

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives CNPC Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— Vice-President U Nyan Tun received Chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) Mr Liao Youngyuan and party, at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw and U Htin Aung.

The two sides discussed mutually beneficial investment and corporate responsibility in energy sector encompassing creation of job opportunities, expertise and technology transfer, environmental and ecological system conservation, and fulfillment of the needs of locals through a thorough analysis of the impact of projects on socio-economic life of local people.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo together with Chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) Mr Liao Youngyuan and party.—MNA

Japan considers continued assistance important for Myanmar's reform progress

Debt-Relief Measure for Myanmar

- On May 26, Mr. Mikio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and H.E Dr Lin Aung, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, exchanged notes between the Government of Japan and the Government of Myanmar concerning a debt-relief measure (in the form of cancellation) in Nay Pyi Taw.
- The content of the debt-relief measure (in the form of debt cancellation) is as follows:
 - Debts to be cancelled:
Part of the yen loan claims that Myanmar owes to the

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

- Total amount of the claims to be cancelled:
 - Overdue charges: (it has accumulated during the past two decades: About JPY 176.1 billion, fixed as of the end of March 2012).
 - Principal having fallen or falling due on or after April 1, 2012: About JPY 12.5 billion.(Note) Overdue charges were incurred on the portion of the principal and interest of the relevant claims that Myanmar did not repay in line with the date of repayment, based on an initial agreement concerning yen loans provided to Myanmar.
- This debt-relief measure will be carried out on the basis of a Japan-Myanmar Summit Meeting last April etc.
- The Government of Japan considers it important to continue to back up the progress of Myanmar's reforms and will continue its support to Myanmar.—NLM

GMS Highways provides potential for prosperity

With globalization process, no nations can stand alone on their own and smooth transportation has thus become essential for close cooperation with regional countries apart from neighbours. Therefore, Myanmar has built three roads as parts of GMS highways in order to establish trade and communication networks not only with neighbours but with regional countries.

Among the six countries of Greater Mekong Subregion are Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and China (Yunnan Province).

There are three GMS



highways that pass through Myanmar. Those highways also serve as or are linked with ASEAN highways or Asian highways.

One of the GMS highways in Myanmar starts

from Tachilek at Thai-Myanmar border and ends at Mengla at Myanmar-China border through Kengtung. The 257 kilometers long highway is also the part of Asian Highway Nos 2 & 3.

The highway is 24-ft-wide two-lane road with the section between Tachilek and Kengtung being upgraded and the 93-kilometer-long section from Kengtung to Mengla being tarmacked. The highway is serving as a route for commodities transportation.

Another GMS highway is the road linking Lashio with Muse at China-Myanmar border. The 176 kilometers long road is also the part of Asian Highway No. 14. The road has been put into service, contributing to trade and tourism between Thailand, China and Myanmar.

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The third GMS highway connects two other highways, passing through Lashio, Loilem and Hsipaw. The highway is 666 kilometers in length and links between Asian highway Nos. 2 and 14 with ASEAN highway Nos. 111. Those highways pass through Kengtung, Loilem, Hsipaw, Lashio, Muse in Myanmar from Thailand to China, helping the country to boost trade with regional countries.

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Myanmar women's football team qualifies for AFC Women's Cup



YANGON, 27 May — As the match against China Taipei ended in a goalless draw, Myanmar women's football team was qualified for AFC Women's Cup-2014. The match between Myanmar and China Taipei took place in Palestine yesterday.

With three straight

clean sheets in its three qualification matches, Myanmar was added to a list of the teams that qualified for AFC Women's Cup. Myanmar beat India two nil, routed Palestine 8-0 and managed to hold China Taipei to a draw. Myanmar gained seven points from two wins and

CCA training course concludes in Pyuntaza

NYAUNGLEBIN, 27 May — A closing ceremony of Township level Child-Centered Approach (CCA) training course took place at the Basic Education High School in Pyuntaza of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 23 May.

one draw. Myanmar stood first above China Taipei in the table with goal difference.

Myanmar women's

It was attended by education officers, heads of primary schools, trainees and trainers.

The 12-day course was intended to introduce CCA to primary schools in the township.

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football team will take part in AFC Women's Cup to be held in Japan in 2014 for the fourth time.

Kyemon

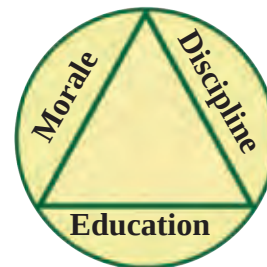
Japan's gift for Myanmar traffic police corps

YANGON, 27 May — Nissan Fair Lady donated by Japan in May will serve as the first-ever racing car for Yangon Region Traffic Police Corps, it is learnt.

The racing car will be used as a police vehicle for the arrest of racing cars

that violate speed limit at Yangon's nights and undisciplined vehicles that drive away after accidents. Moreover, it will serve as a pilot vehicle for VIPs, says Police Col Kyaw Htwe of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps. — Kyemon

Ministry of Education School Enrolment Week From (27) to (31) May



People to participate in enrolment of all school-going age children



Two riders dead in head-on collision between passenger bus and motorbike



MYINMU, 27 May — A fatal road accident occurred at place between mile post Nos (59/0) and (59/1) on Monywa-Myinmu-Mandalay road Gwaybintaw Village in Myinmu Township of Mandalay Region at about

3 pm on 24 May.

A passenger bus driven by Ngwe Oo, 21, collided head-on with a motorbike driven by Thein Htaik, 27, together with U Tin Nyunt from Monywa at the place. U Tin Nyunt, 56, of Yezagyo Township was pronounced

dead on the spot and the motorcyclist, Thein Htaik, died of serious injuries soon after his arrival at Myinmu hospital.

Myinmu police station charged Ngwe Oo and Thein Htaik with dangerous driving. — Kyemon

TE truck knocks down, kills woman pedestrian

YANGON, 27 May — A road fatality happened to a pedestrian at the junction of concrete Strand road and Pansodan Street near

Nann Thida jetty in Seikkan Township, here, yesterday.

According to Seikkan Township traffic police corps, a six-wheeled truck,

TE, driven by Soe Thu Win, 25, knocked down Ma Nyo (a) Nyo Gyi, 24, who was crossing over the road at the junction. The pedestrian of Twantay Township was pronounced dead on the spot.

A staff in his forties, road user, gave concern over possible more road fatalities there, calling for an overhead bridge for pedestrians at the junction which is always crowded with pedestrians. He pointed out road users who cross over the road carelessly at the junction where there was no road then. A road sign, at least, should be there, he added.

Kyemon

Three-year-old child missing after motor boat capsizes

YANGON, 27 May — A motorized boat, Mitta Naing, heading to Gynwainglay Village in Seikkyi-khanaungto Township from Mayday boat jetty in Ahlon Township capsized and sunk in the middle of the

water at about 9 pm on 25 May, causing a three-year-old child missing. The boat carrying eight passengers steered by Moe Lwin was afloat in the current due to mechanical failure and capsized while it was between

two CB ships. Of the passengers on board the boat, Maung Chit Yin Htoo, 3, went missing while others survived.

Seikkan police station filed a lawsuit against Moe Lwin. — Kyemon

Mistaken accelerator push causes crash in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 May — A crash involving one Hilux Surf and six motorbikes occurred on 35th street between 73rd and 74th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region at about 4.10 pm yesterday.

The southbound Hilux Surf driven by Ma Ei Kh-

ine Zaw, 27, of ward-3 in Mahaaungmye Township struck six stationary motorbikes and one bicycle by roadside and thence crashed into the front part of Shwe Pwint Hlwar paint and hardware store as the female driver got anxious and put her foot on the

accelerator mistaking it for the brake pedal while Khant Teza on board the car suddenly opened a car door.

No one was injured in the accident, but some goods in the hardware store were destroyed.

Kyemon



WORLD

No violations of bilateral agreement on Osprey operations

TOKYO, 27 May—The Defence Ministry said on Monday that the US military has not broken operational rules between Japan and the United States regarding its MV-22 Osprey transport aircraft, countering Okinawa's claims that they have flown at a low altitude and outside of the designated hours.

The ministry concluded that "there were no clear violations" of the bilateral agreement as it analyzed documents submitted by the local government in

Okinawa, together with some 3,000 photos that the ministry's local bureau took near the Futenma Air Station in the city of Ginowan.

The Okinawa prefectural government has argued that the number of violations such as flying outside of the designated hours and at a low altitude over a highly populated residential area has amounted to 318.

Twelve Ospreys have been deployed at the air station since last October



A group of reporters get on a US military's MV22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft at the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, for a ride on 20 March, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

despite local opposition and safety concerns.

The ministry said it plans to notify the Okinawa prefectural government of the results, and urge the US military to continue abiding by the rules.

Tokyo and Washington agreed in September that the US military should avoid low-altitude flights above nuclear power facilities and congested areas, and limit night flights after 10 pm.

Kyodo News

Obama visits tornado-ravaged US state of Oklahoma, vows to support recovery

HOUSTON, 27 May—US President Barack Obama on Sunday called on Americans to help rebuild the tornado-ravaged Oklahoma City area during a visit to places worst hit by the deadly twister on Monday afternoon.

The president caught a glimpse of the damage from the air before Air Force One landed in Oklahoma on Sunday. He began touring some of the hardest-hit areas and meeting with officials and residents in the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore on Sunday afternoon, according to local media reports.

The tornado, classified as an EF-5 or the strongest storm on Earth with 200 mph-plus winds, killed 24 people and injured 377 others. As many as 12,000 homes were damaged. Official statistics estimated the damage caused by the tornado at 2 billion US dollars.

Speaking in front of the wreckage of the Plaza Towers Elementary School, where seven children died

in the tornado, Obama urged Americans to help the storm relief and reconstruction efforts.

"It's going to take a long time for this community to rebuild, so I want to urge every American to step up," said the president, asking the public to donate via the American Red Cross website.

"This area has known more than its share of heartbreak, but the people pride themselves on the 'Oklahoma standard,'" Obama said. "Oklahomans have inspired us with their love and their courage and their fellowship."

And he vowed that the nation would help. "This is a strong community with strong character," he said. "There's no doubt they're gonna bounce back. But, they need help, as anyone would need help."

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin said on Sunday that the state needs quick action from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help Moore, a town of some

41,000 people.

