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Without racial, religious discrimination, relief works are to be carried out

Life-saving is a must: President

President U Thein Sein makes an address at coordination meeting for cyclonic storm Mahasen.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—"Natural disaster is unpreventable. It needs to overcome the disasters with least damages through preparedness," President U Thein Sein said at the coordination meeting for Cyclone Mahasen held at the meeting hall of Union government at the Presidential Palace here this morning.

It was also attended by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

In his opening speech, the President said that the news on the Cyclone "Mahasen" is likely to cross between the west coasts of Rakhine and Bangladesh on 15 and 16 May, has been released. It is difficult to predict the storm as it can turn to the low pressure areas. Myanmar had experience of the storm "Nargis" hit in Ayeyawady Region on 2 May, 2008. Necessary preparations are being made as the direction of the storm "Mahasen" is likely to turn to other states and regions. Officials have been instructed to carry out necessary preparedness in Magway Region.

There are four-step measures: preparedness before the storm, tasks during the storm, recues and relief and rehabilitation after the storm.

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Formation of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

1. Aiming at carrying out preparedness and safety measures for possible danger of natural disaster in the country and ensuring prompt and effective risk response in time of emergency, **National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee** comprising the following persons was formed as follows:-

(a)	Vice-President (2)	Chairman
(b)	Union Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Vice-Chairman
(c)	Union Minister Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Vice-Chairman
(d)	Union Minister Ministry of Defence	Member

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Formation of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Work Committee

1. **National Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Work Committee** is formed with the following persons so as to systematically undertake preparedness measures for natural disasters, to swiftly carry out reliefs and aids and to implement policies and directives set by National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee.

(a)	Union Minister Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Chairman
(b)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Vice-Chairman
(c)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Vice-Chairman
(d)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Information	member

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Disaster

Educating public awareness of cyclonic storm "Mahasen" for risk reduction

Kungyangon Township

KUNGYANGON, 14 May—Regarding the storm news issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department, the head of Kungyangon Township Information and Public Relations Department and staff performed activities to heighten the awareness of fishermen and local people in the township to the possible danger of cyclonic storm "Mahasen" at the jetty and on the ships on 12 May. They heightened public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction, informing about developments of latest storm news and distributing pamphlets.—*Kyemon*

Kawthoung Township

KAWTHOUNG, 14 May—Staff of Kawthoung Township Information and Public Relations Department gave away Dhikhina Ahman pamphlet Vol. (1) No.4 that informs strength direction and stage of the cyclonic storm, preparedness measures and dos and don'ts in the face of the storm to local people at the jetty on Kannar road in Kawthoung yesterday.

Moreover, wall posters that carry storm preparation and safety procedures issued by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and pamphlets about measures for disaster risk reduction by the Information and Public Relations Department were on display in front of the department.—*Kyemon*

Thanlyin Township

THANLYIN, 14 May—Thanlyin dwellers were informed real time coverage of information about the possible danger of cyclonic storm by Thanlyin Township Information and Public Relations Department near Myoma market in Thanlyin on 10 May. As a gesture of educating local people to prepare for cyclone, wall posters and signboards were on display at Sibinthayar garden near the market, Aung Chan Tha ward, Yangon-Kyauktan-Kayan road and near the fire station.

Likewise, public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction activities were carried out in Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon Townships in Yangon South District yesterday. —*Kyemon*

Insein Township

INSEIN, 14 May—Aimed at educating the public to prepare for possible dangers of storm, flash flood, lightning strike, landslide, earthquake and fire, talks on storm preparedness were given to local people near Shwepyitha bridge in Danyinkon ward of Insein Township on 12 May.

Ward administrators and auxiliary fire brigade members led by the Insein Township administrator performed holding talks on safety measures in the face of disasters and answering queries raised by local people at West Kannar ward and Myothit (Ka+Kha) ward. —*Kyemon*

Kyunsu Township

KYUNSU, 14 May—Kyunsu Township Information and Public Relations Department distributed pamphlets on risk reduction measures to mariners, fishermen and local people in Kyunsu Township where people rely on waterway for transportation.—*Kyemon*

Drunkard found dead in Thongwa

YANGON, 14 May—According to information that a man was found dead near a wooden bridge in ward-9 at about 6 am on 4 May, Police Sub-inspector Nyunt Win and party of Thongwa Township police station rushed there.

They discovered Aung Htay Hlaing, 35, of a staff ghetto in ward-9 found dead with no external injuries near the bridge. According to initial investigations, he was a drunkard and it is said to be a drowning death.

Thongwa police station opened a case into the death by drowning and investigation is ongoing whether or not there is evidence of third party hand in the case.—*Kyemon*

Man jailed for murdering wife

KALAY, 14 May— A man who stabbed his wife to death was jailed at Kalay District Court for eight years with hard labour on 7 May.

Kalay Police Station was informed of a murder at Kyaungtai village in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region on 23 December, 2012 and police members rushed there to investigate into the case. They discovered Tin Zar Win (a) Win Win Aung, 24, was found dead receiving stabs in her chest and abdomen. She is believed to have been killed after having a big argument with her husband Tun Naing Soe, 24.

Police arrested Tun Naing Soe who is said to have stabbed his wife to death and charged him with the murder of his wife. He went on trial for murder at Kalay District Court and he was sentenced to eight years in prison with hard labour.

Kyemon

Stimulant tablets confiscated in Tamway Township

YANGON, 14 May—According to a tip-off, Police Inspector Hla Shwe and police members of Yangon West District special anti-narcotics squad were stationed on the road in front of Super One supermarket in Tamwaylay ward of Tamway Township, here, at about 6.45 pm on 7 May. They conducted a search of Than Than Win, 50, of Pazundaung Township and Thiha Aung, 27, of South Dagon Township there and seized 480 WY stimulant tablets worth K 2,400,000 from a handbag and 18 WY stimulant tablets worth K 90,000 and ten 88 stimulant tablets worth K 50,000 from a backpack.

They then proceeded to the house of Than Than Win and carried out a search of her house. They discovered 110 WY stimulant tablets worth K 550,000, 180 88 stimulant tablets worth K 900,000 in a plastic bag. They were taken into custody at Tamway police station that charged them with possession of narcotic drugs.—*Kyemon*

Opium discovered from inmate in Taunglaylon correctional facility

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— Opium were seized at Taunglaylon correctional facility in Shan State (South) on 4 May. The opium were discovered from a trouser pocket of Aung Myint (a) Ah Chan who is imprisoned there while he was under a search before going back to his cell after jail works at about 6 pm on that day. Shwenyaung police station charged him with possession of 6.12 grams of opium.

Kyemon

Crime

Seizure of narcotics in Mawlu

MAWLU, 14 May—According to a tip-off, a police combined force led by Police Inspector Myo Khaing seized 13. 68 grams of white powder in a bag, five grams in a plastic bottle covered with a red cap, seven grams in a plastic bottle covered with green cap, three grams in a small plastic box which are believed to be heroin, two plastic pipes which is thought to be used in heroin injection, 35 WY stimulant tablets, K 35000 and a waist bag from Pauksa of Nyaungbinseik village while conducting a search of him near a farmland in Nyaungbinseik village in Indaw Township at about 11.30 am on 11 May.

Mawlu police station opened the case about the seizure of narcotics from Pauksa, 35, of Nyaungbinseik village.—*Kyemon*

WORLD

UN Security Council strongly condemns Turkey bombings

UNITED NATIONS, 14 May—The UN Security Council on Monday strongly condemned deadly weekend car bombings in Turkey, saying it was crucial "to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism to justice." Two car bombs ripped through crowded shopping streets in the Turkish border town of Reyhanli on Saturday, killing 50 people and increasing fears that Syria's civil war is dragging in neighbouring states, despite renewed diplomatic moves to end it.

Search and rescue officers work at a damaged building at the site of blast in the town of Reyhanli in Hatay Province, near the Turkish-Syrian border, on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

The 15-member Security Council urged all states to cooperate with Turkish authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice. Turkey said it has arrested nine people, all Turkish citizens and including the alleged mastermind of the attacks. Turkey, which is home to some 400,000 Syrian refugees from the conflict, blamed the bombings on a group with direct links to Syrian intelligence. Damascus has denied any involvement.

In a statement, the Security Council said, "Any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed."A dispute between Russia, a close ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, and the United States over how to end Syria's two-year war has left the Security Council paralyzed to act. Russia has been backing and arming Assad, while the United States and Europe have supported the opposition with what they say is non-lethal aid and called for Assad's departure.

While Russia and China have vetoed three resolutions condemning Assad's government, the council has occasionally condemned violent attacks in Syria. In its statement on the bombings in Turkey on Monday, the council was careful not to assign blame to either side in the conflict.

A Syrian opposition group says the toll from two years of civil war had risen to at least 82,000 dead and 12,500 missing. Five million people have fled their homes, including 1.4 million refugees in nearby countries, the United Nations says.—*Reuters*

Obama hails Pakistani parliamentary election

WASHINGTON, 14 May—US President Barack Obama on Sunday hailed the National Assembly election concluded a day earlier in Pakistan, calling it "a significant milestone" in the country's democracy building.

"I congratulate the people of Pakistan on the successful completion of yesterday's parliamentary elections," the president said in a statement. "The United States stands with all Pakistanis in welcoming this historic peaceful and transparent transfer of civilian power, which is a significant milestone in Pakistan's democratic progress."

The polls were described as relatively peaceful despite a number of attacks that killed at least 32 people and injured 224 others, most of which were claimed by the Pakistani Taleban.

"By conducting competitive campaigns, freely exercising your democratic rights, and persevering despite intimidation by violent extremists, you have affirmed a commitment to democratic rule that will be critical to achieving peace and prosperity for all Pakistanis for years to come," Obama said. He vowed to continue cooperation with the upcoming Pakistani government as "equal partners." Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's two-time prime minister, is set to lead the country again after unofficial results placed his party in a comfortable position against rivals.

Xinhua

Reshma (C), a young female garment worker, meets with the media at a hospital in Savar on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 13 May, 2013. Sixteen days after Bangladesh's worst-ever industrial tragedy, rescuers found Reshma who is clinging to life beneath the sandwiched floors of the collapsed eight-storey building.—XINHUA

Abe disappointed at US report dubbing him "nationalist"

TOKYO, 14 May—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed his disappointment on Monday over a US report labelling him a "nationalist" amid Japan's strained ties with China and South Korea, saying he would endeavor to explain his viewpoint to other countries.

"It is disappointing that the thinking of our country has not been sufficiently understood. We must gather information and disseminate it more actively so that we will be properly understood," Abe told a Diet committee session.

He underscored that the report, released earlier this month by the US Congressional Research Service, does not represent any official view held by Congress, but added, "It is important to call for their mistakes to be corrected and to convey our opinions." The research arm of the US Congress noted that Abe's statements on historical issues have raised concerns among Asian countries that suffered under Japanese wartime brutality.

Kyodo News

Bangladesh rescue operation near end; collapse death toll at 1,127

Rescue workers attempt to find survivors from the rubble of the collapsed Rana Plaza building in Savar, around 30 km (19 miles) outside Dhaka on 4 May, 2013.
REUTERS

DHAKA, 14 May—Bangladeshi salvage workers neared on Monday the end of their search for victims of the collapse of a factory building, scouring the basement of the complex that crumbled in on itself killing 1,127 people. That toll from the world's worst industrial accident since the Bhopal disaster in India in 1984 could be the final one as no more bodies were found on Monday, a spokesman at the army control room coordinating the salvage operation said.

