—Kyemon

Firefighters do cleaning for the aged



PYAPON, 3 May—To hail the 67th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day, Pyapon District Fire Brigade did cleaning for the Kandaw Mingala Home for the Aged in Pyapon Township yesterday. Over 100 core

and auxiliary firefighters participated in the activity, undertaking sanitation tasks for the elderly care center.

An elderly person said, "I was really thankful to the sanitation tasks being carried out by the

firefighters." The activity is the evidence that the firefighters are giving their spare time to public and social welfare works apart from discharging primary duty of firefighting.

Kyemon

Teachership course on culture conducted in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 3 May—The culture teachership course jointly organized by Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Association and Toungoo District Sasana Nuggaha Association was opened at Sasana Hitakari Sasana Beikman, here yesterday.

A total of 147 trainees attended the five-day course. The trainers are Thiha

Kason-water pouring festival of Shwe Kyatyet Pagoda

AMARAPURA, 3 May—Kason-water pouring festival of ancient Shwe Kyatyet Pagoda in Amarapura Township will be held on 14th Waxing of Kason on a grand scale.

Local people from nearby villages and Amarapura, Mandalay and Sagaing participate in the festival yearly. The festival includes entertainment of troupe.—Kyemon

Thudhamma Mani-jotadhara Dr Hla Win Aung from Sasana Nuggaha Association (Central), Dr Yuzana Daw Saw Myint (Sanana Alinn Journal) and Daw Sabai.

Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Association and Border and Hill Regions Sasana Nuggaha Association (Central) donated books and teaching aid worth K 1 million, Shwe Hninzi Education, Religion and Health Committee K 1 million and Toungoo District/Township Sasana Nuggaha Association K 500,000 to the fund of the course.

Kyemon



Farmers reap benefits

YEDASHE, 3 May—Summer paddy being harvested from the irrigation area of Swa Creek in Yedashe Township in Bago Region is getting high prices at the moment.

A hundred basket

of Thaigauk fetches K 400,000, a hundred basket of Shwethweyin K 306,000 and a hundred basket of Manawthuka K 380,000. If thin trend continues, farmers would reap the benefits.

Kyemon

Schools in Ayeyawady Region open to raise pass rate of matriculation



PYAPON, 3 May—With the aim of raising pass rate of matriculation examination, Basic Education High School No. 1 and No. 2 of Kyaiklat are open for matriculation students as of 1 May earlier

than the regular academic period.

The majority of the matriculation students are attending the schools with some students absent due to various reasons. The

teaching hours are from 7 am to 9 am daily because of high temperature of day time.

There are similar activities in other parts of Ayeyawady Region.

Kyemon

Mawtaung Border Trade Camp to be opened soon

MYEIK, 3 May—The deputy director-general of Commerce and Consumers Affairs Department together with Myeik District deputy commissioner and departmental officials met local people and entrepreneurs for opening border trade camp at the meeting hall of Mawtaung Border Trade Camp yesterday morning.

Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo made clarification on opening of border trade camp, Chairman of Myeik District

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Hla Than on measures for economic zone and industrial zone and Director U Oo Han on measures for trade sector. Mawtaung Border Trade Camp In-Charge U Min Zaw clarified matters to launch the camp and officials replied to queries raised by those present. Deputy Director-General U Nyunt Aung discussed matters related to trade sector and looked round the office rooms.

Mawtaung Border Trade Camp in Taninthayi

Township of Taninthayi Region will be opened on 8 May and it is 72 miles from Taninthayi and 122 miles from Myeik. As four-lane earthen Taninthayi-Mawtaung road section is being constructed by Myeik Public Company, it is only four hour drive to have access to border trade camp from Myeik. The emergence of border trade camp, job opportunities can be created for Myeik dwellers and contribute to poverty alleviation task.

Kyemon

REGIONAL

Chinese FM meets ASEAN secretary-general on cooperation



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (L) meets with ASEAN Secretary-General Le Luong Minh in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 2 May, 2013.—XINHUA

JAKARTA, 3 May — Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here on Thursday that in view of promoting global multipolarization and beefing up solidarity among developing countries, China sincerely hopes the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) to make continuous achievements in its development.