Obama has offered prayers for the people of Oklahoma from the White House in recent days. He also said: "While the road ahead will be long, their country will be with them every single step of the way."

The White House said that FEMA has already provided 57 million US dollars in rebates and incentives to help build about 12,000 storm shelters in Oklahoma, according to earlier reports.—Xinhua

Emperor Akihito (L) and Empress Michiko (facing, 2nd from L) talk to children during a tree-planting ceremony at the Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park in the town of Nanbu, Tottori Prefecture, on 26 May, 2013. KYODO NEWS



EU faces Syria sanctions crunch over push to arm rebels

BRUSSELS, 27 May—The European Union may end this week either helping Syrian rebels or the Damascus government they detest, depending on how EU ministers resolve differences over a package of sanctions on Syria that is about to lapse.

At a meeting in Brussels on Monday, the main EU military powers, Britain and France, will argue forcefully for easing some of that embargo to help channel weapons to rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad. But Austria, Sweden and several others will defend maintaining the sanctions across the board.

Failure to find a compromise could mean the entire package simply vanishes when it expires on Saturday, 1 June — London has already raised the stakes by threatening to veto a full renewal.

But it is unlikely the EU will offer such a shot in the arm to Assad by giving up on measures intended to cripple his government's ability to trade and raise money and also to curb the movements and personal wealth of his family and confidants.

EU officials see com-

promise — possibly by delaying an easing of the arms embargo until after peace talks or by limiting the types of weapon allowed and which rebel groups may receive them.

"I think everyone is manoeuvring here," said Shashank Joshi at London think-tank the Royal United Services Institute.

"The Brits are very keen to show they will take this quite far. Will they actually pull the trigger? Will they get rid of the entire apparatus of sanctions and asset freezes that this entails? I am not so sure." The debate over the arms embargo has gained urgency because of recent military gains by Assad's troops against rebels whose political goal in ending the Assad dynasty's authoritarian rule the 27-nation European Union has endorsed diplomatically.

Opponents say taking a decision now to allow arms to be sent to the rebels could undermine next month's planned international peace conference, sponsored by the United States and Russia, and they are using this as an argument to extend the full embargo.

Reuters



Afghan policemen display seized Taliban weapons and ammunition to the media in Kunar Province, eastern Afghanistan, on 26 May, 2013. Afghan policemen captured a cache of Taliban ammunition during an operation in Kunar Province on Sunday, police officials said.—XINHUA

UN chief concerned about regional spillover of Syria unrest

UNITED NATIONS, 27 May—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday expressed extreme concern over the increasing risk of the spillover of the Syrian unrest to Lebanon, urging respect for the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries in the region.

"The secretary-general is deeply concerned by the acknowledged increased participation in the fighting in Syria by Hezbollah, as well as by the risk of spillover in Lebanon, which has witnessed growing

tension over the past week," said a statement released by Ban's spokesperson. "All in the region should act responsibly and work towards lowering rhetoric and calming tensions in the region."

Two rockets hit the Hezbollah-controlled southern part of Lebanese capital city on Sunday, wounding five people. The attack came a day after Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah overtly defended his group's backing to the government of Syrian President Bashar

al-Assad.

As preparations are ongoing for the international conference on Syria, Ban called on all countries, organizations and groups immediately to cease supporting the violence inside Syria and instead to use their influence to "promote a political solution to Syria's tragedy," said the statement.

"The secretary-general has consistently opposed the transfer of arms and fighters from outside Syria to either side inside Syria," the statement said. "He has

repeatedly urged respect for the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries in the region."

In the statement, the UN chief reiterated the "paramount importance" of preventing a dangerous spillover of the conflict across borders and called for strict adherence to the Baabda Declaration, which was approved during a national dialogue session almost a year ago and called for keeping Lebanon neutral from regional tensions and crisis.

Xinhua

Chinese biologists find new method to improve cell reprogramming efficiency

LONDON, 27 May — Sequential introduction of the proteins known to reprogramme cells could improve the efficiency of cell reprogramming, according to a new study reported in *Nature Cell Biology* on Sunday. Currently, researchers use simultaneous introduction method in cell reprogramming, which introduces the proteins to reprogramme cells back to a pluripotent, embryonic-like state.

Chinese stem-cell biologist Pei Duanqing and colleagues from Chinese Academy of Sciences reported that the sequential introduction of reprogramming proteins outperforms simultaneous introduction. According to the report, sequential introduction leads to a greater number of cells being reprogrammed than traditional method, and the increase in efficiency was observed both for mouse and human differentiated

cells.

The successive expression of reprogramming factors promotes the cells to adopt mesenchymal characteristics before going through an epithelial state and finally reaching pluripotency. This discovery provided a technique for further optimizing the reprogramming of somatic cells to induced pluripotent stem cells, researchers said.

“Improving the efficiency of reprogramming somatic cells to induced pluripotent stem cells is highly beneficial to researchers,” Professor Pei told *Xinhua*. “The researchers could use reprogrammed cells to analyze how defects characteristic of a variety of diseases appear in cells in the laboratory or to test the potential of drugs to cure these defects,” said Pei.

Xinhua



Europe investigates Apple's iPhone tactics

NEW YORK, 27 May —The European Commission is investigating whether Apple Inc is using anti-competitive iPhone sales tactics and technical restrictions to squeeze out rival smartphone makers from the European market, according to documents seen by the *Financial Times*.

According to a questionnaire sent last week to several European mobile network operators, the Commission is focusing on distribution terms that might favour Apple by ensuring no rival

can secure a better sales deal, said the newspaper. Apple said its contracts comply with EU laws, said the *FT*.

The inquiry is the result of private complaints from mobile operators and is at a preliminary stage. Before a formal probe can be launched, the Commission would need to be confident that Apple was dominant in the EU smartphone market, which may be hard to show given the popularity of Samsung Electronic's Galaxy handsets.

Reuters



Umbrellas are seen in front of the Apple store on 5th Avenue in New York on 19 May, 2013.

REUTERS

Kids' genes, environment affect sleep differently

NEW YORK, 27 May — A new study based on pairs of Canadian twins suggests that genetics play a strong role in how long kids sleep at night, but their environment may be more important for afternoon naps. Researchers compared sleep patterns for close to 500 sets of identical or fraternal twins. They found that especially as kids got older, environmental influences — which include when parents put kids in bed, for example — explained more and more of their napping differences.

“Even though the results do not explicitly state which are the environmental factors,” said Sonia Brescianini, “researchers in the field think that familial habits at bed time, sleep-

ing routines, and in general sleep hygiene measures are for sure a means of improving sleep in children.” Brescianini, a researcher with the Italian Twin Register at Rome's Istituto Superiore di Sanità who was not

involved in the new study, told Reuters Health in an email that past research has also suggested a child's environment may be more important than genetics for daytime sleep habits.

The new study in-

involved 983 individual children born in greater Montreal, Canada, from 1995 to 1998. Mothers were asked about each twin's daytime and nighttime sleep patterns at age 6, 18, 30 and 48 months. By comparing sets of identical and fraternal twins, Dr Jacques Montplaisir from the University of Montreal and his colleagues were able to determine how much of kids' sleep variation was due to genes -- which are the same in identical twins -- and how much to environmental factors. For example, Brescianini explained, the more identical twins are similar and fraternal twins are not for a given trait such as sleep schedules, the more that trait is likely to be genetic. —*Reuters*



Shawna Ellis (L) cradles her two-month-old son Aiden as she and Tianna Rogers (R), 10, wait in line for a computer to go on sale at WalMart on the Thanksgiving Day holiday in Salem, New Hampshire on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Robots to drones, Australia eyes high-tech farm help to grow food



Salah Sukkarieh, professor of Robotics and Intelligent Systems at the University of Sydney, Australian Centre for Field Robotics, stands next to one of his robotic aircraft in his laboratory in Sydney on 24 April, 2013.

REUTERS

SYDNEY, 27 May — Moving carefully along a row of apple trees, two of Australia's newest agricultural workers check if the fruit is ripe or the soil needs water or fertilizer. Meet “Mantis” and “Shrimp”, agricultural robots being tested to do these tasks and more in a bid to cut costs

and improve productivity in Australia's economically vital farm sector, which exported A\$39.6 billion (\$38.8 billion) of produce in 2012.

Australia is one of the leaders in the field and, with a minimum wage of A\$15.96 per hour and a limited workforce, has a big incentive to

use robots and other technology such as unmanned aircraft to improve efficiency. It hopes to tap fast-growing Asian neighbors, where the swelling ranks of the middle class increasingly want more varied and better quality food from blueberries to beef.

“The adoption of new technology is going to be crucial for Australia to maintain its competitiveness in terms of the global agricultural sector,” said Luke Matthews, commodities strategist at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. “If we don't adopt new technology, we can give up on these high-flying ambitions of being the food bowl of Asia.”

Agriculture now accounts for 2 percent of Australia's gross domestic product, but the government forecasts it could reach 5 percent by 2050.

Reuters

France's Arianespace announces to launch Soyuz in June

PARIS, 27 May —The Soyuz launcher for Ariane-space's milestone medium-lift mission is rapidly taking shape in French Guiana, said the aerospace group in a statement on Friday.

“This vehicle undergoes its build-up for a June flight with the first four satellites in O3b Networks' connectivity constellation,” Ariane-space declared. Ariane-space added that the vehicle has completed the core second stage with the mating of its upper and lower sections and will be followed by mating of the launcher's centerline at the third stage.

“Once completed, the Soyuz will be ready for its rollout to the Spaceport's ELS launch pad, where it will be raised to the vertical position, preparing it

for integration of the O3b Networks satellite payload, performed with the protection of a 53-metre-tall mobile gantry,” the leading aerospace group said.

The O3b Networks satellites to be orbited on Ariane-space's June 24 mission are to be positioned at a medium-Earth orbit altitude of 8,063 km. Operating in Ka-band, these spacecraft will become part of O3b Networks' system that offers high-speed, low-cost, low-latency Internet and telecommunications services for customers in emerging markets.

This Soyuz flight will be Ariane-space's fifth with the medium-lift vehicle from the Spaceport since its introduction at French Guiana in October 2011.

Xinhua



Representatives attend the 15th Annual Meeting of China Association for Science and Technology in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 25 May, 2013.—XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH



People visit the Thailand Mobile Expo 2013 in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 23 May, 2013.