"The rescuers have reached the basement where the chances of finding more dead bodies are very low," said the spokesman, Captain Tazul Islam. The site would be handed over to the district administration on Tuesday, upon completion of the salvage work, said army spokesman Shahinul Islam. The cabinet approved an amendment to Bangladesh's labour laws on Monday, paving the way for parliament to allow garment workers to form trade unions without prior approval from the factory owners.—*Reuters*

Transfer of power in Pakistan by 2 June

ISLAMABAD, 14 May—Power will be transferred to the new elected government in Pakistan by 2 June, two cabinet ministers said on Monday. Complete official results of the 11 May general elections have not yet been announced and the Chief Election Commissioner asked the local election authorities to immediately complete results.

Secretary of Election Commission Ishtiak Ahmad Khan said that 90 percent results of the National and Provincial Assemblies Elections have been received and hoped that the remaining would be received till early Tuesday. Prime Minister Mir Hazar Khan Khoso has said that the caretaker government will transfer power without any delay as stipulated in the constitution. He said the smooth and peaceful transition of power would further strengthen the democratic system in the country.

Information Minister, Arif Nizami, said that power would be transferred to the new elected government by 2 June within the period stipulated by the Constitution and the law. Minister for Law, Ahmer Bilal Soofi, said the Election Commission would issue official notification of results in a week or ten days and under the Constitutional provisions the National Assembly session has to be convened in 21 days from elections. Addressing a news conference he said that in the next phase, sessions of the assemblies would be held for oath taking. He said over 60 percent turnout in the elections was a big improvement from nearly 44 percent in 2008 elections and the credit goes to the people, who thronged the polling stations on election day, he added. The Information Minister Arif Nizami said on the occasion despite challenges that were considered to be insurmountable by many the Interim Government had been able to fulfill its responsibility for holding of general elections. He pointed out that there were even apprehensions that elections might not take place at all.

FormerPakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (Front) waves to supporters as he arrives to cast his vote in eastern Pakistan's Lahore, on 11 May, 2013.
XINHUA

He expressed satisfaction that women and youth took part enthusiastically in polling and the turnout was more than previous elections.—*Xinhua*

Will invite Manmohan Singh to my oath-taking ceremony

LAHORE, 14 May—PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif said on Monday that he would be "very happy" to invite Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Pakistan for his oath-taking ceremony as the new Premier.

"I will be very happy to extend that invitation. If they come it will be a great pleasure," Sharif told

reporters at his Raiwind estate here when asked if he would consider inviting Singh.

"I had a call from him yesterday."—*PTI*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

World Bank supports Vietnam in phasing out ozone depleting substances

HANOI, 14 May—A project on phasing out Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs)—ozone-depleting substances—in the 2013-2015 periods has been launched by the Vietnamese Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in cooperation with the World Bank (WB), local media reported on Monday.

Accordingly, in Phase 1, the WB will provide Vietnam with 9.7 million US dollars in non-refundable aid from the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on ozone depleting substances, state-run *Vietnam News* reported.

The project, designed to help Vietnam reduce its consumption of HCFCs in the polyurethane foam sector, will apply the latest technology to eliminate about 2,500 tons of HCFC-141b in 12 large foam production enterprises in Vietnam. In addition it also supports policies, regulations and technical activities nationwide to curb HCFC consumption while reducing energy consumption and increasing energy productivity for household air conditioning units made in Vietnam.

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is an international treaty designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production of numerous substances believed to be responsible for ozone depletion. The treaty was opened for signature on 16 Sept, 1987, and entered into force on 1 Jan, 1989. Vietnam joined the Montreal Protocol in January 1994.

Xinhua

London's Unruly snaps up viral video firm Shareifyoulike

LONDON, 14 May—Unruly, one of London's hottest tech companies, has made its first acquisition, buying Germany's Shareifyoulike to gain the leading position in viral video marketing in the country.

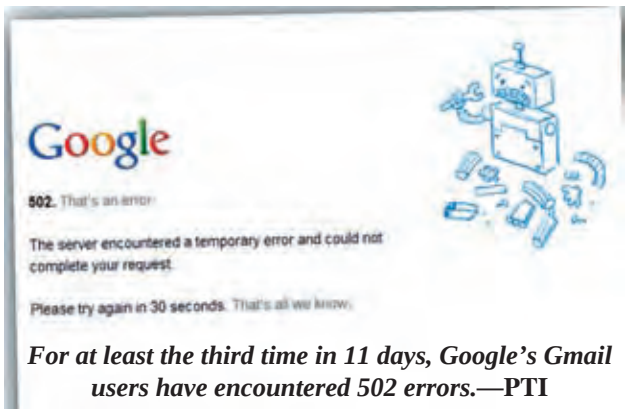
Unruly and Shareifyoulike work with advertisers and their agencies to create viral campaigns, whereby ads are viewed, shared and talked about on social networks, creating millions of pounds worth of marketing for brand owners. "Germany is a key market for us, it's the largest advertising economy in Europe," Unruly co-founder Sarah Wood told *Reuters* in an interview.

"It's also a really important market for social video in particular, there's a real appetite for social video in the German market."

German brands, such as carmaker Volkswagen, an existing Unruly customer, have been at the forefront in social media marketing, she said.

Volkswagen's 'The Force' commercial is still the most successful viral campaign, she said. The ad, which features a boy trying to animate objects using 'The Force" from the Star Wars movies, has been viewed more than 57 million times on YouTube.

Wood declined to give the value of the acquisition, as both companies are private. "But it's a big deal in terms of strategic importance," she said. Unruly Media, based in London's East End, secured $25 million of funding last year, which it said was the largest ever investment in the social video sector.—*Reuters*



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502 error continues to plague Gmail users

NEW DELHI, 14 May—For at least the third time in 11 days, Google's Gmail users have encountered 502 errors while trying to access their emails. The first reported Gmail downtime this month was on 2 May, followed by another on 8 May.

Trying to access Gmail, a message on the page said, "502. That's an error. The server encountered a temporary error and could not complete your request. Please try again in 30 seconds. That's all we know."

502 errors usually happen due to poor IP communication between servers. There have been a number of previous occasions when Google users have encountered a similar error.

In regard to the "Error 502", Google's support page describes, "whenever you're see a 'Temporary Error (502)' message when you try to sign in to Gmail, it means that your mail is temporarily unavailable. These errors generally resolve themselves within a few minutes, so please wait a bit before trying to log in again."

Update 1:30 PM: Gmail services seem to have resumed for most users.

Update 3:30 PM: Google in its Apps Status Dashboard says the issue has been resolved. According to Google the 502 error was experience by less than 0.75% of users. The affected users were located in India, Middle East and South East Asia. —*PTI*

Mobile phones to outnumber human population by 2014

LONDON, 14 May—The number of mobile phone subscriptions are set to outnumber the world's population by the end of 2014, a United Nations agency report has said. According to the International Telecoms Union's (ITU) prediction, mobile phone subscriptions will pass a whopping seven billion early in 2014.

Currently, there are 6.8 billion mobile phone subscriptions while the world's population is 7.1 billion. More than a third of the global population are online, the ITU World in 2013 report also found. The Commonwealth of Independent States, the alliance of countries formerly in the Soviet Union, is believed to have the highest mobile penetration with 1.7 subscriptions for every person, the report said. Africa has the least, with 63 subscriptions per 100 people, it said.

"Every day we are moving closer to having almost as many mobile cellular subscriptions as people on Earth," said Brahima Sanou, director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau. "The mobile revolution is 'm-powering' people in developing countries by delivering ICT applications in education, health, government, banking, environment and business," Sanou said.

The report also found that 2.7 billion people, almost 40 per cent of the world's population, are online. Europe has the highest penetration (75 per cent), followed by the Americas (61 per cent). Asia has 32 per cent of its population online and Africa 16 per cent.

PTI

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Researchers find trickery in ancient Chinese divination

ZHENGZHOU, 14 May—Archaeologists revealed on Monday that the divination rituals used by ancient Chinese thousands of years ago may have featured some behind-the-scenes trickery.

During the Shang Dynasty (1600 BC — 1046 BC), emperors relied heavily on prophecy and divination to help them make decisions on matters ranging from domestic policy to the meanings of their dreams.

One divination technique involved burning turtle shells or cattle bones, with the diviner predicting the future based on the patterns of cracks left in the materials after burning them.

"We have learned from our experiments that the appearance of certain crack patterns is basically controllable," said Hou Yanfeng, a researcher at an archaeology laboratory under the Henan Provincial Administration of Cultural Heritage.

"During the Shang Dynasty, the emperor was the leader of the diviners. Thus, it is possible that he controlled public opinion via oracle bone divination," he said.

Ma Xiaolin, deputy director of the administration, said researchers made replicas of oracle bones excavated from central Henan and carried out a month's worth of experiments to figure out precisely how they were created and how they were used in divination.

"Based on saw, cut and burn marks on 185 fragments of oracle bones and shells, our researchers gained insight into the manufacturing techniques that were used to make oracle bones during the late Shang period," Ma said.

The experiments have been recognized by experts from the US, France and Spain, Ma said. The lab went into operation in 2005 and has participated in major archaeological research projects.—*Xinhua*

Notion Ink reveals dual-screen Adam II tablet; price Rs 12,000

MUMBAI, 14 May—Just days after learning that Notion Ink is working on the second-generation Adam tablet, specs of the device have been revealed in a somewhat official manner.

At the recent National Technology Day Awards, specs and features of Adam II tablet were revealed and Engadget has got hold of the brochure presented by Notion Ink.

The tablet will be priced at Rs 12,000, but no date has been announced for the launch.

The Notion Ink Adam II comes with a 1.5 GHz dual-core ARM Cortex A9 processor, which is a slight bump up from the Tegra 2 processor ticking under the first Adam. The rest of the specs are not that much of an improvement over the older tablet.

The 1GB of RAM is the same as the predecessor, and Notion Ink has even retained the 10.1-inch display, though the resolution is slightly higher at 1280x800 pixels. The company didn't want to go for a full HD display to keep power consumption down and to keep the price low. Instead of the 3.2-megapixel swivel camera on the Adam, there is a 2-megapixel camera each on the front and back of this tablet.

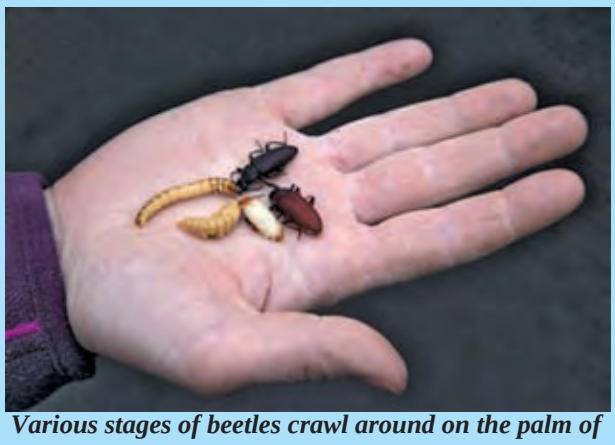
Unfortunately for Notion Ink, these specs remind us of mid-range tablets that were launched last year, and as more and more tablets launch with quad-core processing power and a lower price, Notion Ink might be entering a market chock-ful of options with a slightly weak offering.