China's new government will continue to encourage ASEAN to increasingly develop and grow stronger, firmly support ASEAN in its construction of the ASEAN Community and integration process, and firmly support ASEAN in continuing to play a leading role in regional cooperation, Wang said when meeting with ASEAN's Sec-

retary-General Le Luong Minh here. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of strategic partnership between China and ASEAN, it also marks a new historic starting point for the relations between the two, Wang said.

On the basis of summing up the successful experiences of exchanges and cooperation, the two should make joint efforts to map out the blueprint of friendly cooperation for the next decade and jointly take active measures to boost the development of the strategic partnership, Wang stressed.

Wang also pointed out that the two sides should focus on strengthening interconnection and interworking, making good use of the China-ASEAN maritime cooperation fund to promote maritime cooperation, and actively boosting the establishment of regional

comprehensive economic partnership based on ASEAN+1 and ASEAN+3 in bid to safeguard and expand the justified rights and interests of developing nations.

Le Luong Minh expressed his appreciation of China's substantial support to ASEAN and to the ASEAN-China relationship. He said that the ASEAN-China strategic partnership covers extensive fields and is vibrant, adding ASEAN was willing to facilitate the anniversary celebration activities along with China.

He also noted ASEAN was set to deepen in an all-round way the cooperation with China in a wide range of fields including politics, construction of free trade zone, science and technology and health, so as to jointly safeguard regional peace and stability and boost mutual development.

Xinhua

Suicide remains leading cause of death among young South Koreans

SEOUL, 3 May — Suicide was the leading cause of death among people aged 15-24 in South Korea in 2011, a report by Statistics Korea said on Thursday. Suicide has been the single largest cause of death among young Koreans since 2010.

The number of suicides in South Korea has been rising significantly, with 13 out of 100,000 people aged 15-24 killing themselves in 2011, up from 7.7 reported in 2001. Ten years ago, traffic accidents were the No 1 cause of death, with a rate of 15.6, Statistics Korea said. According to several surveys conducted by Statistics Korea, excessive

education-related competition was the main cause of stress for young Koreans, followed by economic difficulties.

South Korea's overall suicide rate had been on the rise since the early 1990s. It peaked in 1998 before declining slightly later. Since 2000, the rate has been growing again. An earlier report by Statistics Korea showed that 15,905 Koreans killed themselves in 2011. Suicide was the fourth leading cause of death, following cancer, cerebrovascular diseases and heart diseases. In 2001, suicide was only the eighth leading cause of death.

Kyodo News



Guests chat with a robot resembling a woman at Takashimaya department store in Osaka on 1 May, 2013. The humanoid developed jointly by robot researcher Osaka University professor Hiroshi Ishiguro and the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International is capable of speaking and makes human-like facial expressions. KYODO NEWS

41
Cambodians
killed by
lightning
strikes in four
months

PHNOM PENH, 3 May — Lightning strikes have killed 41 Cambodians in the first four months of this year, up from 25 deaths recorded in the same period last year, a disaster management official said on Thursday. Keo Vy, spokesman of the National Committee for Disaster Management, said that among the victims, 15 were women and eight children. Twenty-five others were also injured.

According to Keo Vy, nine Cambodians were killed on 28 April alone. Last year, lightning strikes killed 25 people and injured 24 others within the same period. Lightning occurs frequently in Cambodia, especially in the rainy season from May through October.

Keo Vy said an increase in the use of electrical household goods such as radios, televisions and mobile phones is partly to blame for the high number of deaths, but most of the victims were struck while working outside.

Last year, lightning strikes killed 103 Cambodians and injured 71 others, most of them living in rural areas.

Kyodo News

Japanese moneylender shot dead in
Philippines

MANILA, 3 May — A Japanese man who runs a moneylending business was shot dead on Wednesday in the northern Philippines by an unknown assailant, police said on Thursday. The victim, identified as Hisashi Suzukawa, 69, was found dead in San Fernando City, the capital of La Union Province, where his 43-year-old Filipino wife manages a nightclub, police investiga-

tor Percival Ancheta said. He said Suzukawa had just alighted from his car near their house in the coastal city's Lingsat village around 3 am when the assailant shot him three times in the chest at close range with a .45 caliber handgun. The suspect is at large and there are no known witnesses.

