

World Economic Forum on East Asia (2013) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Inauguration of World Economic Forum on East Asia (2013) was held at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC), here, today.

Chairman Klaus Schwab of the forum said that it was held with two aims—to encourage long-term inclusiveness and development and to make constructive connections with Myanmar. Myanmar is likely to see progress in a generation. So, inter-national economic communities needed to make cooperation with Myanmar.

In his inaugural speech, President U Thein Sein said:

It is my great pleasure to be here with you today at this opening of the World Economic Forum's East Asia Summit.

We are honored that this year's Forum is taking place in Myanmar and our capital Nay Pyi Taw and I wish you all the best of success in your deliberations and discussions over the coming days.

We meet at a very special moment in Asia's history. Over the past few decades we have witnessed great economic advances in this region. In many countries a generation of young people have come to age in a period of unparalleled peace and prosperity, free of colonialism, and equal in their opportunities to young people anywhere else in the world.

I trust that in your panels and meetings you will discuss and debate the challenges to come and identify ways to overcome them. I urge you to be



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein makes inaugural speech at World Economic Forum on East Asia (2013) at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC).—MNA

practical, to steer clear of abstractions, to place at the centre the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and examine ways in which both the public and private sectors can come together to ensure a shared prosperity.

You come to Myanmar at a pivotal moment in our history. We are working hard to move from military rule to democracy, to end the multiple armed conflicts that have ridden this nation since independence in 1948, and to reform the economy, away from a centralized economy to one based on free markets.

I promise you that we

will not waver in this task. But help and support, your investment and knowledge, will be critical for us to fully succeed.

I would like nothing more than for the young people of Myanmar to share too in the greater peace and prosperity of this region.

I hope many of you will also take the opportunity of being here to also travel around my country. You will see first hand the determination of people to improve their lives and build a better future.

Again, I wish you all the best for this important

Forum.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said Vietnam took pride for Myanmar's reform processes. Vietnam would promote its cooperation with other world countries including Myanmar.

He pointed out that it needed to get improvement by creating new thoughts and views through that forum.

Laotian Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong said that it was the time to carry out poverty alleviation tasks. It was of great importance for Laos to connect other

world countries as being a land-locked country. Plans were under way to build a railroad that connects Kunming of China and Vientiane of Laos. He strongly believed that that forum would prioritize poverty alleviation and

regional development.

The inauguration ceremony came to an end after the forum chairman said thanks to the heads and leaders of the countries. The forum will go on till tomorrow.

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MMCWA donates K 3 million for surgical treatment of cleft lip and palate patients



NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung and CEC members donated K 3 million to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital

(1000-bed) for providing surgical treatment to 30 cleft lip and palate patients on 3 June afternoon. The president of the association presented cash assistance to Medical Superintendent Dr

Kyaw Myint who returned the certificate of honour.

Next, the president and CEC members visited the hospital and comforted the patients who will receive surgical treatment.—MNA

Buddhism culture course concludes in Natmauk

NATMAUK, 6 June—The awarding ceremony for those who passed the second Pariyatti Buddhism culture course was held at the pavilion of Saddhammapiti Santisukha Association in Kanswe Village in Htanbingongyi Village-tract of Natmauk Township in Magway Region on 28 May.

Secretary of the association Bahan Maha Withudayon Pali Tekkatho

Shwegyin Taikthit Sayadaw Ashin Sirikanābhivamsa explained the purpose of the association and examination.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay supplicated on religious affairs.

Together with members of the Sangha, the deputy minister presented certificates and prizes to trainees.—Kyemon-Aung Than Tun (Natmauk)

Collected works of new authours introduced

YANGON, 6 June—Collected works of new writers “Fresh New Steps” was introduced at Sarpay Beikman Hall here on 4 June.

The authours of the

book are graduating trainees of Basic Writing Course No (3/2013) conducted by Myanmar Writers’ Association.

MMAL-MWA

Cooperative society members get loans



MEIKTILA, 6 June—Under the programme of alleviating poverty, a micro-credit cooperative society in Pyithaya (South) of Meiktila in Meiktila District of Mandalay Region disbursed loans to its members.

On 28 May, the chairman of the cooperative society presented K 50,000 each to the members. On the

occasion, the cooperative society disbursed K 4,275,000 to 95 members. Kyemon-579

Farmers get farming right certificates in Lashio

LASHIO, 6 June—A ceremony to grant farming right certificates to local farmers was held in Humon, Mehan, Khenin and Sintin village-tracts of Lashio Township in Shan State on 27 May morning.

Shan State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Hsa Lu made a speech.