The Adam II's design seems to have been inspired by coffee-table books and magazines, and Notion Ink's presentation emphasises the comfort of holding the new tablet.—*PTI*

***The Adam II\'s design is inspired by coffee-table books and magazines and the secondary display is on the spine.*—PTI**

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Eating insects could help fight obesity, UN says



Various stages of beetles crawl around on the palm of a hand at an insect farm in Ermelo on 12 Jan, 2011.
REUTERS

ROME, 14 May—The thought of eating beetles, caterpillars and ants may give you the creeps, but the authors of a UN report published on Monday said the health benefits of consuming nutritious insects could help fight obesity.

More than 1,900 species of insects are eaten around the world, mainly in Africa and Asia, but people in the West generally turn their noses up at the likes of grasshoppers, termites and other crunchy fare.

The authors of the study by the Forestry Department, part of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), said many insects contained the same amount of protein and minerals as meat and more healthy fats doctors recommend in balanced diets. "In the West we have a cultural bias, and think that because insects come from developing countries, they cannot be good," said scientist Arnold van Huis from Wageningen University in the Netherlands, one of the authors of the report.

Eva Muller of the FAO said restaurants in Europe were starting to offer insect-based dishes, presenting them to diners as exotic delicacies.

Danish restaurant Noma, for example, crowned the world's best for three years running in one poll, is renowned for ingredients including ants and fermented grasshoppers.

As well as helping in the costly battle against obesity, which the World Health Organization estimates has nearly doubled since 1980 and affects around 500 million people, the report said insect farming was likely to be less land-dependent than traditional livestock and produce fewer greenhouse gases. It would also provide business and export opportunities for poor people in developing countries, especially women, who are often responsible for collecting insects in rural communities.

Van Huis said barriers to enjoying dishes such as bee larvae yoghurt were psychological — in a blind test carried out by his team, nine out of 10 people preferred meatballs made from roughly half meat and half mealworms to those made from meat.

Reuters

CBOE keeps index franchise as justices stay out of dispute

WASHINGTON, 14 May—CBOE Holdings Inc (CBOE.O) won a long-running legal battle to prevent rival International Securities Exchange from listing options on two key US stock-market indexes, after the US Supreme Court on Monday declined to consider their dispute.

The court's refusal to intervene leaves intact a lower court ruling that allows CBOE, the operator of the oldest and biggest US stock market, to remain the sole market for options on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

CBOE's exclusive franchise on stock-index options is a lucrative one, generating 60 percent of CBOE's transaction fees, although they account for less than 40 percent of its trading volume.

"We are vindicated after more than six years of lengthy and unnecessary litigation that the highest court in the land has validated our position and the intellectual property rights of index providers," CBOE's chief executive and chairman, William Brodsky, said in a statement.

An ISE spokeswoman had no immediate comment. CBOE shares were up about 0.7 percent on the Nasdaq stock market, to $39.57, after earlier touching an all-time high.

International Securities Exchange LLC (ISE) was fighting an injunction that prevented it from listing S&P 500 and Dow Jones options, which are licensed exclusively to S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a joint venture of McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. (MHP.N) and CME Group Inc. (CME.O).

S&P Dow Jones has exclusive licensing agreements with the Chicago Board Options Exchange. In March this year, CBOE extended its contract until 2033.

ISE, a unit of Deutsche Boerse AG (DB1Gn.DE), claimed that CBOE effectively had a monopoly on what ISE's lawyers describe as "widely disseminated facts and ideas" that are not protected under the Copyright Act.

In 2006, ISE said it would start offering its own index options based on the two indexes without obtaining a license, prompting CBOE, CME and McGraw-Hill to sue.

Reuters

*People line up for admission at the US Supreme Court in Washington on 1 Oct, 2012.—*REUTERS

China reports three new bird flu deaths, toll hits 35

BEIJING, 14 May—Three more people have died in China from the new strain of H7N9 bird flu virus, raising the death toll to 35 while the total number of infections rose to 130, state media said on Monday.

Without giving details of the deaths, *Xinhua* news agency said a new case of the H7N9, described by the World Health Organization as one of the most lethal flu viruses around, was found in China's east Jiangxi Province.

There has so far been no evidence of human-to-human transmission of the virus, a point reiterated by *Xinhua* on Monday, citing health authorities.

It noted that 57 of those infected have recovered. Chinese scientists say the virus has been transmitted to humans from chickens, though the World Health Organization says 40 percent of people infected with H7N9 had no contact with poultry.

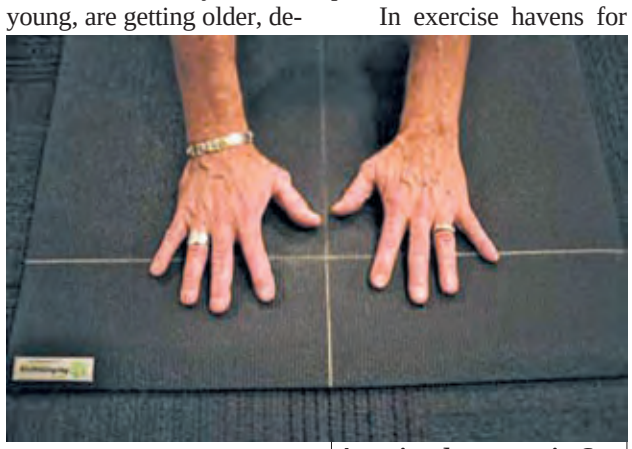
Since it was first detected in March, the H7N9 virus has raised alarm and pummeled Chinese demand for poultry as well as prices for livestock.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has said the current strain of bird flu cannot start a pandemic but notes there is no guarantee it will not mutate and cause a serious pandemic.

Reuters

New fitness centres cater to aging baby boomers

NEW YORK, 14 May—Baby boomers, the generation that vowed to stay forever young, are getting older, designing senior-friendly gyms and becoming their own personal trainers.



A senior does yoga in Sun City, Arizona, on 7 Jan, 2013.
REUTERS

In exercise havens for the over-50 set, the cardio machines are typically low impact, the resistance training is mainly air-powered and some group fitness classes are taken sitting down.

At Welcyon gyms, founded by husband-and-wife boomers Suzy and Tom Boerboom, the average age of members is 62.

"The environment is really designed for those 50 and over," said Suzy Boerboom.

The couple created Welcyon, which has locations in Minnesota and South Dakota, in 2009. It has no tread-mills and no free weights and workouts are customized to members' levels of fitness. A smart card sets resistance, counts repetitions and adjusts workouts.

An important attraction for many boomers: background music is a combination of '40s, '50s and '60s tunes played at a much lower volume than in traditional gyms. "It was something I could manage," said 66-year-old Bill Zortman, one of an estimated 78 million baby boomers, defined as the group born between 1946 and 1964, who make up about 26 percent of the US population, according to US Census reports.

His thrice-weekly workouts at a Welcyon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, consists of riding a bicycle or using air-powered resistance machines to strengthen his legs, arms and back.

"They make sure I'm not overdoing it," Zortman said of the staff, who Boerboom said are often boomers themselves. The absence of clanging free weights also cuts down on the racket, Boerboom said, noting that many people over 50 prefer a quieter gym.

Reuters

Retail sales edge up, show some strength in economy

WASHINGTON, 14 May—Retail sales unexpectedly rose in April as households bought automobiles, building materials and a range of other goods, pointing to underlying strength in the economy in the face of government austerity. The Commerce Department said on Monday retail sales edged up 0.1 percent after a 0.5 percent decline in March. Economists had expected retail sales, which account for about 30 percent of consumer spending, to drop 0.3 percent last month.

"The overall tone of this report was quite encouraging as it suggests that US consumers are continuing to successfully navigate against the steady fiscal headwinds," said Millan Mulraine at TD Securities in New York.

The dollar rose against the yen and the euro, while prices for US Treasury debt fell. US stocks retreated from record highs in the previous session, but the retail sales data helped to limit losses.

*A potential customer looks under the hood of a black 2012 Chevrolet Volt electric car in the showroom of George Matick Chevrolet auto sales in Redford, Michigan in this file photo.—*REUTERS

So-called core sales, which strip out automobiles, gasoline and building materials and correspond most closely with the consumer spending component of gross domestic product, increased 0.5 percent after nudging up 0.1 percent in March. The increase in core sales, coming on the heels of relatively strong job growth over the last three months, should help to ally fears of an abrupt slowdown in the economy early in the second quarter even as government budget cuts are starting to put a strain on manufacturing.

Reuters

WORLD

A Bulgarian man registers before voting at a polling station in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 12 May, 2013. Bulgarians began voting in a general election on Sunday.—XINHUA

Japanese political parties open accounts for Line app

TOKYO, 14 May — Smartphone messaging company Line Corp said on Monday 10 Japanese political parties have opened official accounts for its Line messaging application before their Internet-based election campaigns start this summer.

If Line app users add accounts of political parties to their friends, they may receive these parties' policy and campaign information in the form of texts, pictures and videos. The parties may be allowed to receive opinions and requests from users.

The Line app offers a free chatting and calling service and has a user base of 45 million in Japan, the company said.

The 10 parties are the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Japan, the Japan Restoration party, the New Komeito party, Your Party, the People's Life Party, the Japanese Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party, the Green Wind party the New Renaissance Party.

Line will offer free account services to political parties until the House of Councillors election, expected in July, and will consider switching to paid services after the election. Business corporations use official Line accounts paying at least 10 million yen per three months.

Kyodo News

Two men arrested in Malcolm Shabazz murder in Mexico, more sought

A man sells sarapes at Plaza Garibaldi in Mexico City on 11 May, 2013. —REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 14 May —Authorities in Mexico City have arrested two men on suspicion of the fatal beating of the grandson of US civil rights activist Malcolm X in a bar last week and are looking for at least two more people, Mexico City Attorney General Rodolfo Rios said on Monday.Malcolm Shabazz, who police have said was 29, died last Thursday at a bar just steps away from Mexico City's popular Plaza Garibaldi, where mariachis serenade tourists.

Police have arrested two men who are waiters at the bar, David Hernandez and Manuel Perez, and are looking for at least two more suspects, Rios said. Shabazz was with Manuel Suarez, a labour rights activist who had recently been deported from the United States, when they were confronted by two women aged between 20 and 25 in the rough neighborhood of Tepito, said Rios.

The unidentified women, who police still want to question, took the two men to the Palace nightclub, said Rios.—*Reuters*

Tokyo's Skytree, Taipei's 101 join forces to boost tourism

TAIPEI, 14 May —Representatives of the world's tallest tower and the once-tallest building in the world signed a contract on Monday to attract more tourists, officials said on Monday. Starting on 1 July, tourists visiting either Tokyo Skytree or Taipei 101 will be given a small gift. Those visiting the sights can get a limited edition memorial stamp set and visitors "meeting certain requirements" are entitled to receive a scratch-and-win ticket. The move comes at a time when the weakening yen is giving Japan's tourism industry a boost, but hurting Taipei tourism.

Skytree has attracted more than 6 million visitors since it was opened last May, but not many of them were foreign visitors, Michiaki Suzuki, president of the Tobu Tower Skytree Co, said. "Through the joint alliance with Taipei 101, we hope it will help bring more Taiwanese visitor," Suzuki said. The venture is first for Skytree in teaming up with a landmark building in another country. Depending on the effectiveness of the programme, Skytree will decide whether or not to renew the contract next year, Suzuki said.