Ancheta said police do not suspect robbery as the motive because Suzu-

kawa's valuables, such as 11,000 pesos (about 26,000 yen) in cash and his mobile phone, were still on him. He said Suzukawa had been at his wife's club earlier that night and it was her who found his body. His wife, with whom he has three children, told police she went looking for him after arriving home around 3:30 am only to find he was not there.—Kyodo News



A newly married couple from Hong Kong pose for a photo at a historic mansion in Sapporo on 22 April, 2013. The Sapporo city government in northern Japan is promoting wedding photo shoots for clients from Hong Kong and Taipei. KYODO NEWS

Asian economic growth will pick up further

GREATER NOIDA, (India), 3 May — Asian Development Bank President Takehiko Nakao said on Thursday he sees a great possibility for further Asian economic growth down the road supported by strong domestic demand in the region, despite signs of a slowdown seen last year in

countries such as China and India. "I want to emphasize that Asian economic growth has been more robust and resilient" than expected, Nakao said at a Press conference in Greater Noida on the outskirts of New Delhi, ahead of the ADB's two-day annual meeting starting on Saturday.

The ADB is projecting that developing economies in Asia will expand 6.6 percent this year and 6.7 percent in 2014, up from 6.1 percent in 2012. China's economy, the world's growth engine, is expected to expand 8.2 percent in 2013 from 7.8 percent in 2012.—Kyodo News

Japan, Taipei to hold 1st joint fishing
committee meeting next week

TAIPEI, 3 May — Members of the Japan-Taiwan joint fishing committee will meet for the first time in Taipei on Tuesday next week, Tokyo's de facto mission in Taipei said on Thursday.

The Interchange Association said in a statement that officials from both sides reached the agreement after they held a two-day meeting in Tokyo on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss details of the committee's establishment.

The committee is stipulated in a bilateral fisheries pact signed last month on fishing rights by Taipei and China.

Under the deal, a joint fishing committee will be set up to continue negotiating on issues they failed to agree upon, including fishing in waters not yet covered by the agreement such as waters 12 nautical miles surrounding the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands, waters above 27 degrees north latitude and waters south of Japan's

Yaeyama Islands.

The pact designates an area in Japan's exclusive economic zone as jointly managed waters, where reciprocal fishing is allowed. However, the jointly controlled zone excludes what Japan regards as its 12-nautical-mile "territorial waters". Tokyo and Taipei also agreed to establish a "special cooperation zone" where each party applies laws and regulations to its own nationals and fishing vessels. —Kyodo News



An event exhibiting about 100 sand sculptures featuring animals begins in Minamisatsuma, Kagoshima Prefecture, on 2 May, 2013. KYODO NEWS

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1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in US\$:

Sr No.	Tender No	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)2/MR(ML/ISN) 2013-2014	Spare Parts for D.E.L.	414 - Items

Closing Date & Time - 28.6.2013(Friday)(12:00)Hour.

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 2.5.2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

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File photo taken in 2010 shows children playing at a day-care center in Tokyo.

KYODO NEWS



A Boeing 787 Dreamliner takes off from Narita airport near Tokyo as Japan Airlines Co. conducted its first test flight of the jet since the worldwide grounding of the aircraft due to battery troubles in January 2013. All Nippon Airways Co started test flights earlier.—KYODO NEWS

Sexual violence widespread in India: UN human rights official

NEW DELHI, 3 May — Sexual violence and harassment is widespread in India and perpetuated in public places, in the family and in the workplace, a UN human rights official said on Wednesday after undertaking a UN-commissioned study on violence against women in India. Rashida Manjoo, the UN special rapporteur on violence against women, said the Indian government's "inability and/or unwillingness" to acknowledge and address the core structural causes of violence against women is the main reason for the failure to prevent such in-

cidents.

"There is a generalized sense of insecurity in public spaces/amenities/transport facilities in particular, and women are often victims of different forms of sexual harassment and assault," Manjoo said in a statement released at the conclusion of a 10-day visit to India. Manjoo, who toured several Indian states and spoke to victims and government officials during the trip, concluded that a legislative and administrative approach alone will not bring about substantive change in the deep-rooted social problem.