XINHUA

China, EU to hold talks on trade disputes

BEIJING, 27 May—The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said on Sunday that it will start negotiating with its EU counterparts in Brussels next week regarding recent trade frictions. Vice Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan and Jean-Luc Demarty, the European Commission's director-general for trade, will co-chair talks on China-EU trade and investment on 27 May, according to a statement from the MOC.

Zhong will also discuss issues related to solar panels and wireless telecoms equipment with EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht. The EU recently launched several trade remedy probes targeting Chinese goods. The EU backed a proposal in early May to impose punitive

import duties on solar panels from China in order to prevent the dumping of Chinese panel products in the European market.

Last week, it proposed opening an anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigation into mobile telecommunications equipment imported from China, a move that is believed to be aimed at Huawei and ZTE, China's two biggest telecoms system and equipment producers. The EU's proposed levying of punitive duties on Chinese solar panels would severely impair bilateral trade ties, Ministry of Commerce spokesman Shen Danyang warned on 16 May, adding that "China's preference to use dialogue and negotiations to resolve the frictions has not changed."—Xinhua

EU to close excessive deficit procedure vs Italy on Wednesday

MILAN, 27 May—The European Commission will close on Wednesday a procedure against Italy started in 2009 when Rome breached the European Union's deficit ceiling of 3 percent of gross domestic product, several Italian newspapers said quoting Commission documents. The decision is much awaited in Italy, which has introduced strict fiscal discipline under the government of former prime minister Mario Monti even as it was fighting a deep recession.

The closing of the procedure will put an end to strict EU monitoring of Italian public spending and allow the freeing up resources for up to 12 billion euros (\$15.52 billion), Regional Affairs Minister Graziano Delrio told La Stampa on Monday. "The closing of the procedure alone allows us to boost spending by between 7 and 10 billion euros, 12 billion euros in the most optimistic

forecast," said Delrio, who said the money could be used to reduce youth employment and a property tax.

Pier Carlo Padoan, chief economist at the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, said in an interview with La Repubblica he expected a further, significant fall in government bond yields once the EU closes the procedure. He said the Commission's decision would give Italy

more money in the form of an additional tranche of structural funds. According to the draft proposal that will be put to EU Commissioners on Wednesday, the Commission will also make several economic policy recommendations to Italy. It will ask Italy to continue with "fiscal consolidation at a pace that is appropriate but compatible with growth" and to keep a primary surplus.

Reuters



Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta addresses a news conference after meeting European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso (unseen) at the EU Commission headquarters in Brussels on 2 May, 2013.

REUTERS

Check young kids for motor delays

NEW YORK, 27 May—Doctors should regularly screen babies and young children for delays in motor skill development—including trouble sitting, standing and speaking—at well-child visits, pediatricians said today. In a clinical report, an American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) panel said diagnosing and treating those problems early on may ultimately improve kids' outlook and help families gain additional support." Identifying children with delays and motor abnormalities, theoretically or hopefully would set them on a better trajectory," said Meghann Lloyd, who studies motor development at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in

Oshawa, Canada.

Lloyd, who was not involved in the new report, called it "a really big step forward for the field." Dr Garey Noritz and colleagues on the AAP's neuromotor screening expert panel lay out the skills that a child should have developed by office visits at ages 9, 18, 30 and 48 months. For example, a 9-month-old baby should be able to roll to both sides, sit well without support and grasp objects. At 18 months, that child should be able to walk, sit and stand on its own. Pediatricians should also ask parents open-ended questions about their child's development and watch the child play for signs of delays or loss of motor skills at well-child visits,



A pediatrician examines a girl inside a social medical centre in the Helinko suburb of Athens on 24 May, 2012.

REUTERS

the panel said. On a general exam, it recommended that doctors measure head size and look at children's muscle tone, reflexes and eye movements.

The US Preventive Services Task Force, a government-backed expert panel, said in 2006 there

wasn't enough evidence to recommend for or against screening instruments designed to detect speech and language delays in young kids. The task force does not have screening recommendations for motor delays in general.

Reuters

Freeport to restart Indonesia open-pit mining soon

JAKARTA, 27 May—Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc's (FCX.N) Indonesian unit will restart open-pit mining operations at its Papua copper mine soon, Deputy Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Susilo Siswo Utomo said on Monday, after a tunnel collapse that killed 28 people.

Arizona-based Freeport suspended operations at the world's No 2 copper



Workers from Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc gather during a protest over an accident where 39 workers attending an underground training were trapped when a tunnel collapsed, at Mile 72, near the mining area in Tembagapura of Papua Province on 15 May, 2013.—REUTERS

mine on 15 May, a day after the training tunnel, away from its main operations, fell in on 38 workers.

The Grasberg mine normally produces around 220,000 tonnes of concentrated ore a day, with around 140,000 tonnes coming from open pit mining and 80,000 tonnes from underground operations.

On Saturday, a union official said between 35 and 40 percent of workers at Freeport Indonesia had returned to work to carry out maintenance work.

Reuters

Texas Legislature passes measure to prevent Medicaid expansion

AUSTIN, (Texas), 27 May—The Republican-majority Texas House and Senate on Sunday sent Governor Rick Perry a proposal to prevent the state from expanding its Medicaid programme as outlined by President Barack Obama's healthcare reform law. Perry, a Republican, notified the Obama administration last summer his state would not expand Medicaid, which provides healthcare for low-income people. He repeated his opposition in an April news conference at which he called expansion "foolish."

The proposal, an amendment to a Medicaid-related bill, says state health officials "may only provide medical assistance to a person who would have been otherwise eligible for

medical assistance or for whom federal matching funds were available under the eligibility criteria for medical assistance in effect on 31 Dec, 2013." The House had tacked on the amendment after the Senate had passed a version of the bill without the amendment. Members of both chambers met to work out differences in the legislation.

That House-Senate conference committee chose to keep the amendment, although its members tweaked the language to prevent unintended consequences, said the bill's author, Republican Senator Jane Nelson.

"This prevents the expansion of Medicaid," she said in a statement. Republican Representative Jeff Leach, the author of

the amendment, has said Medicaid expansion is too big of a decision to be made without lawmakers' input. Last June, the US Supreme Court upheld Obama's healthcare overhaul but allowed states to opt out of a provision expanding the Medicaid programme.

Since then, 26 governors have indicated support for Medicaid expansion, according to the Advisory Board Company, a consulting firm that is tracking the issue. Democrats have called on Perry to drop his opposition to expanding Medicaid in the state, which has the nation's highest percentage of uninsured people. About 24 percent of Texans are uninsured. The biennial legislative session is set to end on Monday.

Reuters

WORLD

Schaeuble says Merkel not scaring off conservative voters

BERLIN, 27 May—Chancellor Angela Merkel has not alienated conservative German voters by pushing her Christian Democrats into the centre but has instead put the party on course to win for a third straight term in September, Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said.

In an interview with *Der Spiegel* magazine on Sunday, the powerful leader of the CDU's conserva-

tive wing made it clear to fellow right wingers they should stop sniping at Merkel if they want to help keep the party in power for four more years.

Schaeuble also ruled out for the first time a "grand coalition" with the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD), a right-centre alliance that many analysts expect to be the outcome in September. He also ruled out a coalition with the

Greens.

Merkel, seeking a third term, has been under fire from the right wing of her CDU for pushing the party away from its conservative roots. Since 2009 the CDU has abandoned conscription, nuclear power and university fees. It is also now opening itself to quotas for women executives and gay rights.

"We're not scaring away anyone," Schaeuble told *der Spiegel* in a stirring defence of Merkel four months before the election. "On the contrary, the CDU is in a better position right now than ever before and I'm not just talking about opinion polls.

"Merkel's doing a remarkable job," he added, pointing to the political weakness and infighting plaguing conservative parties in France and Britain. "Everyone will tell you that society has changed a lot in the last 20 years. We've got to accept that."—Reuters



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks during a ceremony at Radboud University in Nijmegen on 23 May, 2013.—REUTERS

AU, UNAMID sign funding agreement for Darfur 9 people killed, 36 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 27 May—Nine people were killed and 36 wounded in bombings and shootings in northern and central Iraq on Sunday, the police said.

In one attack, two soldiers and a policeman were killed and 30 others wounded in two explosions near the city of Mosul, some 400 km north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

The first one occurred inside an under-construction house in the town of Shora near Mosul, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. As Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene of the blast, another car bomb went off, killing two soldiers and a police-

man and injuring 30 people, he said. Nine soldiers and 14 policemen were among the wounded, while the rest of the wounded were civilians, including four children, the source said, adding that the blast also destroyed several military vehicles and three nearby houses. The attackers apparently created an initial explosion to attract security forces and people, then they set off another blast to get heavier casualties, he said. In Baghdad, unidentified gunmen using silenced weapons intercepted a car in the northern part of the capital and shot dead three civilians and wounded a fourth, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

El-Ghassim Wane, AU director of peace and security, and Mohamed Ibn Chambas, AU-UN joint special representative for Darfur, signed the deal at the AU headquarters on the sidelines of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the OAU/AU.

Since the initial deployment on 31 Dec, 2007, UNAMID is tasked with protecting civilians, contributing to security for humanitarian assistance and assisting an inclusive political process, among others.

Xinhua

Singapore now world No 4 in longevity ranking

SINGAPORE, 27 May—Singapore has an average life expectancy at birth of 82, making it a joint fourth with Italy on a latest World Health Organization ranking, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Monday.

Women here can expect to live to 85 and men to the age of 80.

Japan tops the ranking with an average life expectancy of 83, with a female life expectancy of 86 and a male life expectancy of 82. Switzerland and San Marino were both among the

top three.

The global average is 70. Sierra Leone fared worst with a mere 47 years.

Professor Chia Kee Seng, dean of the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, said Singapore now needs to focus on extending the quality of life through preventing and delaying the onset of chronic diseases and, where they exist, slowing down their progression.

The World Health Organization report also compares current life expectancy to that in 1990 and 2000.



Photo shows the inside of a nuclear physics laboratory of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency in Tokaimura, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 25 May, 2013, where radioactive substances were released into the atmosphere outside the controlled area two days earlier. The JAEA said 25 May six people were confirmed to have been exposed to radiation and a quick checkup suggested possible exposure of 24 others.