The chair of Taipei 101, the world's tallest building until it was overtaken by Dubai's Burj Khalifa in 2010, said Japan topped its list of foreign visitors until 2009. The resumption of direct flights between Taipei and China in 2008, however, led to an influx of Chinese tourists, overtaking the number of Japanese visitors to Taipei. "Japanese tourists are the most friendly and polite. They always think about others and feel at ease showing their true feelings," Taipei 101 spokeswoman Christina Sung said. "They are the kind of visitors operators like us find most welcome."

Officials from Tokyo Skytree tower and Taipei 101 tower attend a ceremony in the Taiwan capital on 13 May, 2013, marking the signing of a contract on measures to join forces to attract more tourists.—KYODO NEWS

While the number of Japan-bound Taiwanese has increased in the first quarter of the year, the number of Japanese visitors to Taipei has slumped 4.6 percent from the same period last year. Taipei's goal is to have a 10 percent increase by the end of this year, David Hsieh, director general of the Taipei's Tourism Bureau, said, adding the bureau is hoping to sign contracts with Japan's leading travel agencies. A Taiwanese delegation will attend a tourism conference in Japan's Mie Prefecture at the end of May to discuss ways to boost tourism in both countries further.

Kyodo News

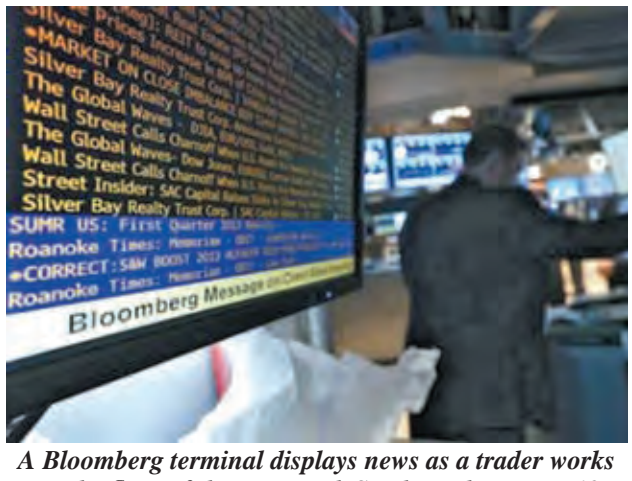
Bloomberg's top editor calls client data policy 'inexcusable'

NEW YORK, 14 May —Matthew Winkler, editor-in-chief of *Bloomberg News*, apologized on Monday for allowing journalists "limited" access to sensitive data about how clients used *Bloomberg* terminals, saying it was "inexcusable", but that important customer data had always been protected. His statement came as several US and international government agencies looked into any possible breaches in the confidentiality of their usage data. The European Central Bank, Brazil's central bank and the US Federal Reserve all said they were examining the matter. A source briefed on the situation said the Treasury Department was looking into the question as well.

The practice of giving reporters access to some data considered proprietary, including when a customer looked into broad categories such as equities or bonds, came to light in media reports last week. In response, the parent company, Bloomberg LP, said it had restricted such access last month after Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N) complained. In an editorial posted on Bloomberg.com, Winkler said: "Our reporters should not have access to any data considered proprietary. I am sorry they did. The error is inexcusable." Goldman flagged the matter to *Bloomberg* after the bank found that journalists had access to more information than it had known and argued the information was sensitive and should not be seen by reporters.

The news triggered fears at Wall Stree*t* firms about the privacy of sensitive data, as well as at the Fed and other US government departments that use Bloomberg terminals. In the editorial, Winkler sought to clarify what exactly *Bloomberg* journalists could see. He said they had access to a user's login history, as well as "high-level types of user functions on an aggregated basis, with no ability to look into specific security information."He said the practice dated back to the early days of *Bloomberg News* in the 1990s, when reporters used the terminal to find out what kind of news coverage customers wanted."As data privacy has become a central concern to our clients, we should go above and beyond in protecting data, especially when we have even the appearance of impropriety," Winkler wrote.

Reuters



A Bloomberg terminal displays news as a trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Taleban vows to release remaining Turkish hostages

KABUL, 14 May — Taleban insurgent leaders pledged today to release the final four Turkish engineers held hostage since their helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan last month.

Four other Turkish engineers aboard the helicopter were freed on Sunday, three weeks after the crash in Logar Province, a Taleban stronghold south of the capital Kabul.

PTI

China, Russia pledge to boost region-to-region cooperation

BEIJING, 14 May—China's top political advisor Yu Zhengsheng on Monday met with Mikhail Babich, a Russian presidential representative, pledging to boost region-to-region cooperation between the two countries.

"Region-to-region cooperation is a key area of practical cooperation between China and Russia," Yu said during his meeting with the representative. Babich, Russia's Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Volga Federal District, is visiting China to launch a cooperation project between the district and the middle and upper reaches of China's Yangtze River.

The launch of the cooperation will help give play to mutually complementary advantages and achieve win-win reciprocity, said Yu, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He proposed that the two sides give priority to the cooperation in high-tech industries that can yield high value.

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Police in Momeik seize two drug dealers

YANGON, 14 May— Opium worth K 12 million was seized by police in Momeik on 1 May.

A combined team of Bhamo anti-drug squad and Momeik police force conducted a surprise check over a green Pajero bound for Bhamo from Lwejel near a concrete bridge at the entrance of Momeik on 1 May evening.

The team was led by Police Inspector Aung San Moe and Commander of Momauk Police Station Police Inspector Han Hmway.

Two passengers on board Aik Keng and Ma Kham were seized with two soap containers carrying 14 grams of opium each and ten bottles holding 0.4 grams of opium each.

Momeik police station has filed a lawsuit against them.

Myanma Alinn

Sports

Myanmar petanque athletes leave for Thailand for joint training

YANGON, 14 May— Myanmar petanque players left for Thailand for a joint training on 8 May.

The team is formed with Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department Joint Secretary of Myanmar Petanque Federation U Nay Myo Lwin as manager, Staff Officer of Sports and Physical Education Department Daw Thet Htar Khaing Wai Soe, 18 male athletes and 15 female athletes.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanma Acrobatics Federation and Myanmar Petanque Federation U Thein Win.

The team had been undergoing training under two Thai coaches in Gold Camp of Nay Pyi Taw since 3 March in preparation for SEA Games.

Petanque was one of 33 games included in XXVII SEA Games to be hosted for the first time in Myanmar in coming December.

The team will also participate in a petanque invitational in Brunei Darussalam. The team will spend two months in Thailand in joint training session.

They will then proceed to Laos for one-month joint training there after the event in Brunei.

Myanma Alinn

Tu Tu defeats Win Tun in Myanmar boxing challenge

YANGON, 14 May— Myanmar boxing star Win Tun (Alinyaung) was overwhelmed by Tu Tu (Nagahman) in five-round Myanmar boxing challenge in Theinbyu Gymnasium on 12 May.

The event was organized by Myanmar Boxing Federation and Ministry of Sports.

Win Tun fell onto the floor for the second time in third round by forceful thug of Tu Tu to end the biggest showdown of the event.

The match between four-time gold belt winner Soe Lin Oo (Myo Zarni) and 2013 Dagon Shwe Aunglan champion Tun Tun Min (Nagahman) ended in tie after five bloody rounds.

Another draw was between gold-belt winner Yedagun (Alinyaung) and 2013 Dagon Shwe Aunglan special prize winner Kyarpauk (Cement Factory) in which Kyarpauk showered thugs over his rival who escaped most of them in the light attack-and-defence game.

Myanma Alinn

Crime

Police arrests drug abuse suspect with opium

MAWLU, 14 May— Police in Indaw Township captured a Nyaungbinseik villager for abusing drugs on 11 May.

Pauksa was seized with opium and tools suspected to be used for drug abuses when he was stopped by the police while crossing a farmland in Nyaungbinseik village.

He was carrying WY tablets and pipes when he was held by police.

Police seized the evidence before the witnesses and charged the suspect with drug abuses.

Myanma Alinn

U Maung Maung-Daw Shu Kyi (Gamon Pwint) of Mayangon Township donate Defibrillatorage Health Care worth K 6,512,000 for North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Than Lwin on 2 May.
MYANMA ALINN

Fire

Yangon sees 26 fire outbreaks in April

YANGON, 14 May— Yangon Region during this hot summer witnessed 26 fire outbreaks in April, according to region Fire Services Department.

Kyauktada, Insein and South Okkalapa stood as townships with highest risk of fire.

The major cause of fire outbreaks is negligence.

Electric shocks was blamed for six outbreaks while five kitchen fires, two forest fires, one automatic fire and one arson attack took place in the region.

Fire outbreaks in Yangon this year killed 13 and injured six others from North Okkalapa which witnessed two outbreaks.

The loss caused by fire outbreaks in April amounted for more than 57 million in kyats in April alone. —*Myanma Alinn*

Yangon Region witnesses 26 fire outbreaks in April.

Kanbawza crown queen of MNL half season

YANGON, 14 May— First half of Myanmar National League 2013 season was completed on 12 May, with Kanbawza crowning queen of the half season.

Kanbawza came from behind after 15 minute spot kick awarded to home side Magway with an equalizer from Myanmar forward Soe Min Oo in 29 minute.

Junior scored the leader for visiting side in 42 minutes but it was cancelled in 42 minutes by Maung Maung Soe's equalizer in 55 minute.

The 2-2 draw was enough for Kanbawza to ensure the top spot in the half season. Ayeyawady defeated Southern Myanmar 2-0 in another match.

Zeyar Shwe Myay stood second after the first half of the season, followed by Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Ayeyawady from third, fourth and fifth places.

Myanma Alinn

Ponnagyun writers meet

PONNAGYUN, 14 May— Writers in Ponnagyun Township of Rakhine State met at U Riz Hall in the township on 5 May.

The member cards were presented at the coordination meeting of the writers' association of the township.

Chairman U Maung Kyaw Oo briefed on works of the association in the past year and presented cards to ten members.

Myanma Alinn

Take fire pre-ventive measures

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 15 May, 2013

Push ahead with democratization process

For Myanmar to be truly inclusive, all ethnic nationalities must come together and heal the wounds of the past in order to response to the challenges the country is experiencing. Despite the uncertainty, it is still the first tangible sign of success in the introducing of democracy and its system of checks and balances in the nation.

And although the country had ended up with the worst of the world, it is now on a path towards something better—a society that is open, inclusive, tolerant, and respectful of individual dignity under the new administration. And this era is a real bonanza for all citizens who can participate in the political process.

There is a sense of renewed hope now that we are on a democratic path. But democracy is more than an idea. We need to construct its institutions and culture to be based on further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly virtues such as liberty, justice and equality. Otherwise, it will severely undermine the country's stance that it is an upholder of human rights and weaken its position when addressing human rights violations. Political and administrative changes in the country are not just window dressing.

We are to be mindful that the practice of democratic reforms that we hold dear must not infringe on the civil liberties of others. Towards this end, the government has become entangled with a series of activities for political stability and economic development while engaging in political liberation and peace building. But, key challenges remain to be addressed which cover securing a sustainable peace in all regions and ending ethnic conflicts.

As diversity can be strength and what seemed impossible in the past is now possible, we have high hopes for creating an open, harmonious society where all communities can enjoy human rights on equal terms pushing ahead with democratization process the government is implementing.

Medical equipment donated for neonatal unit of Central Women's Hospital (Yangon)

YANGON, 14 May — International Culture and Charity Group-ICGG donated medical equipment to neonatal unit at Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) took place at the hospital, here, this afternoon.