Kyodo News

IMF approves 932-million-US-dollar loan for Jamaica

KINGSTON, 3 May—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed Wednesday to provide 932 million US dollars in a four-year loan package for Jamaica to revive the country's shaky economy. The loan is part of a 2-billion-dollar package from the IMF, the World Bank

and the Inter-American Development Bank, which is aimed at supporting a set of reforms for the debt-swamped Caribbean island nation.

"The main objective of the program is to put public debt on a firmly downward trajectory and thereby create a virtuous cycle of debt sustainability and higher economic growth," IMF First Deputy Managing Director David Lipton said in a statement.

"For most of the past three decades, Jamaica has suffered from very low growth, high public debt, and serious social challenges. Key factors behind these

problems have been Jamaica's unsustainable debt burden, low competitiveness, a weak business climate, and lack of policy credibility," Lipton said.

To close the deal with the IMF, Jamaican authorities have put in place several reforms, including launching a domestic debt swap to put its finances on a better footing.

Other measures include freezing public servants' wages and cutting national budget by 13.5 percent to bring down the national debt, which now accounts for 140 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).—Xinhua

Global sales by S Korean carmakers rise on overseas demand

SEOUL, 3 May—Global auto sales by South Korean carmakers rose last month on the back of strong demand from overseas customers, industry data showed on Thursday. The country's five automakers, including Hyundai, Kia, GM Korea, Renault Samsung and Ssangyong, sold a total of 742,372 vehicles in April, up 7.7 percent from a year earlier. The car sales increased 2.1 percent from a month ago.

The brisk sales were attributable to robust demand for South Korean brands in overseas markets. Overseas sales by the five companies gained 9 percent from a year earlier to 623,543 units in April. Hyundai Motor, the country's top carmaker, sold a total of 349,301 vehicles in the overseas market last month, up 10.5 percent

from a year earlier. Exports of cars manufactured in domestic factories sank 15.9 percent, but sales of cars assembled in overseas plants jumped 25.3 percent due to a rise in production in Chinese and Brazilian plants.

Overseas auto sales by Kia Motors rose 10.2 percent on-year to 212,135 units in April, and exports by Ssangyong Motor jumped 18.7 percent. Local sales by the carmakers increased 0.9 percent from a year earlier to 118,829 units in April.

Hyundai ranked first in terms of market share with a 49.1 percent share, followed by Kia with 34.1 percent, GM Korea with 8.6 percent, Ssangyong with 4.3 percent and Renault Samsung with 3.8 percent respectively.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Man Utd score financially after winning league

LONDON, 3 May—New sponsorship deals and a successful season on the pitch will help English Premier League football champions Manchester United meet this year's financial goals, the club said on Thursday.

United, who claim to have more than 650 million followers worldwide, have cashed in on their fame by agreeing sponsorship deals with companies ranging from US car maker General Motors to Japanese marine engineering company Yanmar.

That commercial appeal has just helped United win the Premier League for the 13th time since it was launched in 1992, topping last year's champions and local rivals Manchester City, who are bankrolled by

cash from Abu Dhabi.

Some United fans have not forgiven the American Glazer family for loading the club with debt when they bought it for 790 million pounds in 2005.

However, criticism has become more muted after United signed prolific Dutch striker Robin van Persie from rivals Arsenal last August. His goals have helped the team to recover after ending without a trophy in 2012.

"Our top priority is strengthening the squad to ensure we are best positioned for successful runs in all the major competitions next season," Executive Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward said on a conference call with financial analysts.

"At the same time, we



Manchester United players and staff celebrate after they clinched the English Premier League soccer title with a win against Aston Villa at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 22 April, 2013.—REUTERS

are focused on accelerating the pace of our commercial expansion," Woodward added, saying the club had identified as many as 94 business sectors where they could potentially seek sponsors.

Woodward, a former investment banker, will

work with veteran United manager Alex Ferguson on hiring new players when current Chief Executive David Gill steps down this summer. United had a mix of youth and experience and the squad would not need a major overhaul, he said. —Reuters

McIlroy among seven tied for Wells Fargo lead

NEW YORK, 3 May—World number two Rory McIlroy, back at the scene of his first PGA Tour win, fired a five-under 67 at Quail Hollow on Thursday for a seven-way share of the first-round lead in the

Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Northern Irishman was joined atop the leaderboard by Americans Nick Watney, Ryan Moore, Robert Garrigus, Daniel

Summerhays, Derek Ernst and Monday qualifier Nate Smith. Another six players were one stroke back, including former Masters champions Phil Mickelson and Zach Johnson, and former US Open champion Lucas Glover, who won this event in 2011.