KYODO NEWS

30 people exposed to leaked radiation in nuclear lab accident

TOKYO, 27 May—Physical exams of people working at the site of a nuclear laboratory accident confirmed an additional 24 people were exposed to leaked radioactive substances, raising the total number of exposed staff to 30, the state-run Japan Atomic Energy Agency said on Sunday.

Of 55 people engaged in the troubled experiment at the JAEA's nuclear physics laboratories in Ibaraki Prefecture, 19 did not suffer any exposure, and six others have yet to be examined, the agency said.

The highest radiation dose was 1.7 millisieverts, compared with the annual exposure limit for nuclear facility workers in Japan of 50 millisieverts.

The accident occurred at midday on Thursday, but the JAEA did not report it to the nuclear regulatory authorities until Friday night.

The agency said on Saturday it initially believed the leak was not serious and confined to the laboratory when an alarm went off. Workers then switched on the ventilation fan, causing radioactive substances

to escape into the outside atmosphere.

The researchers at the lab were engaged in an experiment to generate particles by applying a proton beam to gold.

Officials from the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization, which was conducting the experiment, said they suspect a malfunction of one of the electromagnets which control protons. As a result, an excessively strong proton beam hit the gold and released radioactive substances.—*Kyodo News*

Czech PM's plane lands safely in Moscow despite unexpected window cracks

MOSCOW, 27 May—A plane carrying Czech Prime Minister Petr Necas landed safely in Moscow on Sunday with a cracked cockpit window.

The Airbus A319, heading for Moscow from Prague with Necas aboard, was crossing the Belorussian airspace as a window in the cockpit suddenly cracked, according to local

media reports.

The pilots decided to descend the plane to a lower altitude and even considered an emergency landing upon detecting the cracks, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The crew later decided to continue to fly to Moscow. The plane landed safely in the Russian capital at night with no one onboard

injured.

Necas is starting his official visit to Russia on Monday, and will hold talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

Economic cooperation, joint energy projects and humanitarian exchanges will be top on the agenda, the Kremlin said earlier.

Xinhua



Ricky Naputi, a 900-pound Guam man, was never able to lose the necessary weight that would have allowed him to have a surgery that could have saved his life.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Three religious edifices of ancient Mandalay Palace to be restored



MANDALAY, 27 May—A stake driving ceremony was held at Mingala Hall in Kyauktawgyi pagoda on 24 May to rebuild three parts of ancient Mandalay palace damaged in World War II.

A host of renowned monks including Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy Ven Monk Dr Ñanissara attended the

ritual.

The congregation led by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife, region level organizations members and donors sought sermons from the monks and donated provisions to them.

The Region Chief Minister and wife, Region Hlutaw Speaker U Win Maung

and wife and officials laid foundation of the religious edifices.

These three buildings out of seven original sites of Mandalay Palace were bombed in World War II.

Mann Myay Yarzar Company contributed to the renovation of the old buildings.

Myanma Alinn

TECHNOLOGY

Second Yangon ICT Show organized

YANGON, 27 May—Second Yangon ICT Exhibition 2013, jointly organized Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, kicked off on 24 May.

The exhibition in Tatmadaw Convention Hall showcased computer sets, accessories, communications gadgets, mobile handsets and accessories and software solutions, enabling crowd

with special interests in latest tech.

The chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association said that the country would develop when IT could be employed effectively in education and commerce as lifestyle, education, business, communications and entertainment are being driven by ICT in the technology age.

The opening ceremony was attended by Yangon

Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaung Tin and region ministers. They formally opened the show and viewed round the booth.

Some 160 booths were displayed by 57 companies at the second Yangon ICT exhibition that run through yesterday.

Myanma Alinn

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaung Tin and officials view booths on display at second Yangon ICT Exhibition.



Paleku-Yankin road in Yebyu Tsp upgraded

YEBYU, 27 May—Paleku-Yankin road in Yebyu Township in Dawei District is a part of road between Yebyu and Dawei Deep Sea Port.

Township Development Affairs Committee has upgraded the road from earthen one to the gravel road and bridges which could formerly withstand no more than one bullock cart and a one motorbike. Plus, it was not an all-

weather one because it used to be inundated by Paleku creek in monsoon.

Villages of Yankin and Pyinbyu villages had to tackle many health and social issues as they lost road link in the rainy season and had to depend on waterway as the only mean of transportation.

The construction of 36-ft RC bridge with wooden floor over Paletu creek started in August, 2012 has

been completed.

The upgrading of road to the gravel one with the length of four furlongs, the width of 12 ft and the depth of 12 ft cost K 29.1 million. It has been completed on 14 May. The villages are now connected with other parts of Taninthayi Region, with Dawei Deep Sea Port and Yangon in all weathers. It can now withstand any vehicles, big or small.

Myanma Alinn

CSCs issued in Kyauktan

KYAUKTAN, 27 May—Immigration and National Registration Department in Kyauktan Township in Yangon made field trips to wards and villages in the township to issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to eligible citizens in Moe Pwint-5 campaign.

Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Ko Ko Naing and staff of the department issued CSCs to eligible citizens and collected household registration data in Padagyi model village on 23 May.

Myanma Alinn

One killed in electric short circuit

INDAW, 27 May—A skateboarder was killed in electric short circuit as he had accidentally touched the electrified fence of the skate ground in Indaw Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region on 22 May.

Kyaw Win Tun, 21,

of Kanpauk village in Htigyaing Township was admitted to Indaw People's Hospital at 8.45 pm on 22 May.

The police station has opened a case as regards his death.

Myanma Alinn

Shwe Myeik Maung library to be established in Myeik

MYEIK, 27 May—Descendants and fans of versatile writer Shwe Myeik Maung (a) U Tun Kyaing will establish a library after his name with his statue in front it to mark 45th anniversary of the death of the Myeik-born

writer, journalist, poet and photographer.

He was a member of Doh Bama Asiayon and served as a Myeik Township Administrator in Japan era.

He was a member of the team compiling Myanmar Encyclopaedia and the author of Myeik history.

Shwe Myeik Maung Fans (Yangon) invited donations of his works, books, photos, poems from fans' collections to put on display in the library in Myeik. It may be reached at 09420076957.

Myanma Alinn

Dawei starts school enrollment

DAWEI, 27 May—Schools in Dawei in Taninthayi Region has started to accept enrollment for 2013-2014 academic year since 23 May.

Five Basic Education High Schools, seven Basic Education Middle Schools and 106 Basic Education Primary Schools in the previous year accepted 24958 students.

Primary schoolchildren will receive readers and note books free of charge plus stipends.

Myanma Alinn

Farming rights certificates presented in Mongshu

MONGSHU, 27 May—Farming rights certificates were issued to farmers in six wards and village-tracts in Mongshu Township in Loilem District in southern Shan State.

The ceremony to grant farming rights at Township General Administration Department Office on 23 May was attended by farmers from the wards and village-tracts and farmland management committee members.

U Tun Lin, Chairman of Township Farmland Management Committee Township Administrator, delivered an address at the ceremony.

Secretary of Township Farmland Management Committee Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Tin Tun Kyaw presented 701 certificates for six wards and village-tracts.

Myanma Alinn

DONATION

Elite donates car to Myanmar Golf Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Elite Tech Group of Companies donated a vehicle to Myanmar Golf Federation for efforts of the sport organization to develop golf in Myanmar.

The Toyota Hiace Super Custom was handed over to the federation at the ceremony at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon in Insein

Township in Yangon on 17 May.

The ceremony was attended patron of Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), President U Teza, vice-presidents U Aung Kyi, U Zaw Min and U Min Thein, general secretary U Aung Hla Han and executives, officials of Elite Tech Group of



Companies, invited guests and Myanmar golf fanatics. CEO of Elite Tech Group of Companies U Chan Nyein Zaw presented documents

related to the vehicle to joint general secretary of Myanmar Golf Federation U Myo Tun.

Myanma Alinn

Deputy education minister, JICA's Senior Representative meet

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe and Senior Representative Mr. Kyosuke

Inada of JICA Myanmar Office and party held talks over education issues at the hall of the Ministry of Edu-

cation, here, this afternoon. The meeting focused tasks for third-phase implementation of ASEAN University

Network/ Southeast Asian Engineering Development Network.

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Japan, Myanmar agree grant aid to Myanmar

Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aid to Myanmar

- On May 26, Mr. Mikio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Dr. Khin San Yee, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, exchanged notes concerning grant aid for the following two projects in Nay Pyi Taw.
- The Project for Urgent Improvement of Water Supply in Yangon City (maximum 1.9 billion yen)
 - (1) The water supply system in Yangon City has various problems such as water stoppage, low feed water pressure, and 50% water leakage due to the aging of the system and inappropriate management caused by budgetary deficit. At the same time, well-planned measures to respond to rapidly increasing demand for water supply has become an urgent task.
 - (2) Nyaungnapin Water Treatment Plant (Phase 1) Pumping Station, which supplies approximately 40% of the water supply of Yangon City (524,000m³/day), has a total of four pumps. However, due to breakdown, only two of them are currently working and they also may be broken down by groundwater spouts or other reasons at any time. Moreover, the main pipes for water supply in the city are also aging and water stoppage caused by water leakage or repair works therefore frequently occurs. At the same time, pipes for housing also cause water leakage due to aging and in some cases, when water leaks out, dirty water on the surface of

the earth or underground is sucked into the water system by a pump. Therefore, improvement of the water supply system is an urgent task.

- (3) This project aims at improving water supply services through renovation of the water treatment plant and water pipes in Yangon City which urgently requires renovation. Through implementation of the project, improvement of stability in water supply in Yangon City and improvement of the living environment of citizens of Yangon City are expected.
3. The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (maximum 456 million yen)
 - (1) President U Thein Sein has been rapidly promoting various reforms including economic reforms. And development of excellent human resources who take charge of construction of the nation had become a very important issue.
 - (2) This project aims at providing tuition and other expenses necessary for young administrative officers of Myanmar to study in Japan.
 - (3) Through implementation of the project, it is expected that administrative officers, who will take charge of social/economic development of Myanmar, acquire specialized knowledge necessary for solving problems or policy planning in each field and to promote reforms and the economic development of Myanmar. They are also expected to contribute to the construction of mutual understanding and friendly relationship between Japan and Myanmar.