ICGG Vice-President Daw Lei Lei Tin said that it was the third donation of the group. The group presented K 2.5 million for children to receive cleft lip surgeries at Mandalay University of Dental Medicine on 16 February for the first time. Next, incubator, syringe pump and infusion pump worth K 7,795,000 were donated to neonatal unit of Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) on 25 February for the second time.

At the ceremony, the ICGG vice-president handed over three incubators, three syringe pumps, three infusion pumps and two oximeter worth K 25,450,000 to Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Tin Tin Nyo of the hospital.

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NATIONAL

Without racial, religious ...

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It needs to carry out systematic measures. After the storm "Nargis", National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and work committee were formed and standing orders have been issued.

Maungtaw and Sittway in Rakhine State are most disaster-prone areas. There are over 100,000 victims in Sittway, Myebon, Pauktaw and Kyaukpyu townships. Among them, 40,000-50,000 victims are in Sittway. Some victims are living at makeshift camps while others have been moved to the safe buildings.

The wind speed of the storm will be about 120 mile per hour. Tide might be dangerous for those victims at the temporary camps and people in low-laying areas. Priority is being given for evacuation of people there. The evacuation has started on 13 May as the storm "Mahasen" is likely to hit the region on 16 May. They are evacuated by cars and vessels. Priority is being given for evacuation of child, women, the aged and the sick persons. They were moved to buildings of Tatmadaw battalions, schools and hills. The crucial point of evacuation is life-saving. It needs to move people as quickly as possible.

Security, foods and health care are crucial. He urged officials to carry out the relief tasks on a humanitarian ground, setting aside races and religions. And he also highlighted life-saving of people.

Chairman of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party went to Rakhine State this afternoon and supervised emergency preparedness works. They will camp at An township and closely supervised the works.

The President clarified arrangements for Tatmadaw aircrafts and helicopters to be in a ready position in time of emergency. He warned of possible danger of flash floods like floods occurred in Magway region due to impact of heavy rains in Maungtaw of Rakhine State last year. So directives had already been given to prepare for possible danger of storm, he added. Next, he elaborated reformation of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, its duties and functions, formation of work committee and its responsibilities.

Then, Secretary of NNDPCC Deputy Minister U Phone Swe explained preparation for disaster risk reduction.

Afterwards, the Union ministers and deputy ministers reported to the President on risk management plans.

In his concluding remarks, the President called on those present to fully prepare for safety procedures, to carry out evacuation works in accord with the laws, to make local people know the situation at the grass root level, to form international relations, information and health sub-committees and start the works, to place emphasis on ensuring safe drinking water, systematic management and health matters and to make necessary coordination in real time. — *MNA*

Committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Latpadaungtaung copper mining project meets

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— "Thanks to active contributions of members of the committee to implement the report of investigation commission, participation of the region government and greater transparency, implementation of points in the report are going to be translated into a success," Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun said at the coordination meeting of the committee held at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, this afternoon.

He continued that works were being carried out with the formation of four committees in order to realize the tasks. He stressed the need to implement the tasks in cooperation with officials of the region government and to make field trips so as to cordially meet with the people at local level and he called for successful implementation of drinking water supply, electrification, better transportation, education and health and CSR works.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the implementation committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo explained groundwork and office works to be done, committee member Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko, matters related to farmlands to be carried out in accord with rules and regulations,

Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun delivers a speech at the coordination meeting of the committee.—MNA

Union Minister U Win Tun, environmental conservation matters, and Union Minister U Myint Aung, mining area to be set and mining works to be done in accord with rules and regulations.

Then, committee secretary Deputy Minister U Thant Shin elaborated reports of the Sagaing region government and local farmers regarding the Latpadaungtaung copper mining project.

After that, head of Confiscated Lands Scrutinizing Group Deputy Minister U Ohn Than reported on scrutinizing of confiscated lands and giving compensations for lands and crops; head of Natural Environment Conservation Group Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung, on international standard environmental conservation; head of Socio-economic Implementation Group Deputy Minister U Myo Aung, construction of homes for local people, power supply and transportation; and head of Religious Buildings Moving and Reconstruction Group Deputy Minister U Soe Win, moving and reconstruction of religious buildings.

Departmental officials discussed region's education, health, agriculture and social affairs. With respect to the reports, Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun expressed thanks for officials' reports on needs and difficulties of the region for swift implementation of the tasks. He also urged committee members to make coordination for the success of overall tasks and to prioritize the interests of the State and the people.

It was attended by Committee Chairman Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun, Vice-Chairman Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Win Tun, Dr Myint Aung, Secretary Deputy Minister U Thant Shin, group leaders Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than, U Than Tun Aung, U Myo Aung and U Soe Win, departmental heads and officials.

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(e)	Union Minister Ministry of Border Affairs	Member
(f)	Union Minister Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Member
(g)	Union Minister Ministry of Information	Member
(h)	Union Minister Ministry at the President Office (5)	Member
(i)	Union Minister Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation	Member
(j)	Union Minister Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries	Member
(k)	Union Minister Ministry of Communications and Information Technology	Member
(l)	Union Minister Ministry of Transport	Member
(m)	Union Minister Ministry of Energy	Member
(n)	Union Minister Ministry of Commerce	Member
(o)	Union Minister Ministry of Education	Member
(p)	Union Minister Ministry of Health	Member
(q)	Union Minister Ministry of Finance and Revenue	Member
(r)	Union Minister Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Member
(s)	Union Minister Ministry of Construction	Member
(t)	Union Minister Ministry of Rail Transportation	Member
(u)	Chief Minister All Region/State Governments	Member
(v)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Secretary
(w)	Director-General Union Government Office	Joint Secretary

(2) Duties and responsibilities of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee are as follows:-

(a) To form committees needed for implementation of the work procedures of the central committee, to outline polices on important tasks among various stages of works and to give necessary guidelines after reviewing the work progress.

(b) Laying out of policies and directives for the use of domestic forces in the face of natural disaster as necessary.

(c) Formulation of basic principles of coordination for the decisions that calls for international assistance.

(d) Distribution of State funds and State resources to places which are in need of help.

(e) Issuing orders and directives, if necessary, in the aftermath of natural disaster in order to perform relief and management works without having any difficulties and obstacles, to avoid malpractices on relief supplies and to ensure the rule of law, community peace and tranquility.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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(e)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Education	member
(f)	Chairman All Subcommittees	member
(g)	Minister Ministry of Security and Border Affairs All Region/State Governments	member
(h)	Director-General Relief and Resettlement Department Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	secretary
(i)	Director-General General Administration Department Ministry of Home Affairs	Joint secretary

2. Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Work Committee is to form the following subcommittees with the appropriate persons.
   (a) Information subcommittee
   (b) Hotline subcommittee
   (c) Search and rescue subcommittee
   (d) Collecting of preliminary damages news and emergency aids subcommittee
   (e) Confirmation of damages and losses subcommittee
   (f) Transport and route clearance subcommittee
   (g) Disaster risk reduction and building of emergency tents subcommittee
   (h) Healthcare subcommittee
   (i) Rehabilitation and reconstruction subcommittee
   (j) Security subcommittee
3. Duties of National Disaster Preparedness Management Work Committee are as follows:-
   (a) to implement natural disaster preparedness management works such as disaster risk reduction, preparedness, reliefs, rehabilitations and reconstruction in line with policies, directives and procedures set by National Disasters Preparedness Central Committee
   (b) to manage local aids for relief, resettlement and reconstruction and foreign aids when National Disasters Preparedness Central Committee assigns duties
   (c) to encourage mass participation in natural disasters preparedness educative programme and tasks
   (d) to occasionally report Management Work Committee's undertakings to National Disasters Preparedness Central Committee
   (e) to set up natural disasters forecasting system and the early warning system and to distribute news to the grass-root level in time when the warning is received from the warning system
   (f) to assign duties to departments and organizations according to the size of natural disasters
   (g) to supervise undertakings of Subcommittees and to coordinate Subcommittees
   (h) to supervise works of subcommittees and coordinate their tasks
   (i) to report Management Committee's progresses to the Chairman of the Central Committee quarterly
   (j) to supervise relief and resettlements in case of natural disasters

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Households evacuated in Sittway, Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— Households in Sittway Township that may be hit by Mahasen Storm were evacuated commencing yesterday.

Tatmadawmen used Tatmadaw aircrafts while helping evacuation of 12 households (45 victims) from Ohntaw Lay relief camp to the local battalion in Sittway.—*MNA*

Tatmadawmen evacuate local people to safe places in Sittway of Rakhine State.—**MNA**

58 missing as boat capsizes in Pauktaw Tsp

Preparations being made to evacuate Bengali victims from relief camp to safe place in Pauktaw Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Over 50 victims were missing as one of seven boats capsized while evacuating Bengali victims from a relief camp in Pauktaw Township of Rakhine State yesterday to avoid possible danger of the storm.

At 10 pm yesterday, among the seven boats carrying Bengali victims from Hngetchaung relief camp of Ponnagyi Village-tract in Pauktaw Township, six arrived in Sintatmaw Village, but one capsized near Kaladan River and Kyweku confluence after hitting rocks.

Among those on board, 42 were rescued at Anaukye relief camp in Pauktaw Township. The search for missing 58 victims are underway.

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LOCAL NEWS

Dhammaçariya, Pathamapyan Exams held

MYEIK, 14 May— Dhammaçariya and Pathamapyan Exams-2013 organized by Department of Religious Affairs under the Ministry of Religious Affairs were held at Sasana Beikman of Laykyunhsimi Pagoda, here, as of 2 May. A total number of 107 candidates took part in Dhammaçariya exam.

A total of 174 candidates sat for Pathamapyan exam being held from 8-14 May.

The exams, supervised by departmental personnel and Laykyunhsimi Pagoda Board of Trustees, were closely supervised by seven Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, five special supervisor Sayadaws, five Dhammaçariya exam supervisor Sayadaws and ten Pathamapyan exam supervisor Sayadaws.

Well-wishers donated day meals and offertories to Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, supervisor Sayadaws and candidates.

Kyemon

Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung Road sees new bus line

MYEIK, 14 May— The new bus line Pyi Nyein Chan plying along Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung Road was launched yesterday for smooth transportation.

Thanks to the Mawtaung border trade camp in Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, locals have had job opportunities therefore they have more places to go and more things to do. Myeik and Taninthayi Township are also busy.

The tickets of newly-launched bus line costs K 8000 per passenger for each trip from Myeik to Taninthayi, K 8000 from Taninthayi to Mawtaung and K 15000 from Myeik to Mawtaung.

Kyemon

Fire

Gas fire in Lanmadaw Tsp

YANGON, 14 May—A gas fire broke out at ICE Berry Cold Drinks Shop, at the corner of Phonegyi streets and Anawrahta Streets, No.5 Ward, Lanmadaw Township on 10 May, causing little damages.

The fire started when the two workers dropped the gas cylinder while moving it into the shop before closing the shop. The fire was extinguished with two administration vehicles and four fire engines and finally put out around 10.25 pm. Two gas cookers and some pipes were damaged in the fire and the loss is estimated at around K 25,000.

The township police force has filed a lawsuit against the fire outbreak.

Kyemon

CCA course opened in Taninthayi

MYEIK, 14 May— The opening ceremony of township-level child-centered approach course in 2013-2014 academic year was held at Pyinnyar Yadana hall of Basic Education High School, Taninthayi, on 12 May and Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu gave a speech.