McIlroy, still looking for his first tournament victory this year, struggled early in the season to find his top form after switching his golf ball and clubs. "I've made big strides," said McIlroy, who will turn 24 on Saturday. "My game wasn't where it should have been at all in the beginning of the year. Now I feel like I'm swinging it well. I've seen my game progress week by week. It's a nice start here this week." McIlroy may have landed in the perfect place to get back on the winning track. He fired a spectacular final-round 62 to win the 2010 tournament

for his first U.S. tour win and last year went to a playoff won by Rickie Fowler. Soft conditions prevailed on a cool, damp overcast day on a course where the greens held approach shots, but posed a challenge to putt after being damaged by a harsh winter.

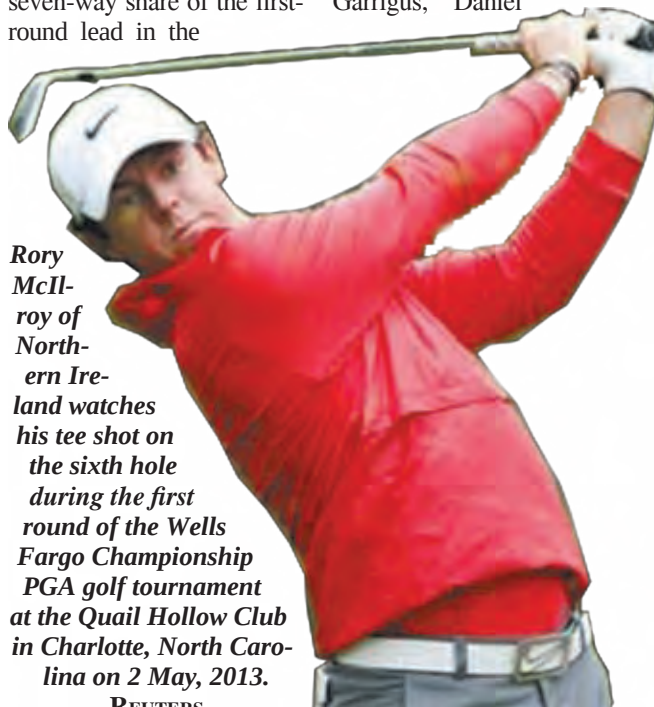
Two of the greens, the eighth and 10th, were completely resodded just seven days ago, and several others were splotchy and pitted by spike marks as the day wore on. McIlroy felt he was ready to contend last month at the Masters, but soared to a back-nine 42 on Saturday on his way to a 79. He shot 69 in the final round at Augusta to tie for 25th.

"I took the best part of two weeks off," McIlroy said about recharging following the year's first major. "Then I had four days of good practice. I feel good about my game."

Reuters

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland watches his tee shot on the sixth hole during the first round of the Wells Fargo Championship PGA golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina on 2 May, 2013.

REUTERS



Marquez threatens more records at Spanish MotoGP

MADRID, 3 May—Spanish rookie Marc Marquez has the chance to tumble more records when he takes to the track at the Spanish MotoGP this weekend as the youngest leader of the world championship.

The 20-year-old Repsol Honda rider became the

youngest to win a premier class title at the Grand Prix of the Americas in Austin, Texas last weekend, surpassing former double title winner Freddie Spencer's achievement from 1982.

Having scored a third-place finish in Qatar in the opening race of the

season, Marquez could become the youngest debutant to snare three consecutive podium finishes overtaking champion Jorge Lorenzo's record from 2008. He could also become the youngest to secure back-to-back premier class pole starts and wins.

"I will never forget the race in Austin and I want to thank everyone for the support and the congratulations I have received," Marquez said in a team statement this week. "Now we return to Europe. It's important to keep my feet on the ground and to keep my concentration. The

other riders have a lot more experience than me on these circuits and we will have to work hard." Marquez is level on 41 points with compatriot Lorenzo in the championship rankings, both having scored a victory and a third-place, but Marquez is top as the most recent winner.