Talk on "Industrial Policy and Globalization" held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The talk on "Industrial Policy and Globalization" jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Asia Foundation was held at Royal Kumudra Hotel, here at 9 am today, with the opening remarks delivered by Director-General Daw Maw Maw for Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On the occasion, Dr. Marcus Noland, Director of Studies at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and Senior Fellow at East-West Center delivered Talk on "Industrial Policy Globalization".

Also present on the occasion were officials from respective ministries and representatives and invited guests.—MNA

You see, Nay Pyi Taw now has Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda, which is almost identical to Bodh Gaya in India. Golden Umbrella of the Pagoda was hoisted on fullmoon day of Myanmar month Kason (Vesak Day).

So, people, especially who have financial, health or other problems, can now go on pilgrimage to Bodh Gaya, where the seven sacrosanct places of Lord Buddha are located, at every time.



Cartoon Tha Byay

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 28 May, 2013

Better economic operations and services

Generally, corporatization is the re-constitution or restricting of a government agency or department into a corporate legal entity usually a company with its liabilities limited by share capital. The government may retain full ownership of the company, or it may privatize it by selling part or all its shares to private local or foreign investors.

It is the act of reorganizing the structure of government-owned entity into a legal entity with the corporate structure found in publicly traded companies. These companies tend to have a board of directors (BOD), management and shareholders. However, unlike publicly traded companies, the government is typically the company's only shareholder and that the shares in the company are not traded publicly.

In preparation for corporatization, the government will have to identify which services or businesses of the government unit are to be corporatized. To reap full benefits from corporatization, besides legal and economic separation from the government, corporatization requires wide-ranging restructuring and reorganization to build capabilities within the corporatized entity to enable it to function autonomously in a competitive business environment. Such restructuring and reorganization include introduction of corporate structures including the establishment of a management team that is accountable to the board of directors.

The main goal of corporatization is allowing the government to retain ownership of the company but still enable it to run as efficiently as its private counterparts because government departments sometimes are inefficient with the level of bureaucracy involved.

Although corporatization is to be distinguished from privatization (the former involves publicly owned corporations, the latter privately owned ones), once a service has been corporatized it is often relatively easy to privatize or part-privatize it, for example by selling some or all of the company's shares via the stock market.

Myanmar's reforms would involve such corporatization measures for better economic operations and services facilitation.

Myanmar sees import of over 170,000 automobiles in 19 months

YANGON, 27 May — During the 19 months long from 25 October 2011 to 25 May 2013, the

273,125.97 million totaling K 536,110.65 million have been collected.

Of the cars issued after levying custom duty and commercial tax, 70067 vehicles were allowed under overage vehicle substitution scheme, 38521 for auto showrooms, 2818 for oversea workers, 1,997 for the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, 108 for military attachés and 56,773 for private users. commercial tax of K

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NATIONAL

Japan announces its assistance for Myanmar's infrastructural development

Signing of Exchange of Notes concerning Yen

Loan to Myanmar

1. On May 26, Mr. Mikio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and H.E Dr. Lin Aung, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar signed an Exchange of Notes concerning three yen loan projects. The total amount of the projects is up to 51,052 million yen.
2. Outline of the projects
 - (1) Regional Development Project for Poverty Reduction Phase 1 (maximum 17 billion yen)
Infrastructure construction in Myanmar remains at a lower level than other ASEAN nations and infrastructure construction in rural areas has become an urgent task in particular. This Project aims at newly building and rehabilitating basic infrastructure (roads, electricity, water supply, etc.) in seven regions and seven states of Myanmar. Through implementation of this project, improvement of quality of life of residents in rural areas and contribution to development and reduction of poverty in the rural areas are expected.
 - (2) Urgent Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project Phase 1 (maximum 14,052 million yen)
Power shortage has been a serious problem in Myanmar. In particular, in the dry season when hydroelectric energy is reduced, rotational planned blackouts are carried out. Thus, the tight electricity situation influences economic and social activities. Along with intensified economic activities in Yangon urban area including the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, further increase in demand for power is expected, and establishment of a stable power supply system has become an urgent issue. This project aims at increased and more efficient power output through rehabilitation of thermal power stations and substations in Yangon urban area. Through implementation of this project, improvement of power supply conditions and contribution to the sustainable economic growth of Myanmar are expected.
 - (3) Infrastructure Development Project in Thilawa Area Phase 1 (maximum 20 billion yen)
The Thilawa Special Economic Zone (hereinafter referred to as "SEZ") located in the vicinity of Yangon has advantages such as rich manpower and accumulation of existing industries, as well as availability to utilize an existing port. The Government of Myanmar expressed its intention to preferentially develop this area. However, infrastructure has not been developed in the planned construction site of the SEZ and construction of internal and peripheral infrastructure of the SEZ is an important task in order to promote the business of enterprises at the site. This project aims at preparing electricity power-related plants (power generation, transformation of electric energy, transmission and distribution of energy, etc.) so that sufficient electric power can be supplied to Thilawa District and, at the same time, expanding the port to deal with increasing demand for container cargos. Through implementation of this project, promotion of direct investment to the district, development of Yangon urban area including the SEZ and creation of employment in the area, and contribution to the sustainable economic development of Myanmar are expected.
3. Terms and conditions of the loan
 - (1) Interest: 0.01% per annum
 - (2) Repayment period: 40 years (including a 10-year grace period)
 - (3) Procurement method: General untied

Work coord meeting on aviation safety held



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung delivering address at the meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 27 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung addressed a work-coordination meeting on aviation safety held at the meeting hall of the Directo-

rate of Marine Administration at the corner of Theinbyu Road and Merchant Street, here, this morning. Deputy Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Win Swe Tun explained aviation safety measures being taken by state-run domestic airlines, private-run domestic airlines and joint venture domestic airlines, and cases of airplane crash.

The meeting aims to provide media with information and knowledge on airplanes' safety.

Next, Managing Director of Myanma Airways U Than Tun and officials concerned elaborated on passenger flights of Myanma Airways. The Union Minister and officials concerned met the press.

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Liaison Officer Training Course (2/2013) commences

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Opening ceremony of Liaison Officer Training Course (2/2013) for ASEAN Summits in 2014 was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at 9:30 am today,

with an opening speech by Director-General U Aung Lin of Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It was the second course of its kind aimed at uplifting

proficiency of the liaison Officers to be assigned by 28 ministries for ASEAN Summits in 2014. This course was held by Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 27 May to 7 June. The scholars

on respective subjects of Ministries of Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Transport, Education and Culture will give lectures at the training course being attended by 55 trainees.—MNA

Arms and ammunition seized in Hsenwi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Arms and ammunition were seized from an abandoned Mark II in Nasot Village, Mongli Village-tract, Hsenwi Township, Shan State (north) this morning.

At Asia World toll gate in Lashio around 2.20 am today, the security force found white-colour Mark II with number plate 3 Nga/4120 suspicious and stopped it for a check. But, the car refused to stop and fled the gate. The security forces joined together to corner the car and finally it was found abandoned in front of Nasot Village Monastery with arms and ammunition.



Photo shows automobile, arms and ammunition seized in front of the monastery of Nasot Village in Hsenwi Township.—MNA



Photo shows arms and ammunition seized in front of the monastery of Nasot Village in Hsenwi Township.—MNA

The seized arms include 11 M22 with collapsible butt, three M22 without collapsible butt, three M 79 40 mm grenade launchers, four M16 automatic rifles, one pistol, totaling 22 arms along with 50 9mm bullets and 2559 5.56 bullets and six assorted magazines.

The further investigation led to uncovering of another ten M 22 arms and 130 5.56 bullets outside the fence of Nasot Village Monastery.

Police are taking measures to probe into the case.

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Beikman Thit Library put into service in Sagaing Township

SAGAING, 27 May—The opening of Beikman Thit Library took place in Nyaungbinshae Village in Sagaing Township of Sagaing Region on 24 May morning. It was attended by Township Management Committee Chairman U Tun Win Aung, Staff Officer U Myint Thein of District Information and Public Relations Department and staff, the township administrator and wellwishers and local

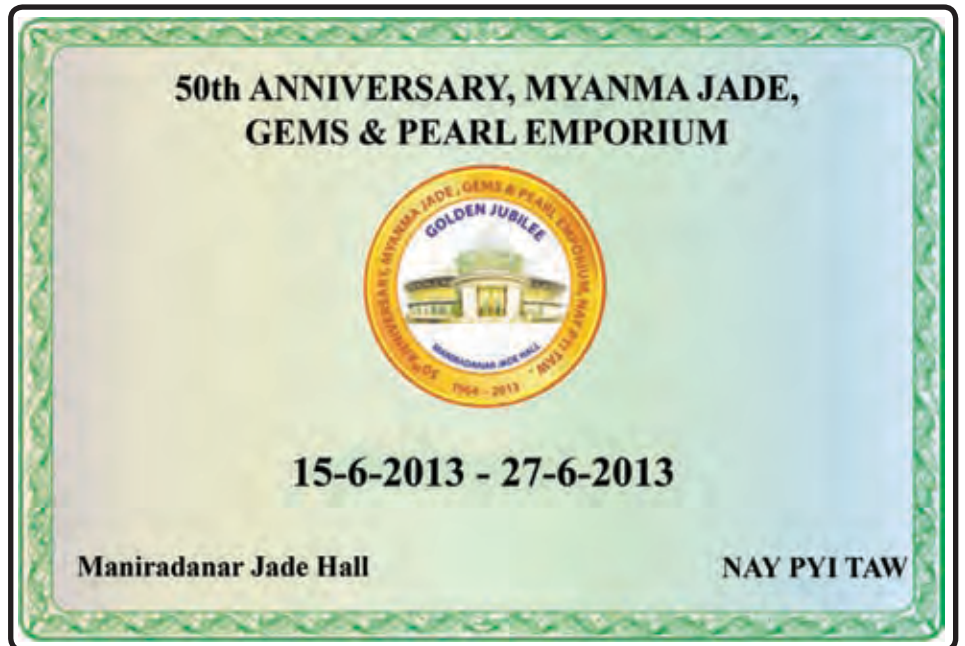
people. The Management Committee Chairman and Village Library member U Toe and Wellwisher U Thein Hsaung cut the ribbon to open the new building. Then, the officials accepted books and publications for the library donated by wellwishers.