After that, Assistant Director U Tin Shein of Myeik District Education Department explained the purpose of the course of Primary-level child-centered approach (CCA).

Then, Headmaster U Pe Than of BEHS (Taku) clarified the disciplines of the course.

A total of 227 teachers from basic education schools in Taninthayi Township are attendees 12-day course.

Kyemon

Beware of fire

Nation-Building Endeavours

Stake driven ceremony for Shwebontha Dhammayon held

YANGON, 14 May—A stake driven ceremony to build a three-storey Shwebonthar Dhammayon was held at No. 172/174, Shwebontha Street (Middle block), Ward 7 in Pabedan Township, here, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Professor Bhaddanta Kumara (Agga Maha Pandita) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the Presiding Sayadaw of Theintawgyi Monastery and Sayadaws, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, responsible persons from Yangon West District and region, Head of Pabedan Township General Administration Department Township Administrator U Myat Aung Htay and people. The congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaws. Then Sayadaws recited Paritta.

Next, they donated offertories to Sayadaws and shared merit gained. At the auspicious time, the responsible persons started to drive stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.—*NLM*

Mohnyin downtown tarred road to be expanded

MOHNYIN, 14 May— Mohnyin downtown tarred road will be broadened as an effort to curb possible traffic accidents, said personnel concerned.

Shwebo-Myitkyina Road crosses through Mohnyin. Survey was conducted to broaden the tarred road from current width of 12 feet to 18 feet on 7 May, with the presence of Hluttaw representatives, administrators, engineers and township development affairs committee executive officer and personnel.

Kachin State government will spend K 210 million on broadening and upgrading the road, according to the district senior engineer. Construction of Mohnyin detour for trucks has also been approved at the Hluttaw, said the township Pyithu Hluttaw representative. The detour will be 8 miles long.—*NLM-001*

Village electrification, rebuilding of lake in Yamethin Township inspected

YAMETHIN, 14 May— Mandalay Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry Dr Myint Kyu and party inspected a site chosen for village electrification through solar system, measures for generating geothermal energy as an alternative energy for more supply of electricity at nights and paddy-husk fired rice and edible oil mills which are in operation at Ywadan Station in Yamethin of Mandalay Region on 10 April.

Livelihoods of local people in Ywadan Station which is made up of 24 villages and over 4000 houses rely on agriculture and there are monasteries, schools, a station hospital, a police station and a market.

The village electrification project is intended to generate two megawatts of electricity, thereby benefiting local people from access to electric power. Next, the minister and party looked into rebuilding of Kanyoegyi lake in Pauk-aing village by Yamethin Township Irrigation Department with the use of heavy machinery. Upon completion, its water storage capacity will reach 651 acre feet, benefiting 550 acres of farmland.

Kyemon

Animals vaccinated in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 14 May— Under the theme of World Veterinary Day "Vaccination to prevent and protect" , head of Mohnyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Win Oo gave anti-rabies injection to 65 stray dogs from four urban monasteries for free. Deputy head of the department Dr Aung Aung gave vaccinations to 118 cows against haemorrhagic septicaemia disease in Ingyingon Village.

NLM-001

Abe, Sultan of Brunei agree to boost energy, maritime security ties

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei (L) and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2nd from front in R) meet at Abe's office in Tokyo on 13 May, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 14 May — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei agreed on Monday to strengthen political dialogue at various levels in areas such as energy and maritime security, Japan's Foreign Ministry said. In their meeting, Abe expressed gratitude for the stable supply of liquefied natural gas from Brunei and offered Tokyo's help in developing renewable energy and promoting energy-saving measures in the Southeast Asian country, it said.

Demand for natural gas and oil has risen in Japan as utilities have boosted fossil fuel-based power generation since the disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant, which left most of the country's nuclear power plants offline due to safety concerns. Abe and the sultan, who is also Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of Finance, confirmed that the countries will enhance cooperation in disaster relief operations and maritime security, it said.

Their agreement came ahead of a meeting of the defence ministers of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and eight other countries — Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia and the United States— set to be held in June in Brunei, which is chairing ASEAN this year.

Abe, who announced in March Japan's intention to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade liberalization talks involving 11 Pacific Rim countries including Brunei, also thanked the sultan for Brunei's support for Tokyo's efforts to secure approval to join the US-led talks, while the sultan said Japan's participation will emphasize the importance of the free trade framework.—*Kyodo News*

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Notification No 47/2013

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present problems involving traffic congestion and accidents, and emission of gases harmful to health causing transport difficulties and dangers.

(c) To seek permission from the President for getting required technical and other assistance from international organizations.

(d) To support Yangon Region government in enforcing laws and rules in connection with transport and the rule of law.

(e) To devise projects for possible future social and rural development environments and build transport infrastructures.

(f) To give legal advices, form management bodies, to raise and set up funds for fulfilling public transport requirements.

(g) To coordinate with Yangon City Development Committee for harmonious development of rural development projects and public transport projects in facilitating all modes of transport.

(h) To coordinate and cooperate with the relevant government departments, organizations and NGOs in implementing the functions of the Authority.

(i) To supervise, check and manage road transport vehicles or the city circular train or the vessels of Inland Water Transport entering or leaving Yangon Region.

(j) To designate or build public car parks, to fix no parking areas, restricted zones and supervising and releasing parking rules.

(k) To discharge duties assigned by the President occasionally.

(l) To submit the implementations of the Authority to the President occasionally.

3. Yangon City Public Transport Authority

(a) is directly responsible to the President in exercising the abovementioned powers and duties and must work in coordination with the Yangon Region Chief Minister

(b) can exercise its powers and duties on its own decision and the President's approval is required in carrying out the policy related matters

(c) can obtain funds required in realizing its powers and duties from Yangon Region government and if necessary ask funds from the Union government

(d) can reform the existing committees and bodies as necessary and assign or transfer duties to them in realizing the powers and duties

4. The rights of Yangon City Public Transport Authority are as prescribed by the President.

5. Letter No 112 (1)/8/ President Office dated 7-1-2013 is superseded by this order.

***Sd/* Thein Sein**
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

China hails Pakistan's smooth general election

BEIJING, 14 May— China has congratulated Pakistan on its smooth general election, pledging continued firm support to the country. "China is glad to see that Pakistan's general election has been smoothly held," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a daily press briefing on Monday.

Hong's comments came after the initial results showed, as of 10 am local time on Sunday, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had secured 86 out of the 152 National Assembly seats, leading the elections by a big margin over other rivals.

"China welcomes and congratulates this," Hong said. As an all-weather partner, China will continue to firmly support Pakistan's efforts to maintain stability and seek development, Hong said. "We are convinced that with joint efforts, the China-Pakistan strategic cooperative partnership will be lifted to a new level," Hong said.

Xinhua

File photo taken in March 2012 shows the prototype fast-breeder nuclear reactor Monju in Tsuruga, Fukui Prefecture. Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority is considering not allowing the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, the operator of the 280,000-kilowatt reactor, to resume operations before its sloppy safety management is improved, sources close to the matter said on 13 May , 2013.
KYODO NEWS

Fire fighters search for survivors during an earthquake drill in Qamdo, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 13 May, 2013. The drill was held by local fire fighting department to test and evaluate their response and rescue ability in the event of disasters.—XINHUA

Philippines voters head to polls for midterm elections

MANILA, 14 May—Philippine voters headed to the polls on Monday morning to vote to elect senators, local leaders and other officials, with the country's president and vice president acting as rival patrons of a majority of candidates. Voting centres opened at 7 am to welcome the early birds among the country's 52 million registered voters, and are set to close by 7 pm. Up for grabs in this year's midterm elections are 12 senatorial posts, 234 district lawmakers' posts, 58 sectoral lawmakers' posts, 80 gubernatorial and vice gubernatorial posts, and thousands of other lower positions.

With the automation of the voting and counting procedures, initial results may be known within the day. Analysts see the midterm elections as a referendum on President Benigno Aquino's performance in the first half of his six-year term. Aquino has endorsed and actively campaigned for his 12 senatorial bets and other aspirants for local positions, from district lawmakers to mayors, saying, he needs them as he continues with his reform and development agenda in government.

"We have promised you of a massive change before we step down from our positions. And I am certain that we can speed up the delivery of services to our countrymen and meaningful reforms if we can add more to our 'straight path' team," Aquino said during a campaign rally last Friday.—*Kyodo News*

Gun attack at Myanma oil and gas block leaves two dead, three injured

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May— An armed group opened fire at Myanma Oil and Gas block near Naungmata Village in Nankham Township in Shan State (North) at 9:30 pm yesterday.

U Min Din aged 38 and U Sai Zar Aung aged 32 were killed and three-two men and one woman-injured in the attack. The assailants are from RCSS/SSA.—*MNA*

Kolkata airport to get new ATC

KOLKATA, 14 May— The Airport Authority of India has sanctioned setting up of a new air traffic control tower replacing the existing one at the NSC Bose International Aiport in the city at a cost Rs 270 crore, an official said.—*PTI*

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT
INCOME TAX DIRECTORATE
REMINDER ON DEADLINE FOR FILING

OF RETURN OF INCOME

1. Under the Income Tax Law, all taxpayers, including Company, Partnership, Joint-Venture, Co-operative society, Collective farms, Individuals (excluding head of salary) and Associations formed by individual or by existing law, those whose income exceeds Kyats 1200000 during the income year from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013, shall fill the return of income, sign it and file it to the Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office, in person or by registered mail according to the Income Tax Regulations. A receipt will be issued by the respective offices concerned in the case of the return filed in person.
2. The person whose source of income in the form of salary exceeds Kyats 1440000 during the income year is not required to file the return of income. However, the employer needs to furnish the Annual Salary Statement to the respective Township Revenue Office.
3. **Annual Financial Report to be filed with Annual Return**
   Financial Report, including the particular forms conducted in the account concerning the business of the Taxpayer as prescribed in the Income Tax Regulations, needs to be submitted with the return of income.
4. **Filing Due Date**
   30th June 2013, Sunday (Annual returns will be accepted until 6:00 pm on that day, because 30th June 2013 is the gazetted holiday) (According to the Interpretation of Expressions Law of 1973, under Section 9)
5. **Penalty for late filing and non-filing of Annual Returns**
   A penalty not exceeding ten percent of the tax shall, in addition to the tax payable, be imposed for default.
6. **Forms of Return and Annual Salary Statement to get**
   Forms of Return and Annual Salary statement are available free of charge at the respective Township Revenue Office or Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) or http//www.irdmyanmar.gov.mm.
7. **Enquiries**
   Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office.

San Lwin
Director
Income Tax Directorate

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEIYO SAPPHIRE VOY NO (EAL 16) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE PTE LTD

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Japan Post's mail division returns to black for 1st time in 4 years

TOKYO, 14 May—Japan Post Co, the mail division of Japan Post Holdings Co, returned to the black in fiscal 2012 for the first time in four years with a net profit of 30 billion yen, a source familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The source attributed the turnaround to Japan Post's cost-cutting efforts. The holding company will release its earnings results for the year ended March on Wednesday. The division's net profit would be sharply higher than the profit of 12 billion yen projected earlier by the holding company. The source said profitability improved as Japan Post adopted a new system to monitor sales and expenses on an individual branch basis and encouraged competition among branches.