The minister together with Additional Head of State Settlement and Land Records Department U Than Myint, Head of Shan State Agriculture Department U Myint Aung, District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Khaing Soe, Head of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Kyaw Tun, Township

Administrator U Maung Maung Lwin and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Han Tun Aung presented farming rights certificates to the local farmers.

Moreover, similar certificates have been issued to 277 holdings areas in Lashio Township. Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

CRIME

MYITKYINA, 6 June—Under the instructions of the Commander of Kachin State Police Force Commander, a team led by IP Myo Myint Oo of Hopin Sub-Township Police Station, together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, searched a suspect-looking man who walked

Heroin worth K 120 million seized in Hopin

from Takwin Village to Hopin along Hopin-Takwin-Lonton Road, one mile from the police station on 31 May.

The man attempted to attack the authorities. So the Policemen seized him and searched the polyethylene bags of the person by the name of In Khun La, 35 of

Myazeya Ward in Hopin.

The authorities seized 154 soap boxes containing 13 grams of heroin each, totalling 2002 grams of heroin worth K 120,120,000.

Under the investigation, the person confessed that his brother Masau Gam, 43 of No. 6 region in Myazeya Ward of Hopin asked him to take the bag of heroin from a truck that stopped beside Shwebo-Myitkyina Road near Takwin Cemetery, two furlongs south of Takwin Village. So, the authorities arrested Masau Gam. The authorities are conducting further investigation to arrest the remaining law brokers.

Kyemon-Moekya (Myitkyina)



ACCIDENT

MYAUNGMYA, 6 June—A vehicle plunged into the roadside near Myaungmya Suspension Bridge due to out of control.

At 10.25 pm on 31 May, IP Hla Tun and party together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, inspected the incident.

The vehicle driven by Khin Maung Swe together with Htoo Naing Win and Myo Naing plunged into the

Car plunges into roadside near Myaungmya Suspension Bridge

roadside while dodging the flock of motorbikes that run from the suspension bridge between mile posts 54/4 and 54/5.

In the incident, Khin Maung Swe sustained injuries to right knee and cheek, Htoo Naing Win to head and Myo Naing to left ankle, left eye and left cheek. They were rushed

to Myaungmya General Hospital.

Myaungmya Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver Khin Maung Swe, 32 of No 1207 on Upper Mingala Street in Phawgan Ward of Insein Township for his reckless driving.

Kyemon-Zaw Min Thwin (Myaungmya)

Transformer installation for urban electrification

NYAUNGDON, 6 June—With the concerted efforts of the Ministry of Electric Power and local people, one 11 KV (11000V) power line and one new 315 transformer were installed at the corner of Bo Ba Htoo and Shwe Lin

Yon Streets in Nyaungdon on 25 May for enabling the local people of No. 9 and No. 10 wards of Nyaungdon to consume electricity at full capacity. “In the past, the people missed the change to enjoy electricity due to

lack of transformer. They had only lighting from lamp-posts at night. Now, they have electrification thanks to new power line and transformer, said a teacher from Ward 10.—Kyemon-Tun Kyaw (Nyaungdon)

TECHNOLOGY

Digicel to bring world level communication services to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Digicel has decided to distribute its 4G mobile phone network in the urban and rural areas across the nation

on 1 December 2013 and it will be coincided with the SEA Games to be held from 11 to 22 December this year; moreover, utmost efforts will be made for preparations of the ASEAN Summit with the responsibility of Myanmar in taking ASEAN Chairmanship; Digicel in cooperation with shareholders from Europe and Asia plans to introduce its expertise, experience and efficiency to the customers; YSH Finance Limited, Digicel Group Limited and Quantum Strategic Partners Limited are constituted as a joint venture work joining hands with Denis O’Brien, George Soros and Serge Pun, said Digicel founder Chairman Mr Denis O’Brien in meeting with the media men at Zabuthiri

Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 June.

Mr Serge Pun of FMI Group expressed his emotional feeling that he was eager to give global service of Digicel to the people and he would like to see cheap and convenient service of telecom to the Myanmar people particularly in rural areas.

Digicel has invested US\$ 9 billion in world level mobile phone network, and of them, US\$ 6.6 billion will be directly invested in Myanmar, generating 124,000 jobs.

On 3 June, Digicel has submitted the tender application to the communication service tender scrutiny committee in Nay Pyi Taw.

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WORLD

Six dead in Philadelphia building collapse, thirteen injured



Rescue workers search through rubble following a building collapse in Philadelphia on 5 June, 2013.