The library measuring 24 ft wide, 18 ft long and 15 ft high was constructed at a cost of K 3.5 million contributed by the State and Wellwisher U Thein Hsaung and Daw Hmyay Kyi and family.

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“We are providing assistance to the people, who are in need of help, through field trips in cooperation with departments concerned. We also donate books and publications for the library. In recent day, we donated books and publications for Kongyi Village Library with the aim of broadening horizons of local people”, says Townselder Group Secretary U Zaw Win Aung.

Kyemon



11 students from National Culture and Fine Arts University leave for Japan



YANGON, 27 May—A delegation comprising 11 students from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and (Mandalay) of Fine Arts

Department under the Ministry of Culture left here for Japan on 25 May to take part in ASEAN-Japan Youth Exchange Programme (2) to be held in Japan from 26 May

to 2 June.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned.

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FIRE

Pyapon fire engulfs one building

PYAPON, 27 May—A fire broke out at KoeU public rest house or the northern board of trustees in the precinct of Ywama Monastery on Chaungdwingyi Road of Ward 1 in Northern Pyapon of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region at 1.05 pm yesterday.

A total of 13 members of Township Fire Services Department, 40 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade

and five policemen together over 200 local people put out the fire with the use of three fire engines from Pyapon. They controlled the fire at 1.10 pm and totally put out the fire at 1.20 pm.

The fire reduced the building into the ashes, losing K 200,000. Township Police Force is investigating the root cause of outbreak of fire.

Kyemon



First News Photo exhibition in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 May—Press Club of Myanmar conducted a news photo exhibition at Dream Land Art Studio in Mandalay from 23 to 25 May.

The news photos covering the events across the country were displayed at the first exhibition in Mandalay.—Kyemon

CSCs issuance, household registration issued

THAZI, 27 May—Under the supervision of Deputy Director U Htay Aung Kyaw of Meiktila District Immigration and National Registration Department, Staff Officer U Soe Soe of Thazi Township INRD and staff members made a field trip to villages of Thazi Township on 18 May to implement Moe Pwint Plan-5.

While in Wetoe, Shwedaung and Ngathet

ELECTRICITY

MCDC to generate power from wastes

MANDALAY, 27 May—Mandalay City Development Committee is taking steps to generate electric power from waste in partnership with local and foreign companies to be chosen through open tender system.

As the committee

deals with 500 to 600 tons of wastes per day from six townships within the municipal areas of the committee, it is preparing to turn wastes into electric power.

The requirement and regulation booklets are being sold for K 5000 per set

at the committee starting tomorrow.

Contact phone numbers during office hours are Sanitation Department, Mandalay City Development Committee, 02-61225, 72003 and 24752.

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Photo shows some people searching usable items at pile of garbage in Mandalay.

CITIZENSHIP



villages of Wetoe Village-tract, the personnel issued citizenship scrutiny cards and households registration certificates to the local people within a single day.

The rural people are pleased the departmental personnel for the issuance of CSCs and household registration certificates because their villages are located in far distance to the urban area.

Kyemon

REGIONAL

Average value of Japan lawmakers' assets grow to 32 million yen

TOKYO, 27 May—The average value of assets held by Japan's lower house members came to 32.28 million yen, slightly up from a record low 31.52 million yen in the previous February 2010 survey, according to a *Kyodo News* tally based on data released on Monday.

The amount, which covers financial assets, land and property as of the first day of their current term that started in December, increased for the first time since 1993, when a law came into effect requiring House of Representatives members to release such

data.

Covered by the latest data are those who won their seats in last December's election.

Kunio Hatoyama, a former minister of internal affairs and communications, had the highest value of assets with 1,998.84 million yen.

Saichi Kamiyama, who was elected to the lower house in December for the first time, ranked second with 974.45 million yen, followed by Finance Minister Taro Aso, who doubles as deputy prime minister, with 436.23 million yen.

The top three all belong to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was 25th on the list with 107.94 million yen, and he showed the sharpest drop among lower house members — down 42.41 million yen from the previous survey.

The average value of assets held by the 184 new House of Representatives members, including those previously in the less-powerful House of Councillors, was 22.90 million yen, nearly doubling from 12.53 million yen in the previous survey.—*Kyodo News*

Yuichiro Miura celebrates after arriving at the base camp of Mt. Everest in Nepal by a helicopter on 26 May, 2013. He arrived in Kathmandu later the same day.

Miura and his team reached the summit of Mt Everest on 23 May, making Miura, an 80-year-old Japanese alpinist and professional skier, the oldest person ever to scale the 8,848-metre mountain.

KYODO NEWS



New Zealand steps up cyclone recovery aid to Samoa

WELLINGTON, 27 May—The New Zealand government announced on Monday it was stepping up its aid to Samoa to help the Pacific island nation's recovery from Cyclone Evan, which killed 14 people when it struck in

December last year.

Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said New Zealand would give another 6 million NZ dollars (4.85 million US dollars), bringing its total support in the wake of the cyclone to 12.6 million

NZ dollars.

"The Samoan government is working as quickly as possible to repair and rebuild. New Zealand is committed to supporting that effort," McCully said in a statement.—*Xinhua*

Armed rebels kill at least 27 in India's northwest

NEW DELHI, 27 May—Armed rebels killed at least 27 people, including top leaders of the state Congress party, in an attack on a Congress rally on Saturday night in Chhattisgarh State in northwestern Indian, Indian media reported on Sunday.

The reports blame the attack on Naxal rebels who have been fighting the Indian government for years to press their demands for better treatment of the poor and of tribal peoples.

Naxal attacks have targeted government leaders, civil servants, police and troops across much of India, including Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

Reports say 10 bodies were recovered in Chhattisgarh on Sunday morning, including those of state Congress President Nand Kumar Patel and his son. Patel and his son were car-

ried off by the rebels during the Saturday attack.

Senior Congress leader Mahendra Karma was also killed and former Union minister VC Shukla was badly wounded by three gunshots in his stomach.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress President Sonia Gandhi both condemned the attack and called upon the rebels to release the Congress leaders they kidnapped during the ambush.

Congress leader Karma, said to be the main target of the attack, was known for condemning the Naxal movement and had faced an assassination attack in the past.

According to some TV reports, as many as 1,200 rebels launched the Saturday attack on a convoy of Congress leaders as they were on their way to public rally ahead of state elections that are expected within the next six months.

Kyodo News



Korean culture teacher Pak Kang Su (far L) introduces greetings in South Korea during a class for third-year students at Wakamatsu Chuo Elementary School in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture on 18 April, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Poor urban planning makes it difficult to control fires in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 27 May—A two-day inferno on 16-17 May razed a famous bookstore, Pilgrims Books House, along with other buildings in Thamel, a major tourist hub in this capital city.

The fire that started at around 11 pm on Thursday was brought under control at 9 am on Friday, or only after 10 hours. Although there were no casualties, the loss in

properties was in the millions of rupees. This has prompted city residents to ask whether Nepal's capital is capable of meeting head-on major calamities such as fires.

"The answer is no," Rajendra Aryal, a Home Ministry official at the disaster management unit, told *Xinhua* in an interview on Sunday. "Our city lags way behind other capitals in responding to a fire incident,"

Aryal said, adding that hazardous and unplanned urbanization is the biggest contributing factor to the problem. Settlements, with narrow roads and lack of exits, have mushroomed in the metropolis during the past decade and authorities were unable to implement a proper building code that would have adequate fire prevention mechanisms, Aryal said. *Xinhua*

Singapore's Changi Airport posts slight growth in passenger traffic in April

SINGAPORE, 27 May—Singapore's Changi Airport handled 4.24 million passengers in April, up 0.8 percent year on year, the airport said on Monday.

Changi Airport Group said the Good Friday holiday, which fell in March this year but in April last year, had a light impact on the passenger traffic. Aircraft movements grew by 4.3 percent to 27,500 flights, while cargo throughput was down 1.8

percent at 145,600 tons.

In the first four months of this year, Changi handled 17.3 million passengers, up 4.8 percent year on year.

Changi Airport Group said the passenger traffic in the coming months may be volatile, adding that the near-term outlook for aviation remains cloudy due to high fuel prices, depressing cargo volumes and weakening economic prospects for the global economy.—*Xinhua*

Education talks aim at strengthening New Zealand, Colombia links

WELLINGTON, 27 May—The New Zealand government is hoping that plans to step up education links with Colombia this week will bolster moves to make English an official language in the Latin American country.

Colombian Vice Minister of Education Patrizia Martinez Barrios arrived in New Zealand on Sunday for a week-long visit with a delegation of senior government and business representatives for talks to build education connections between the two countries.

A bilateral education consultation meeting will be held in Wellington on Tuesday involving New Zealand education and immigration officials, as well as representatives of New Zealand education providers, Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Minister Steven Joyce said on Monday.

A statement of intent would be signed at the meeting with both countries agreeing to establish Masters Degree and PhD scholarship programmes, and to collaborate on technical and vocational education and industry-based training, particularly in agriculture. "The objective of the bilateral education consultation meeting is to help our education sector build a deeper understanding of Colombia's education requirements, and progress proposals for Colombian PhD students to study in New Zealand," Joyce said in a statement. *Xinhua*



Graduates wearing academic dresses pose for photos at Zhejiang Agriculture and Farming University in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 May, 2013.

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Nigerian military says no collateral damage in offensive against insurgency

MAIDUGURI, 27 May— Nigerian troops operating in northeast Borno State on Saturday said there is no collateral damage in the current military offensive against the Boko Haram insurgency.

Spokesman of the Joint Task Force, Lt Col Sagir Musa, said in a briefing with journalists in Maidu-

guri, the state capital, that no civilian was killed during the airstrike on the three of the Boko Haram camps at Sambisa Game Reserve on Monday.

"Diligent, painstaking and careful military planning were done before we carried out the operations in all the Boko Haram camps but I can tell you, there is no

collateral damage. No civilian was killed in the operation," he added.

He said the military would dislodge the insurgent group should its members re-group anywhere in the West African country.

The JTF has no plan to barricade Maiduguri, the epicentre of the insurgency, as being speculated, ac-

cording to the spokesman.