Kyodo News

Sharp to promote Executive Vice President Takahashi to president

OSAKA, 14 May — Struggling electronics maker Sharp Corp will promote Executive Vice President Kozo Takahashi to president to replace Takashi Okuda, who assumed the post in April last year, sources close to the matter said on Monday. The move is part of Sharp's attempt to rebuild its business by reshuffling its management. Takahashi, 58, has extensive experience in sales of copiers and white goods at Sharp, and has also been chief of the company's operations in the Americas.

Okuda, 59, will become chairman, replacing Mikio Katayama, 55, who will resign after the company suffered a massive loss due to excessive investment in the liquid crystal display panel business, the sources said. Sharp will also reduce the size of its 12-member board to accelerate decision-making. The company is likely to have logged a record group net loss of around 500 billion yen in fiscal 2012 that ended in March, widening its loss from 376 billion yen posted in fiscal 2011.

With Sharp facing repayment of massive debts falling due at the end of September, its main creditor banks plan to offer 150 billion yen in fresh loans to support Sharp's reform efforts.—*Kyodo News*

Asian languages priority for Australian kids

SYDNEY, 14 May — The federal government on Monday released a draft curriculum of Indonesian, Korean and French languages for public consultation -- another step forward in their plan for every Australian student to study an Asian language.

The release follows a previous round of curriculum consultations covering the priority languages of Mandarin, Hindi, Indonesian and Japanese.

"We've already consulted on the Chinese Mandarin and Italian curricula and this is the next step towards rolling out the full languages Australian Curriculum over the next few years," said School Education Minister Peter Garrett. "Along with Indonesian as a priority language, the study of Korean will also help build stronger understanding and links with our neighbours," Garrett added.

The plan follows the government's commitments laid out in the 2012 Australia in the Asian Century White Paper, including the aim for every student to have significant exposure to studies of Asia to increase their cultural knowledge. Trade Minister Craig Emerson, who is also responsible for Tertiary Education and Asian Century Policy, said Asian languages would help unlock career opportunities for coming generations.

Xinhua

Chinese-controlled dairy firm preparing for New Zealand listing

WELLINGTON, 14 May—Chinese-controlled New Zealand dairy processing company Synlait Milk Ltd. announced on Tuesday that it is considering listing on the New Zealand stock exchange (NZX).

However, Synlait Milk marketing and communications manager Michael Wan declined to comment on reports that Shanghai-based Bright Dairy and Food would be diluting its 51-percent stake and ceding control of the firm.

A statement from Synlait Milk advised it was considering an initial public offering and listing on the NZX main board, but gave no schedule for the process. Synlait Ltd, which owns the other 49 percent of the company, had advised Synlait Milk that it intended to distribute to its shareholders, on a pro-rata basis, the shares it held in Synlait Milk.

As part of the proposed IPO, Synlait Milk intended to offer existing Synlait Ltd shareholders the opportunity to sell some or all of their shares in Synlait Milk.

"Bright Dairy is expected to retain its full investment in Synlait Milk," said the statement.

New Zealand media reported Tuesday that Bright Dairy was " expected" to shrink its 51-percent shareholding "into the 40s," but Wan told *Xinhua*, "We don't have any further comment to make other than we was issued in the statement."

The proceeds of any offer would be used to support various growth initiatives, including the construction of a new packaging plant, and to facilitate Synlait Milk refinancing its debt position to support the initiatives, said the statement.

Earlier this month, Synlait Milk announced it was to become the world's second manufacturer of an ultra-fine form of the lucrative milk protein lactoferrin to meet booming demand from China with an investment of 15 million NZ dollars (12.42 million US dollars) to upgrade its special milk drier at Dunsandel, in the South Island.

Shanghai-based Bright Dairy purchased its majority stake in the Synlait Milk for 82 million NZ dollars in 2010.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Posters for the film 'The Great Gatsby' showing actor Leonardo DiCaprio (C) and actress Carey Mulligan (R) are displayed outside the Carlton Hotel before the start of the 66th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Cannes film festival opens with fittingly lavish "Great Gatsby"

LONDON, 14 May—The 2013 Cannes film festival opens on Wednesday with Baz Luhrmann's 3D version of "The Great Gatsby", a lavish throwback to the "Roaring Twenties" that befits the glamour and excess of the world's biggest cinema showcase.

The Australian director's adaptation of F Scott Fitzgerald's novel starring Leonardo DiCaprio surprised some Hollywood insiders, because Cannes traditionally launches on the palm-lined French Riviera with a splashy world premiere. But "The Great Gatsby" has already opened in the United States to mixed reviews and solid box office, potentially dampening buzz surrounding the start of 12 days of screenings, champagne-fuelled parties and deal making. Stars expected to face a phalanx of flash bulbs along the red carpet include Michael Douglas, Matt Damon, Ryan Gosling, Emma Watson and Bollywood veteran Amitabh Bachchan. Their pictures will undergo one of the most gruelling tests in movie making — pleasing Cannes' notoriously picky critics who regularly boo as the credits roll if they are unhappy.—*Reuters*

Astronaut's 'Space Oddity' music video goes viral

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 May—A music video shot aboard the *International Space Station* went viral on Monday, turning an astronaut into an overnight music sensation with his zero-gravity version of David Bowie's hit "Space Oddity."

As the first Canadian to command the space station, a $100 million (65 million pounds) project of 15 nations, Chris Hadfield had already earned himself a place in the history books.

Canadian astronaut and International Space Station (ISS) Commander Chris Hadfield performs his zero-gravity version of David Bowie's hit "Space Oddity" in this image taken from video, courtesy of Chris Hadfield, NASA and CSA.
REUTERS

But as he prepared to return home on Monday after more than five months in orbit, Hadfield released a poignant "cyberspace" rendition of Bowie's song, which was first released in 1969 just ahead of the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

The video, with its familiar refrain "Ground Control to Major Tom," had more than 1.5 million hits on YouTube early Monday afternoon and was being touted as the first music video ever filmed in space.

Complete with reworked lyrics and high quality footage that Hadfield and his crew mates shot aboard the orbital outpost, the video shows the astronaut singing about the impending end of his space mission while floating in mid-air above the blue Earth.

"Though I've flown 100,000 miles, I'm feeling very still and before too long I know it's time to go," the astronaut croons.

Hadfield, NASA astronaut Tom Marshburn and Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko, actually have racked up many millions of miles (kilometres) as they circled about 250 miles (402 km) above the planet over the past 5-1/2 months.

Hadfield's singing and acoustic guitar playing is accompanied by stunning video of the space station flying around the planet, a guitar free-floating and an eerie shot of a spacesuit at night.

The video, which was put together with the help of Hadfield's son Evan and with the support of David Bowie, ends with a Soyuz capsule parachuting to Earth.—*Reuters*

Director James Cameron to broadcast 3D 'Swan Lake' live from Russia

LONDON, 14 May—"Avatar" director James Cameron and Russian conductor Valery Gergiev will beam the world's first live 3D ballet broadcast to 50 countries from Russia's Mariinsky theatre in June.

Cinema audiences across Europe, the United States, South America, Asia, Australia and elsewhere will be able to watch Ekaterina Kondaurova dance the role of Odette/Odile in Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" at the 19th century opera house on 6 June, production company Omniverse Vision said in a statement.

Mariinsky general and artistic director Gergiev took his company on numerous world tours after the collapse of the Soviet Union crimped state funding.

But with Russia now pouring money into the arts and the completion of a $700 million (457.3 million pounds) Mariinsky II extension, Gergiev has said he wants to concentrate on domestic performances.

Known as the Kirov in Soviet times, the Mariinsky is one of the great showcases of Russian culture.

Reuters

Canadian film director James Cameron and wife Suzy Amis, pose on the red carpet at the world premiere of 'The Hobbit - An Unexpected Journey' in Wellington on 28 Nov, 2012.
REUTERS

In ratings challenge, NBC and Fox revive old favourites

Actor Michael J Fox (R) and wife Tracy Pollan arrive for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's performance during SiriusXM's 10th anniversary celebration at the famed Apollo Theatre in Harlem, New York, on 9 March, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 14 May—Broadcast networks Fox and NBC are turning to proven favourites to lure new viewers next season, with Fox rebooting the defunct Kiefer Sutherland action series "24" and NBC bringing back Michael J Fox in a comedy loosely based on his life.

The two networks pitched their TV schedules to advertisers on Monday at the start of the "upfront" selling season, an annual rite when broadcasters try to persuade advertisers to shell out billions of dollars in advance for their new shows.

Fox is suffering from a 20 percent decline in the audience for once-unbeatable singing contest "American Idol," while NBC has been trying to climb out of the ratings cellar for years.

Prime time ratings at News Corp-owned Fox slumped 16.7 percent this year, according to Nielsen data provided by Horizon Media and based on viewing the day the show airs. Viewership at Comcast-owned NBC remained flat this season while that of its rivals declined. NBC is so far in third place this year among total viewers based on same-day viewing.—*Reuters*

Robbers target Bieber's South Africa concert, steal $330,000

JOHANNESBURG, 14 May—Robbers equipped with ropes, hammers and chisels broke into a strong-room at Johannesburg's Soccer City stadium after a Justin Bieber concert and made off with 3 million rand $330,000 (215,756 pounds) in cash, local media and police said on Monday.

An officer from the nearby Booysens police station in the sprawling Soweto township said officials at the stadium, which hosted the final of the 2010 football World Cup, only realised the cash was missing on Monday morning.

The haul included takings from Sunday night's concert by 19-year-old Canadian pop sensation Bieber and a gig the previous evening by US rockers Bon Jovi.

"The money was taken from the building and they only realised today," the police officer, who declined to be named, told *Reuters*. "We don't know how many people were involved as we are still gathering evidence."

Reuters

Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs on stage during a concert as part of his "Believe" World Tour at the Sevens Stadium in Dubai on 4 May, 2013.
REUTERS

SPORTS

Barca agree new deal with teenager Deulofeu

MADRID, 14 May—Barcelona have tied one of their promising forwards to the club for another four years by extending the contract of 19-year-old B team forward and Spain Under-21 international Gerard Deulofeu until June 2017.

The deal includes a buyout clause worth 35 million euros (29.71 million pounds), the club said on their website (www.fcbarcelona.es).

A product of Barca's youth academy, Catalonia-born Deulofeu has played 35 matches for the B team this season, scoring 18 goals. He has also made four appearances for the first team. Barca are in the market for another forward after they reclaimed the league title from Real Madrid this season but lost in the semi-finals of the Champions League for a second straight year.

Reuters

Gerard Deulofeu

Manchester City sack manager Mancini

MANCHESTER, 14 May—Manchester City sacked manager Roberto Mancini on Monday following his team's feeble defence of the Premier League title they won exactly one year ago.

Manchester United regained the title last month with four games to spare and City were then beaten 1-0 by Wigan Athletic in last Saturday's FA Cup final.

City had also failed to progress from the group stage of the Champions League for a second successive season despite boasting one of the most expensively assembled squads in the world.

"It is with regret that Manchester City Football Club announces that Roberto Mancini has been relieved of his duties as Manchester City Manager," the club said in a statement.

"Despite everyone's best efforts, the club has failed to achieve any of its stated targets this year, with the exception of qualification for next season's UEFA Champions League.

"This, combined with an identified need to develop a holistic approach to all aspects of football at the club, has meant that the decision has been taken to find a new manager for the 2013/14 season and beyond."