REUTERS

PHILADELPHIA, 6 June—Six people were killed and 13 others injured on Wednesday when a building collapsed in downtown Philadelphia, Mayor Michael Nutter said. Search and rescue efforts continued into the night for more victims of the collapse, which occurred around 10:45 am when a four-story building under demolition fell onto a neighbouring two-story Salvation Army Thrift Store.

“We still do not know how many people were inside the thrift store or possibly on the sidewalk” at the time of the collapse, Nutter said at a news conference.

Authorities say the cause of the collapse, which occurred at 22nd and Market streets in the heart of Philadelphia’s Center City, was still under investigation.

A witness told *Reuters* the building collapse shook the ground and knocked a man off his feet on the sidewalk outside the thrift store. “It was ground-shaking. The shaking of the ground made the man fall down,” said Jordan McLaughlin, 18, of Philadelphia.

Police urged the public to stay away from the area while rescuers dug through the rubble.

Authorities said the building that was being demolished had housed an X-rated book and video store. They said it was owned by Richard Basciano, a well-known owner of adult entertainment properties including Philadelphia’s last X-rated movie house, which closed in 2012, and a New York Times Square pornography emporium known as Show World, which closed in 2004. Basciano did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment.—*Reuters*

Police ready to deal with troublemakers, terror threat at G-8 summit

LONDON, 6 June—Police in Northern Ireland said on Wednesday that they are prepared to deal with any possible threats to security from protesters or terrorists at this year’s summit of the Group of Eight nations.

A total of 8,000 police officers will guard the summit on 17 and 18 June. G-8 leaders will stay at a luxury golf resort in Lough Erne, Enniskillen, about 133 kilometres west of Belfast.

Addressing foreign journalists in London, Matt Baggott, chief constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) said, “We are fully prepared. There has been meticulous planning.”

Baggott said there is still a threat from republican terrorist groups in Northern Ireland and police are preparing themselves for the possibility that the dissidents have something planned in order “to get themselves noticed” by the international media during the summit.

There have been several attacks on police this year from dissident republican groups which refuse to support the political power-sharing agreement undertaken by Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

Alistair Finlay, assistant chief constable for the PSNI, said several large demonstrations are planned in Belfast and also close to the summit venue.

The protests are being held on a range of issues including food poverty, fracking, the environment and capitalism and are expected to attract about 9,000 people.

Demonstrators on one march in Enniskillen will be allowed to walk to the perimeter fence of the summit venue. Finlay said the

PSNI will tolerate lawful and peaceful protests but will “seek to isolate those who seek trouble.”

Northern Ireland Secretary Theresa Villiers said, “A huge amount of work and energy is being invested in ensuring that the summit is a success and world leaders receive a warm welcome and the best of Northern Ireland’s hospitality. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate how far Northern Ireland has come in recent years.

“Some may want to protest but others sadly may be intent on disruption. We remain vigilant about the terrorist threat.”

The G-8 comprises Britain, France, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

Kyodo News

Third people killed in Turkey’s demonstrations

ANKARA, 6 June—Another anti-government demonstrator was killed on Wednesday during clashes with Turkish police, bringing the death toll of the protests to three, a representative of the Turkish Medical Association (TTB) said.

The victim, who was wounded in his head during clashes in capital Ankara, died of his injuries on Wednesday, the representative was quoted as saying by local media.

Earlier in the day, TTB said two people were killed and over 4, 100 from 12 provinces were wounded in the week-long anti-government protests across Turkey.

The protest started as a peaceful demonstration against the demolition plans of Taksim Square’s Gezi Park in Istanbul and later turned into clashes between the police and thousands of protesters. The protests have spread to 67 provinces, including Ankara and the coastal cities of Antalya and Izmir. On Tuesday, the government started to soften its tone after Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc apologized to the protesters for the excessive force used by the police.

Xinhua

NATO fleshes out details of smaller, post-2014 Afghan mission

BRUSSELS, 6 June—NATO fleshed out plans on Wednesday for the smaller training and advisory mission it will leave in Afghanistan once it ends combat operations at the end of 2014, including which allies will take charge of the mission in each region of the country.

But the military alliance did not spell out how many troops would stay on, with several countries waiting for lead nation the United States to detail its commitment before making pledges of their own.

NATO-led forces are expected to cede the lead role for security across Afghanistan later this year to Afghan soldiers, 12 years after the US-led overthrow of the Taliban government harbouring Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaeda leader who masterminded the 11 September attacks on US cities. NATO defence

ministers endorsed an outline plan, known as a “concept of operations”, on Wednesday for a smaller post-2014 mission that will give advice and training to Afghan security ministries and army and police commanders after most foreign combat troops leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Military experts will now work out details of the new “Resolute Support” mission over the coming months, NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said at the end of a two-day meeting of alliance defence ministers.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said the United States had committed to being the largest single contributor to the post-2014 mission and to being lead nation in the east and south of the country, the most volatile areas in recent years.