"It has come to the notice of the Joint Task Force Operation Restore ORDER the purported rumor going round that the JTF will barricade Maiduguri metropolis. The rumour urged residents to purchase foodstuffs and other domestic needs to avoid been taken unaware," Sagir added.—Xinhua



People prepare oysters during the annual Bluff Oyster and Food Festival in Bluff, New Zealand, on 25 May, 2013. Over 5000 seafood fans joined in the festival. XINHUA

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Japanese film receives jury prize at Cannes Film Festival

CANNES, 27 May— The Japanese film "Like Father, Like Son," directed by Hirokazu Koreeda, received the Prix du Jury at the 2013 Cannes International Film Festival on Sunday. It is the first Japanese film to receive an award in the competition division since Naomi Kawase's "The Mourning Forest," which won the Grand Prix in 2007.

Kawase served as a member of this year's jury, which was headed by US director Steven Spielberg, becoming the first Japanese in 17 years to join the jury.

"I would like to share my joy in receiving the award with the cast and crew of the film, including (lead actor Masaharu)

Fukuyama," Koreeda said in his acceptance speech at the ceremony's closing.

The Palme d'Or top prize went to Abdellatif Kechiche's lesbian love story "Blue is the Warmest Color," winning over Joel and Ethan Coen's folk music comedy "Inside Llewyn Davis," which took home the Grand Prix runner-up award. Other Japanese films "Shield of Straw," by Takashi Miike, which was running in the competition, and "The Meteorite and Impotence," by Omoi Sasaki, which was selected for the short film competition, went home empty-handed. "Like Father, Like Son" is a family drama depicting a middle-class couple who learn the child they have brought up for six years is not their biological son, who was switched at birth with the child from a family of modest means. It is the third of Koreeda's works to be screened at the Cannes competition in 12 years, and follows "Nobody Knows" for which Yuya Yagira won the Best Actor award in 2004.

Kyodo News

Rapper Naughty Boy tops British pop music chart

LONDON, 27 May — British rapper and producer Naughty Boy topped Britain's pop music chart for the first time on Sunday with "La La La," a dance track recorded with London singer Sam Smith.

Last week's number one, "Get Lucky" by French electronic duo Daft Punk and American singer Pharrell Williams, slipped down to second place.

British folk-rock singer Passenger's "Let Her Go" also fell one spot to num-



French love story wins top prize at Cannes

CANNES, 27 May — An intimate love story by French director Abdellatif Kechiche won the top prize in Cannes on Sunday, and the film festival's director immediately urged the large crowds protesting against gay marriage in Paris to go and see it.

"La Vie d'Adele — Chapitre 1 & 2" (Blue is the Warmest Colour) was cho-

sen from a field of 20 films exploring sex, violence and emotional anguish which were vying for the Palme d'Or, one of the most coveted film awards after the Oscars.

Critics picked the three-hour film as a possible winner at the 66th Cannes festival, but wondered if its explicit scenes — one lasting up to 10 min-

utes — would deter the jury deciding the awards led by US filmmaker Steven Spielberg.

In an unusual move, Spielberg said the award would be shared between Kechiche and his two lead actresses Adele Exarchopoulos and Lea Seydoux as they were central to the film's success.

Reuters

'Fast & Furious' leads 'Hangover' in big-budget movie battle

LOS ANGELES, 27 May — The speed demons of "Fast & Furious 6" raced ahead of the hard-partying "Hangover" gang in a battle between two male-oriented movie franchises, setting up the car chase sequel for a big holiday weekend win at US and Canadian box offices. "Fast & Furious 6" rang up an estimated \$98.5 million in domestic ticket sales from Friday through Sunday and was speeding toward \$122.5 million by the end of Monday's US Memorial Day holiday, distributor Universal Pictures projected. Comedy sequel "The Hangover Part III" brought in \$42.4 million from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates, and was likely to finish with \$64 million through Monday, after a Thursday opening.

Last weekend's box office leader, sci-fi sequel "Star Trek Into Darkness,"

fell to third place with \$38 million through Sunday and was headed toward \$48 million through Monday.

The movies charged up the North American box office, putting ticket sales on pace for a Memorial Day weekend record. Receipts for all films could reach \$323 million through Monday, according to Hollywood.com, shattering the 2011 record of \$276.3 million. "A perfect storm of hits led to this incredible weekend with going out to the movies proving itself to be the first choice for outside-of-the-home entertainment," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Hollywood.com's box office division. The sixth installment of "Fast & Furious" blew past pre-weekend forecasts for \$80 million in domestic sales over four days by nearly 50 percent.

Reuters



Kristen Stewart had an infamous affair with director Rupert Sanders and Robert Pattinson can't seem to forget that.—PTI

Robert Pattinson cannot get over Kristen Stewart's affair

LOS ANGELES, 27 May — Hollywood actor Robert Pattinson cannot get over ex-girlfriend Kristen Stewart's affair with director Rupert Sanders.

Pattinson caught Stewart cheating on him with the married director last year.

"Rob broke up with Kristen because he never

got over the fact that she cheated," contactmusic.com quoted a source as saying.

"He is never going to forget. For a superstar, he can be very insecure and what went down last year just preyed on that. Rob gets in his own head and thinks the worst. He broods a lot," the source said. —PTI

ber three, according to the Official Charts Company, which compiles the weekly rundown.

American rapper Macklemore's "Can't Hold Us," recorded with producer Ryan Lewis and singer Ray Dalton, was unchanged in fourth position. In the album chart, Daft Punk went straight in at number one with new entry "Random Access Memories," knocking Scottish veteran Rod Stewart's "Time" down to second place.—Reuters



Cast member and producer Vin Diesel poses at the premiere of the new film, "Fast & Furious 6" at Universal Citywalk in Los Angeles on 21 May, 2013.

REUTERS

SPORTS

Nadal, Sharapova and French men top Monday's Paris bill



Rafael Nadal of Spain arrives for a training session at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 25 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Idoki wins Senior PGA title after Perry collapse

LOS ANGELES, 27 May—Japan's Kohki Idoki clawed back a five-stroke deficit to win the Senior PGA Championship on Sunday following a final round collapse by Kenny Perry. Idoki shot a final-round 65 to vault past the field on his way to a two-stroke victory at the Bellerive Golf Club in St Louis. The 51-year-old charged with four birdies on the front nine and two more on the back to finish on 11-under-par 273.

It was more Major disappointment for Perry, who endured playoff defeats at the 2009 Masters

and 1996 PGA Championship. The 52-year-old ended on nine under, tied for second with Jay Haas and just ahead of Mark O'Meara (eight under) and Kiyoshi Murota (seven under).

Perry had entered the final round with a two-stroke lead and built momentum with three birdies on his first five holes before falling apart on the back nine. He made a double bogey on 13 that dropped him into a tie with Idoki, then fell out of the lead with a bogey on 16 and added another on 17.—Reuters



Japan's Kohki Idoki

Gremio reject loan extension for Arsenal defender Santos

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 May—Gremio has declined to extend its loan deal with Arsenal defender Andre Santos, the Brazilian club's coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo said on Sunday.

Santos joined the Porto Alegre outfit in February after struggling for first-team opportunities under Gunners boss Arsene Wenger. But the 30-year-old failed to impress Luxemburgo and was not even considered for the club's opening Brazilian Serie A fixture against Nautico on Sunday, which Gremio won 2-0.

"He has helped us a lot but his contract is expen-

sive," Luxemburgo said. "He came here for the Copa Libertadores and the move was a success, but it's not possible to continue." The left-back has made just 23 first-team appearances

for the Gunners since his 2011 move from Turkey's Fenerbahce. He will return to Emirates Stadium in July but his future at the London club remains in doubt.

Xinhua



Arsenal defender Andre Santos

PARIS, 27 May—A day after former champions Roger Federer and Serena Williams eased into the second round with the minimum of fuss, it will be the turn of title holders Rafael Nadal and Maria Sharapova to grace the French Open with their presence on Monday.

Spanish third seed Nadal, who looks to win the claycourt grand slam for a record-extending eighth time, is second in action on Court Philippe Chatrier against German Daniel Brands while

Russian second seed Sharapova closes proceedings against Taipei's Hsieh Su-wei. Nadal and Sharapova, however, will not be the top draw in Paris on Monday when rays of sunshine might be in short supply. Five Frenchmen are likely to draw in the crowds on the showcourts as they bid to follow in the footsteps of Yannick Noah's 1983 French Open triumph.

Sixth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and seventh seed Richard Gasquet will play on Court Suzanne Lenglen



Maria Sharapova.

against Slovenian Aljaz Bedene and Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine respectively. The unseeded Gael Monfils, who reached the French

Open semi-finals in 2008, will be on Court Philippe Chatrier against Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych.

Reuters

Italian Manassero, 20, becomes youngest PGA winner



Matteo Manassero of Italy hits his tee shot on the second hole during second round play in the 2013 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 12 April, 2013.—REUTERS

VIRGINIA WATER, (England), 27 May—Matteo Manassero became the youngest winner in the 58-year history of the PGA Championship by beating Britain's Simon Khan with a birdie four at the fourth hole of their playoff at Wentworth on Sunday. The Italian is 60 days younger than previous record holder Bernard Gallacher of Britain who was 20 years and 97 days old when he lifted the coveted title in 1969.

Britain's Marc Warren dropped out of a three-

man playoff after hitting a wayward drive at the first extra hole and having to play three off the tee. The trio had all finished on 10-under-par 278 at

the European Tour's flagship event after Khan, the 2010 champion, charged through the field with a six-under 66 while Manassero and Warren carded 69s.

Manassero also became only the second Italian to win the trophy, after former Ryder Cup player Costantino Rocca in 1996. Spanish pair Miguel Angel Jimenez (67) and overnight leader Alejandro Canizares (72) shared fourth place on 279 after another day of sunshine and cloudless skies on the outskirts of London. "It's been an amazing week," said Manassero at the presentation ceremony after capturing the fourth tour victory of his short career.

"I've always felt something really special about this place and this tournament. Everything has come together this week and I managed to pull it off in the playoff." Former world number one Lee Westwood, one stroke off the pace overnight and the favourite to scoop the first prize of 791,660 euros (\$1.02 million), made a fast start with a hat-trick of birdies to the fourth earning a two-shot lead. The Florida-based Briton's round then unraveled with successive bogeys at the sixth and seventh and a double-bogey seven at the 12th wrecked his chances for good as he struggled to a 73 for 281.