Media speculation has been rife that Malaga coach Manuel Pellegrini was being lined up as a replacement but the Chilean denied late on Sunday that he had spoken with City and said no agreement had been reached.

Reuters

Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini reacts in the rain after his team was defeated by Wigan Athletic in their FA Cup final soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London on 11 May, 2013.—REUTERS

PSG turn down Real Madrid move for Ancelotti

PARIS, 14 May—Paris St Germain have rejected a bid by Real Madrid to hire coach Carlo Ancelotti, club president Nasser al Khelaifi said on Monday.

"They (Real) came and I discussed it with them. He's got a contract with us for one more year...for me, he's here next year," Al Khelaifi told *Reuters*.

"He's a fantastic guy and I'm sure he'll respect his contract." Ancelotti refused to confirm he would stay at PSG on Sunday after they secured their first Ligue 1 title since 1994.

"We are going to talk with the club," said the Italian who joined the team in December 2011. Al Khelaifi explained he had no immediate desire to discuss the issue with Ancelotti who has been linked with Real in recent weeks after media reports suggested Jose Mourinho would be leaving the Spanish team to rejoin former club Chelsea.

"Today I don't have any plan to meet him because he has a contract. Now it's time to celebrate and to enjoy the moment," said the PSG president.

Al Khelaifi added that he wanted to extend David Beckham's contract after the former England captain joined PSG on a short-term deal in January.

"David is a fantastic player, very professional and a great guy. We want to keep him but it depends on what he will decide," he said.

Reuters

Paris Saint-Germain's coach Carlo Ancelotti (L) and Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrate on the pitch at the end of their team's French Ligue 1 soccer match against Olympique Lyon at the Gerland stadium in Lyon on 12 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Europa final is Chelsea's last chance: Bertrand

LONDON, 14 May—Chelsea will feel they have underachieved this season if they fail to beat Benfica in Wednesday's Europa League final in Amsterdam, according to defender Ryan Bertrand.

The London club began the campaign with a chance of picking up seven trophies and slowly but surely their dreams were scuppered in the Community Shield, European Super Cup, Champions League, World Club Cup, Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup.

Holders Chelsea's disappointing third-place finish in their Champions League group meant they were forced to compete among the also-rans in the second-tier Europa League and the final represents their last hope of silverware.

"There might be a slight sense of underachievement bearing in mind we started the season looking at the possibility of winning seven trophies," Bertrand told *Reuters* in an interview.

"The way it has gone, this has probably been the most testing season Chelsea have ever had. The players have had to dig deep, fighting to the last minute in every game to get ourselves in a final and hopefully we can get our hands on some silverware."

England international Bertrand said the squad wanted to give interim manager Rafael Benitez the perfect send-off before he leaves at the end of the season, as media reports suggest Jose Mourinho is returning for a second stint at the helm.—*Reuters*

Chelsea's Ryan Bertrand reacts at the end of their FA Cup semi-final soccer match against Manchester United at Wembley Stadium in London on 14 April, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

Halai and Blues backs earn All Blacks call-up

WELLINGTON, 14 May—Uncapped Auckland Blues backs Frank Halai, Charles Piutau and Francis Saili have been rewarded for some scintillating Super Rugby performances by being included in New Zealand's wider training squad for next month's series against France. All Blacks coach Steve Hansen included the Blues trio along with a sprinkling of other new faces in a 38-man squad for two training camps ahead of the three home tests against the French. Winger Halai, the leading try scorer in Super Rugby, grabbed a hat-trick in Saturday's victory over Melbourne but fullback Piutau and centre Saili have been just as impressive in the powerful backline along with Rene Ranger, who was also included. Blindside flanker Steven Luatua has also shone under the guidance of new Blues coach John Kirwan this season and earned a call-up with other uncapped forwards Ben Afeaki and Jeff Toomaga-Allen, both props, lock Dominic Bird and Brad Shields. Back-row forward Shields was included in a similar squad ahead of last year's 3-0 whitewash of Ireland but was not among the nine new All Blacks blooded by Hansen in 2012.

Hurricanes scrumhalf TJ Perenara, who had an outstanding season last year until it was cut short by an ankle break, also earned a call-up, as did goal-kicking Crusaders flyhalf-centre Tom Taylor. Hansen has retained the old guard of World Cup winners although there is no place for former captain Richie McCaw, who will remain on sabbatical until after the Super Rugby season.

Reuters

New Zealand's Frank Halai (L) is tackled by England's Mat Turner during the final of the Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament, on 27 March, 2011. REUTERS

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Violence cuts short PSG's title celebrations

Fans gesture as they face riot Gendarmes in front of the Eiffel Tower during clashes between fans and police as several thousand supporters celebrated with Paris Saint-Germain soccer players who received the French Championship trophy in Paris on 13 May, 2013.—Reuters

Paris, 14 May—Paris St Germain's Ligue 1 title celebrations were cut short on Monday when 30 people were injured in clashes between spectators and police in the west of the French capital.

"Thirty people were injured, three of them members of the police forces," Paris chief of police Bernard Boucault told a news conference. "Twenty-one people were also arrested for questioning after throwing projectiles or causing damage."

Boucault said "hundreds, maybe thousands of troublemakers" spoiled the celebrations, adding "we did not underestimate the means needed to tackle such a situation. Some 800 police officers were called up". He said nobody had been seriously hurt.

Some of those involved wore PSG shirts and climbed on to temporary scaffolding as the soccer club's players were showing off the French champions' trophy.

"The scaffolding is going to collapse. We can't welcome the players in these conditions," the ceremony's public announcer said as the players were forced to leave the Place du Trocadero earlier than expected. Riot police fired tear gas to try to disperse the crowd after up to what police estimated was 15,000 people had gathered to celebrate PSG's first league title since 1994. Bus shelters were destroyed during the episode with some of the people involved covering their faces. A PSG players' cruise on the Seine river, which was part of the scheduled celebrations, was cancelled, the club said on its website (www.psg.fr).

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27. News / International News / Weather Report

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Nine women register as donors with Japan's 1st egg bank

Tokyo, 14 May —Nine women have registered with Japan's first "ovum bank" to donate their eggs to help infertile women, paving the way for fertility treatment to begin within the year at the earliest, a private group involved in the matter said on Monday. The Oocyte Donation Network, which offers support for women suffering from ovarian function problems such as premature menopause, has also listed three women as prospective recipients.

The group, which is made up of doctors specializing in fertility treatment and patients' representatives, began soliciting on 15 January donors who are willing to donate their eggs for free. Since then, over 100 women have offered to become donors and 42 filled out and returned medical interview sheets. Nine women passed the criteria as donors following blood tests and other screening.

The three recipients, meanwhile, were chosen out of 13 people on 2 May based on age and blood type, the group said, adding it will continue to match more donors to patients. The programme will coordinate donation of eggs to women, who have no eggs due to congenital abnormality or disease, or those who have age-related fertility problems.

The group seeks donors who are under 35, have given birth and whose husband gives consent to registering as a donor. They will not receive any monetary compensation. The process of carrying out in vitro fertilization or harvesting eggs from donors will take place at private fertility treatment facilities nationwide.

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Spain's Rafael Nadal poses with ball girls during the awarding ceremony after the men's singles final match against Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka at the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, on 12 May, 2013. Nadal won 2-0 and claimed the title.

Xinhua

18 foreign automakers to join Tokyo Motor Show

Tokyo, 14 May—A total of 18 foreign automakers will participate in the Tokyo Motor Show starting in November, but the "Big Three" US automakers will skip the event, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said on Monday.

While General Motors Co, Ford Motor Co and Chrysler Group LLC will be absent from the 43rd annual event for the third consecutive year, 17 European automakers, such as Volkswagen AG and BMW AG of Germany, will participate in the event. Swedish auto giant Volvo will take part in it for the first time in six years, the association said.

Among imported cars in Japan, European automakers occupied the top three spots in the list of new car sales in the business year that ended in March, while the three major US automakers lagged far behind.

A total of 14 Japanese manufacturers, including motorcycle makers, will join the event. The motor show will be open to the public from 22 November to 1 December.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects disaster risk reduction, evacuation works

Chairman of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun comforts victims.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May — Chairman of National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun accompanied by the members of management work committee made an inspection tour of Rakhine State today to perform natural disaster preparedness and safety procedures based on An and to inspect evacuation of local people.

On his arrival at Sittway airport this afternoon, the Vice-President heard reports on disaster risk reduction measures presented by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and state ministers.

Next, the Vice-President inspected works being carried out for relocation of local people from some wards in Sittway and victims of a relief camp near Dhapein village by Tatmadaw vehicle at safety places and cordially greeted them.

Then, the Vice-President attended a storm preparation meeting held at Rakhine State government office. The chief minister reported on formation of committees to be able to take effective measures against natural disaster, evacuation of local people and preparedness and safety procedures.

In his address, the Vice-President stressed the need to systematically carry out the disaster risk reduction and risk response steps in the face of natural disaster. He focused to evacuate local people from the regions with high risk of natural disaster to safety places as soon as possible. He said that natural disaster is unpreventable, but united efforts and cooperation of all could overcome the challenge of natural disaster. Then he left instructions on preparedness measures being carried out by the Union government and state government. In the evening, the Vice-President arrived in An.—*MNA*

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Formation of Yangon City Public Transport Authority

1. Yangon City Public Transport Authority has been formed with the following persons to facilitate public transport in Yangon Region:

(a)	U Kyi Thein	Chairman
(b)	U Win Lwin	Member
(c)	U Khin Maung Htay	Member
(d)	U Aung Myint	Member
(e)	U Khin Maung	Member
(f)	U Soe Myint	Member
(g)	U Zaw Win Myint	Member
(h)	U Tun Oo	Member
(i)	U Thet Lwin Oo	Member
(j)	U Hla Aung	Secretary

2. The powers and duties of the Yangon City Public Transport Authority are as follows:
   (a) To facilitate road, rail, water public transport and other modes of public transport in Yangon Region.
   (b) To make field tours in seeking and implementing means to overcome the

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Cyclone warning

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—According to the observations at 9:30 hrs M.S.T today, Cyclonic Storm (Mahasen) over West central Bay of Bengal is centered at about 490 miles southwest of Sittway (Myanmar), 500 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu (Myanmar), 500 miles southwest of Pathein (Myanmar) and 250 miles southeast of Vishakhapatnam (India). Cyclonic Storm (Mahasen) is moving Northeast wards with maximum wind speed is estimated 60 miles per hour near the cyclone center.

Under the influence of Cyclonic Storm, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Rakhine States with isolated heavyfalls.

Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40-45 mph.

The present stage of the Cyclonic Storm is coded Orange stage which means cyclone is heading towards northern Rakhine (Myanmar) and Bangladesh Coasts. According to the latest observations and forecast, it is likely to cross between Northern Rakhine (Myanmar) and Bangladesh Coasts on evening of 16th May, 2013.

Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to avert possible danger by cyclone.

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A&I Ministry honoured for its efforts for development of agricultural sector in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt views pulses and beans at 3000-acre mechanized farmland.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May — Nay Pyi Taw Council organized a ceremony to honour the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation that had implemented the tasks of ensuring socioeconomic develop-ment of farmers in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the 3000-acre mechanized farmland, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Union Minister U Thein Nyunt expressed thanks for efforts of the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Cooperatives in the tasks of ensuring higher living standard of farmers and presented certificates of honour to Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and directors-general of the ministry.

Next, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint elaborated ongoing works. Then two local farmers spoke words of thanks.

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