Spaniard Dani Pedrosa is third and Italy's Valentino Rossi is fourth. "I am looking forward to racing in front of Spanish fans in a MotoGP for the first time," last year's Moto2 champion added. "We'll try and do our best for a good result." —Reuters

Jorge Lorenzo (L) and Honda MotoGP rider Marc Marquez
REUTERS



Suarez got two FWA votes despite biting ban

LONDON, 3 May—Uruguayan Luis Suarez, a contender for England's Footballer of the Year award before being banned for 10 matches for biting, still collected two votes from the country's football writers in the poll won by Tottenham's Gareth Bale on Thursday. Bale, 23, topped journalists' poll with 53 per cent of the votes to claim a narrow victory over Manchester United forward Robin van Persie. Chelsea's Spanish midfielder Juan Mata was third.

Liverpool's Suarez, however, had been a strong contender to become the first South American to win the award until he bit Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic on the arm during the 2-2 Premier League draw at Anfield last month, just four days before voting started.

The English FA banned him for 10 matches and Football Writers' Association

chairman Andy Dunn said that once Suarez bit Ivanovic his chances of winning the award disappeared.

"There is no doubting the incredible talent of Luis Suarez, and I think at one point a lot of our members believed that his behaviour was improving, and for that reason, several seemed prepared to vote for him. However, the biting incident changed all of that," Dunn said. "In the end nearly every writer apart from two found it impossible to give our award to someone who had just been banned for 10 games by the Football Association for biting an opponent."

Reuters



Liverpool's Luis Suarez celebrates his goal against Chelsea during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England, on 21 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Mourinho return would be spectacular, says Villas-Boas

ENFIELD, (England), 3 May—Tottenham Hotspur manager Andre Villas-Boas would welcome his mentor Jose Mourinho back to the Premier League next season, saying his return would be spectacular.

Villas-Boas worked under Mourinho at Porto, Chelsea and Inter Milan before deciding to forge a name for himself by taking on the coaching job at Portuguese club Academica.

Mourinho, who parted company with Chelsea in 2007 having won two league titles, dropped heavy hints this week that he wants to return for a second stint at Stamford Bridge having

Wednesday as they battle for a top-four finish, told reporters. "Obviously his desire to come back to England is extremely strong. Whether he has a club lined up or not, I'm not sure. It's very unlikely when someone makes it that public that everything is set up already."

"But he would be a great addition to the Premier League. Jose has a wonderful history in this league and it would be spectacular to have him back," Villas-Boas said on Thursday.



Real Madrid's coach Jose reacts during a news conference on the eve of their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match against Borussia Dortmund, at Valdebebas training grounds, outside Madrid on 29 April, 2013.—REUTERS

failed to land the Champions League for Real Madrid this season. "It's hard to make a reading of the situation," Villas-Boas, whose Tottenham side face Southampton on Saturday then Chelsea next

Villas-Boas's career path has been similar to Mourinho's having won the Portuguese league with Porto before moving to England for a brief spell in charge of Chelsea.

Reuters

GENERAL

Els makes strong start in Indonesia, HEND leads



South Africa's Ernie Els watches his tee shot on the first hole during second round play in the Arnold Palmer Invitational PGA golf tournament in Orlando, Florida on 22 March, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 3 May—British Open champion Ernie Els returned to Asia to shoot a strong opening round of four-under-par 68

and lie two shots off lead at the Indonesian Masters in Jakarta on Thursday.

The big South African wielded the long-putter he

is phasing out to sink five birdies, against one “silly” bogey, to lie two shots behind Australia's Scott Hend and Korea's Hwang Inn-choon at the Royale Jakarta Golf Club.

“I've got to be satisfied with that. Obviously you would like to say it could have been better but I played nicely,” said Els who finished 14th at the Chiangmai Golf Classic in March.

“I made a silly mistake on the third hole which was a short par-four. I played with a nice group of guys who played good as well.

“I like playing out here in Asia and the golf courses are nice.—Reuters

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Bono's one-time Sydney holiday home sells for record \$55.4 million

SYDNEY, 3 May—A Sydney harbor-front mansion has been sold for a record-setting A\$54 million (\$55.4 million) to a Chinese-born businessman, reinforcing the city's growing status as a hot property destination, newspapers said on Thursday.