Reuters

Charmed Kanaan wins Indy 500 in 12th attempt

INDIANAPOLIS, 27 May—With a good luck charm he had given to a sick child back in his pocket, Brazilian Tony Kanaan won his first Indianapolis 500 on Sunday to end a decade of disappointment at the famed Brickyard. The former IndyCar champion captured the crown jewel of North American motor racing in his 12th attempt to complete his resume, taking the checkered flag under caution after defending champion Dario Franchitti crashed with just over two laps to go.

"This is it man, I made it," Kanaan said before he dumped the traditional winner's bottle of milk over his head. "Finally I am going to put my ugly face on that trophy." Colombia's Carlos Munoz crossed the finish line second in his IndyCar racing debut followed by American Ryan Hunter-Reay. Marco Andretti, grandson of former Formula One champion and Indy 500 winner Mario Andretti, finished fourth in a furious and frenetic race that featured a record 68 lead changes, dou-



KV Racing Technology driver Tony Kanaan of Brazil pours the traditional milk on his head as he celebrates with his crew after winning the 97th running of the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 26 May, 2013.—REUTERS

ble the previous mark set in 2012.

One of IndyCar's most popular figures, Kanaan had known nothing but bad luck at the sprawling 2.5 mile oval speedway, coming close but never able to reach Victory Lane. Kanaan's luck, however, changed when he received a package four days before the race containing a good luck charm he had given to a young girl nine years ago just before she was about to undergo brain

surgery. The woman, now 24 years old and healthy, returned the charm back to Kanaan along with a note that read: "Here's your good luck charm back. Now you take it and win the Indianapolis 500." As Kanaan drove his Dallara-Chevy into a packed Victory Lane he pulled the medal out of his race suit and held it high before he was mobbed by team mates and friends, including former series champion Alex Zanardi.—Reuters

GENERAL



Photo taken on 25 May, 2013 shows the No 12 glacier in Laohugou Valley on the western section of the Qilian Mountain, northwest China's Gansu Province. The No 12 glacier in Laohugou Valley, the longest glacier in the Qilian Mountain, has presented an apparent shrinkage due to the rising temperature, according to a research made by China Academy of Sciences.—XINHUA

Child, elderly tourist drown off Greek beaches

ATHENS, 27 May—A six year old Greek boy and a 65 year old female tourist drown off beaches across Greece within a few hours during the weekend, as authorities launch a campaign to address the worrying pattern of increasing number of accidental such deaths every summer.

The six year old child drown as he was swimming without constant supervision by his grandmother along other three children off the coast of western Peloponnese peninsula, local media reported. Swimmers tried to save him, but failed.

The 65 year old tourist drown at a beach in the southern Aegean Sea island of Crete near the port city of Herakleion.

According to local media, she lost consciousness and despite the intervention

of a life guard, she succumbed at the local hospital. Her nationality has not been revealed by authorities yet.

The two tragedies were reported, as Greek authorities launch a new awareness campaign at the start of the summer season to avoid such incidents as much as possible this year.

In 2012, according to official data from the Coast Guard released to the Greek national news agency AMNA recently, a total of 396 persons drowned across Greece. It was one of the highest rates in Europe and is regarded as a particularly negative record for a sea nation.

According to previous Coast Guard statistics, the number of people drowning in Greece every summer is on the rise since 2008. In 2008 there were 283 deaths

recorded, in 2009 a total of 327, in 2010 at least 371 and the same number the next year.

The increasing trend has been linked by some experts to the economic crisis which has hit the country since 2009. Due to cuts on public spending and heavy recession, several municipalities and private seaside resorts seem to have been hiring less life guards compared to the past. According to official statistics, there have been 468 beaches with life guards in 2011 and 361 last year. The Coast Guard announced last week the start of an awareness campaign to prevent such deaths. In the first phase of the program, at least 5,500 elementary school pupils in Athens will receive leaflets with advice regarding safe behaviour at the beach.

Xinhua

Federer and Serena enjoy Sunday strolls

PARIS, 27 May—Roger Federer is used to ending grand slam tournaments on Sundays rather than starting them but the French Open's quirky schedule could not throw the Swiss stylist off his stride as he strolled through his Roland Garros opener in ruthless fashion. The 31-year-old had his nose put out of joint when forced to play on opening Sunday when the French Open brought forward the start in 2006 but he was serene as he thrashed Spanish grand slam rookie Pablo Carreno-Busta 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the first round this year. He was in good company too.

Federer, winner of a record 17 grand slam ti-



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return to Pablo Carreno-Busta of Spain during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 26 May, 2013. Federer beat Carreno-Busta 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.—REUTERS

tles, walked out on a chilly Philippe Chatrier court after 15-times major winner Serena Williams put

down an early marker with a 51-minute drubbing of Georgia's Anna Tatishvili. American Williams turned

Small plane crash kills three in southern Russia

Moscow, 27 May—A small seaplane crashed in southern Russia on Sunday night, killing three people onboard, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The crash occurred

at 8:50 pm Moscow time (1650 GMT) in the Krasnodar region, when the plane was conducting a crop-dusting operation, the Interfax news agency quoted local authorities as saying.

All three people onboard — two pilots and one passenger — were found dead when rescuers arrived at the scene shortly after the crash, said the emergency authorities.

Xinhua

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| 12. Cartoon Series | 28. News |
| 12:00 pm | 8:00 pm |
| 13. News/ International News/ Weather Report | 29. News/ International News/ Weather Report |
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ANA resumes Boeing 787's commercial operation

TOKYO, 27 May—Japanese airline All Nippon Airways Co (ANA) on Sunday resumed Boeing 787's commercial operation since a series of battery troubles made the dreamliners grounded worldwide in January, local media reported.

A Boeing 787 ran by ANA with 218 passengers left New Chitose Airport in north Japan after 5 pm and landed at Tokyo's Haneda Airport at 6:30 pm, said Japan's Kyodo News.

The airline has improved battery system in its dreamliners and conducted

test flights before restarting operation of Boeing 787. ANA said the new battery system ran well during the short operation on Sunday, according to the report.

Japanese and US aviation authorities gave green light for the Boeing 787s to resume service on 26 April.

ANA and Japan Airlines Co (JAL) are the world's two largest operators of the Boeing dreamliners, and the JAL will resume its Boeing 787s operations on 1 June, said Kyodo.

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Residents visit the National Museum of Fine Arts on the Cultural Heritage Day, in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 26 May, 2013. Chile opened to the public 350 historic sites in the country as part of the Heritage Day celebration on Sunday.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The sector-wise working group coordination meeting of the representatives from KOICA, UNDP, JICA, UNESCO, USAID, UNFPA, UNAIDS, New Zealand, Italy, Korea, Israel, Japan, ADB, ILO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat and IOM and Myanmar Government for systematic implementation of the resolution of Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum and Nay Pyi Taw Accord held in January, took place at the meeting hall of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this morning.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw said that Nay Pyi Taw Accord adopted in 1st Myanmar Development

Cooperation Forum by Myanmar Government and Development Partnerships was recognized by international countries and organizations.

It can be attributed to cooperation of representatives from development partnerships and 15 sectoral working groups were formed with representatives of government institutions and development partnership institutions to implement policies to ensure effectiveness of aid, the Union minister added.

It was attended by the deputy minister and the directors-general of the ministry, group leader and members from sector-wise working groups of the ministries, ambassadors and delegates from

Sector-wise working group meeting of Myanmar and development partnerships held



development partnership countries. Those present also discussed sector-wise work progress, future

programmes and proposed tasks for development of Myanmar.

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The sector-wise working group coordination meeting of Myanmar Government and development partnership countries in progress.

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Procter & Gamble (P&G)'s water donation reaches six billion liters



Ceremony to mark the completion of delivering 6 billion liters of purified water donation in progress at Sedona Hotel.—MNA

YANGON, 27 May—Procter & Gamble (P&G)

that announced a milestone in their efforts to save one

life every hour through sharing clean drinking

water organized a ceremony to mark the completion of delivering 6 billion liters of purified water at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning. It was attended by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell and responsible persons of P&G, UMFCCI officials, responsible persons of social organizations and media persons.

Vice-President and General Manager of ASEAN Procter & Gamble (P&G) Mr. Samuel Kim spoke words of thanks via video.

Next, Project Director Mr. Greg Allgood demonstrated how to purify dirty water to purity through

Condition of Southwest Monsoon Advancement

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the North Bay of Bengal and central Myanmar areas, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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four-gram water purification powder sachets.

As the P&G Purifier of Water sachets can make dirty water safe and clean, it will be of great benefit to a whole family. A four-gram sachet can clean 10 liter of water by killing bacterium and virus. It thereby contributes to a significant reduction of diarrhea disease in developing countries.

Next, Mrs. Chelsea

Clinton, daughter of former US President Mr. Bill Clinton, and the US Ambassador to Myanmar spoke on the occasion.

Then, responsible persons of USAID and P&G, one of US companies, signed agreement to cooperate in social works for protection of lives of mother and children in Myanmar and exchanged notes.

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Come and visit Inlay Lake

Inlay Lake situated in Shwenyaung Township of Shan State (South) is on the list of world wetland regions and also an ASEAN cultural heritage site. The lake is a habitat for rich biodiversity.

Due to the impacts of climate change, increased population and expansion of hospitality businesses, Inlay Lake existed since many years ago has experienced water level reduction in summer year by year. The water in Inlay Lake reached its lowest point at -2.3 feet in 2010. In April, its water has reached -1.7 feet, forming

landmasses in the lake. The water level reduction disputed water transport in the neighbourhoods of PhaungdawU Pagoda and nearby villages.

So, the Irrigation Department carried out dredging works for waterways to Alodawpauk Pagoda and Heya Ywama and Ngapechaung villages. The ministry concerned provided dredgers and dumpers for Inlay Lake conservation works which

are in progress, gaining momentum.

Thanks to such efforts and arrival of monsoon season, the water in Inlay Lake has risen by 1.5 feet and the water level near PhaungdawU Pagoda has increased by six inches compared with the previous month, according to local people. So far dredging of waterways for Ngapechaung village and for Alodawpauk Pagoda has been completed by 70 per cent and 40 per

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cent respectively. Works are underway to reach 4 feet in depth there.

Thus, I would like to

invite pilgrims far and wide of the country and globetrotters around the world to come and visit Inlay lake which is a

place of pilgrimage and also a scenic spot.

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