On the market for six years, the luxurious eight-bedroom “Altona” in exclusive Point Piper was bought in a secret deal with the businessman who currently lives in Melbourne, the newspapers reported. The property and its heated waterside pool and boathouse, rented by U2 rock star Bono in 2006 for a family holiday, was last sold in 2002 for A\$28 million.—Reuters



Bono, lead singer of the band U2 and ONE organisation co-founder arrives for a reception with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and with youth representatives of the organisation ONE against human poverty in Berlin on 8 April, 2013.

REUTERS

Brasilia police cancel order for World Cup raincoats

BRASILIA, 3 May—Brasilia police have canceled an order for 17,000 raincoats for use at the World Cup because next year's tournament will be played in the dry season. “The military police made a mistake in listing the product among those to be acquired with a view to the World Cup which will be held in the dry season,” said the Federal District government in a statement.

Brazilian media had criticized the plans as an example of wasteful spending by authorities, pointing out that the jackets would have cost a total of 5.35 million reais (\$2.66 million). Rainfall is very rare between May and July in Brasilia and the air humidity often drops to 30 percent.

Reuters

WMO annual climate report confirms 2012 as among top 10 warmest

GENEVA, 3 May —The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said on Thursday that the year 2012 was the ninth warmest on record despite the cooling influence of a La Nina episode early in the year. The WMO's Statement on the Status of the Global Climate said that the global land and ocean surface temperature in 2012 was estimated to be 0.45 degrees Celsius above the 1961-1990 average of 14.0 degrees.

This was the ninth

Poisoned yogurt kills two Hebei kindergarteners

SHIJIAZHUANG, 3 May—Two girls in Pingshan County of north China's Hebei Province have died after drinking a bottle of yogurt that appears to have been deliberately tainted with rat poison, said local police on Thursday. They consumed the yogurt on the morning of 24 April in Lianghe Village of Lianghe Town. After their grandmother found it on a

warmest year since records began in 1850 and the 27th consecutive year that the global land and ocean temperatures were above the 1961-1990 average, according to the statement.

It said that during 2012, above-average temperatures were observed across most of the globe's land surface areas, most notably North America, southern Europe, western Russia, parts of northern Africa and southern South America.

roadside along with several notebooks, she picked up the yogurt and notebooks and brought them home.

Her granddaughters shared the yogurt after coming back from kindergarten in the afternoon. Shortly after, both were found foaming at the mouth and suffering convulsions. One girl died on the way to hospital, and the other on Wednesday.

Nonetheless, cooler-than-average conditions were observed across Alaska, parts of northern and eastern Australia, and central Asia. WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud said that although the rate of warming varies from year to year due to natural variability caused by the El Nino cycle, volcanic eruptions and other phenomena, the sustained warming of the lower atmosphere is a worrisome sign.

Xinhua

A preliminary probe found that the yogurt was tainted with rat poison. According to police, the head of the rival kindergarten to that attended by the girls confessed that she injected the poison into the yogurt, and asked a man to put it, together with some unused notebooks, on the road to the two girls' kindergarten.

Xinhua



New York Knicks' JR Smith (L) tries to pass as he is defended by Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce (2nd from L) in the fourth quarter in Game 5 of their NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff series in New York, on 1 May, 2013. Celtics won 92-86.—XINHUA

Argentina marks 31st Anniversary of Malvinas War

BEIJING, 3 May—Argentina has marked the 31st anniversary of the Argentine Air Force's involvement in the 1982 Malvinas War with Britain.

A moment of silence was observed while C-130 Hercules aircraft belonging to the Argentine Air Force flew overhead. Veterans of the 74-day-long conflict watched with their families during the ceremony.

About 650 Argentines and 255 Britons were killed

in the war that started after Argentinian forces occupied the islands. It prompted Britain's prime minister at the time, Margaret Thatcher, to dispatch a naval task force to retake them.

Most Argentines think the islands rightfully belong to Argentina and they remain a potent national symbol that unites political foes. Argentina has claimed ownership of the South Atlantic archipelago for almost 200 years.—Xinhua

Union Information Minister calls for applying Social Responsibility Model



Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi delivers an address at the celebration of World Press Freedom Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi addressed the celebration of World Press Freedom Day, organized by UNESCO, held at the Park Royal Hotel on Alan Pya Pagoda Road in Yangon this morning.

It was attended by diplomats from the foreign missions, representatives of UN agencies, Myanmar Writers and Journalists, local media men, Myanmar Press Council members, and journalists at home and abroad and invited

persons.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi said that democracy can never be guaranteed by politicians alone. Independent Media and democracy go hand in hand and the role of media in promoting democracy is

indispensable. Unlike in the past, when the media was used to promote the propaganda, persuasion, and education, the role of media today had now dramatically changed in various aspects, such as serving as watchdog

against the government, safeguarding the rights of individuals, enlightening the public in order to make it capable of focusing less on the individual and more on the welfare of society and acting as an interface between the citizens and the Government. That is why, according to 2013 World Press Freedom Index, a sharp rise could be compared with the previous year's Index.

He continued that in accordance with the present changing political landscaping of the country, the Government had taken its standing from acting as the implementer to participating as the facilitator in achieving media objectives towards promoting socially responsible media environment where freedom carries concomitant obligations. Timely and independent media were vital components of the check and balance system in the democratic societies.

Creating a free and safe environment for journalists and media workers is not only important for our government, but also very crucial for all the stakeholders of the Myanmar media industry in pursuit of strengthening peace, democracy and sustainability of the country. Likewise, the journalists have a great responsibility towards the fellow citizens to provide correct and analytical information which contributes to the development of improved professional standards and accountability in the media.

The Union Minister said that media must be healthy, meaningful, harmless, non-interfering and contributively functioning with maximized benefits, and to reach this end the intricacies of media practices should essentially be compatible with the social structure, cultural ethos and psycho-social ramifications of the (See page 9)

CEOs and experts from Belgium and US observe plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and experts from Belgium and US observe paddy plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing accompanied by Asia Pacific Regional Director Mr. Andrew Guthrie of US-based Syngenta Co and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Thierry Bogoert, Advisor Dr. Luc Beaucoart and Planning and Coordination Ms. Eva Delafontaine from Belgium-based DEVGEN Co visited plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

party also observed milch cow farm in Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township. Then, they inspected arrival of combine harvesters, power tillers and tractors.

They visited Wekkamu diversion weir on Nyopin creek near Wekkamu village in Lewe Township and viewed ground condition to establish commercial seeds production zone.

The Union minister and party viewed Palethwe summer hybrid paddy plantation at 440-acre mechanized farm in Alyinlo Village of Pyinmana Township and thriving dragon ball and coconut trees at 30-acre mechanized farm in Seinsarpin Village Zeyathiri Township.

Afterwards, they observed 65-day old Palethwe hybrid paddy seed production plantation at Yezin Agriculture University.

Commercial seeds production and distribution

The Union minister and party observed 91-day old thriving 3000-acre paddy plantation at mechanized farm near hotel zone and 500-acre model mechanized farm of Ngaliike irrigation system.

They viewed water melon, papaya, cucumber, chili, maize and bitter gourd plantations grown chemical free.

The Union minister and

to international markets in agriculture sector between Myanmar and Belgium were discussed at the meeting hall of the ministry at 12 pm today.

Effective cooperation between Myanmar and

Belgium, Myanmar and US making good use of favorable climate, abundant water resources and land resources and work-forces of Myanmar for development of agriculture sector were also discussed

at the meeting.

According to meeting, internationally marketable crops such as corn, horticultural and vegetables including paddy will be grown in Myanmar's soil in accord with foreign investment laws

of Myanmar Investment Commission.

After the meeting, the chief executive officers and experts observed sample seeds, agricultural produce samples and finished-goods displayed at the ministry.—MNA

UEC receives party establishment application

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission which received the application of 17 persons including Dr Kyaw Zeya Win to set up Union Nationals

Development Party, on 7 January.

The Union Election Commission has requested the ministries concerned to check whether those persons comply with provisions in section 4 and 6 of the political party registration law.—MNA

Myanmar to host drug control meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May—Myanmar will host high-ranking official level meeting on drug control at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 6-7 May and the ministerial-level meeting on 9 May at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

High-ranking official level and ministerial level representatives from Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will attend it.

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The noteworthy amounts of rainfall

(3-5-2013)

Machanbaw	(1.26) inches
Kyaukse	(1.06) inches
Putao	(1.02) inches
Pinlaung	(0.83) inches