Germany had agreed to



US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel addresses a news conference during a NATO defence ministers meeting at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 5 June, 2013.

REUTERS

serve as lead nation in the north of Afghanistan and Italy in the west, he said. Turkey was “favourably considering” being the lead nation in Kabul for the new mission.

US Marine Corps General Joseph Dunford, commander of international forces in Afghanistan, said specific troop numbers were not discussed.

“Now, over the next several months, and we believe in early fall, we will come back with a detailed operational plan that will talk about the

specific resources required to execute the plan,” he told reporters.

Dunford said on Tuesday that NATO was likely to wait until after this year’s Afghan fighting season, which traditionally starts in spring when the snow recedes from the mountains, before deciding the size of the post-2014 force. US officials said in February that the alliance was considering keeping a residual force of 8,000 to 12,000 troops compared with about 100,000 now.

Reuters

Pakistan’s new leader Sharif calls for end to US drone attacks

ISLAMABAD, 6 June — Pakistan’s newly elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called on Wednesday for an end to drone attacks in Pakistan’s remote tribal

areas by the United States.

“The chapter of drone attacks in Pakistan must come to an end,” Sharif said in his first address after being elected as leader for

the next five years. “We respect other’s sovereignty. Others should also respect our sovereignty,” he said.

Sharif said his government would consult

all political parties to forge a “common plan of action” to bring an end to drone attacks along the country’s border with Afghanistan.

Kyodo News



Peng Liyuan (1st R), wife of Chinese President Xi Jinping, accompanied by Mexico’s first lady Angelica Rivera, hugs a child patient during her visit to Federico Gomez Children’s Hospital, in Mexico City, Mexico, on 4 June, 2013.

XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Fetch! Robot retrievers compete in \$1.5 million NASA contest

BOSTON, 6 June — Eleven robots faced off in a Massachusetts field on Wednesday, showing off their ability to independently track down objects in a hunt for \$1.5 million in prize money at a NASA-sponsored contest aimed at speeding technological development.

In the first day of a three-day event, robots designed by teams from the United States, Canada and Estonia set out from a platform in a 2-acre (0.8 hectare) park at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, to search among rolling hills, rocks, trees and a gazebo to find geologic samples.

They operated without human control, with the goal of encouraging advancements in autonomous navigation and robotics technologies, NASA officials said.

“Improving this technology will be a huge boon, not just to NASA and space exploration, but also for countless applications here on Earth,” including industrial purposes, Sam Ortega, program manager of Centennial Challenges, said in a statement.

The Centennial Challenges programme, managed by NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama, is part of the agency’s Space Technology Mission Directorate, which develops hardware for future missions.

Robots in the contest will be required to retrieve samples in a range of shapes and sizes, from shoe-box-like forms to objects resembling tennis balls. Prizes range from \$100,000 to \$1.5 million, depending on the complexity of the samples retrieved.

Organizers chose the park setting to provide real-

world challenges to the robots.

At last year’s event, also held at Worcester Polytechnic, no prize money was awarded because the one robot that qualified for



the contest failed to collect the required samples in the allotted time.

Robots entered in the contest can weigh no more than 80 kilograms (176 pounds) and measure up to 1.5 metres (about 5 feet) square. The programme caters mostly to citizen

Five-year-old Brady Chapman watches a robot from Kuukulgur team from Estonia compete in NASA’s 2013 Sample Return Robot Challenge at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts on 5 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Apple to sell audio ads on “iRadio” music service

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 June — Apple Inc is gearing up to sell audio ads on a music-streaming service it intends to unveil at its developers conference next week, according to people familiar with the plan, going up against Google Inc and Pandora Media Inc in the increasingly competitive market for mobile tunes.

The iPhone maker, which has been working to put together a streaming music service for the past year, has contacted some of its bigger advertisers but hasn’t started selling the service extensively yet, one of the people said.

The music service, dubbed “iRadio” by the tech industry and media, is expected to closely resemble Pandora Music in its monetization strategy. It will feature audio and banner ads sold through Apple’s iAd mobile network, said the people who were not authorized to speak publicly.

The service, which is expected to launch later this year, will also have ads currently sold by the iAd division, they said.

When finally launched, Apple will become the latest entrant to an arena that sources say tech giants from Amazon.com Inc to Facebook have considered joining.

It’s unclear what features the service will have, though Wall Street analysts and technology blogs speculate it will, like Pandora, operate much like an online radio station that streams a selection of music based on users’ preferences.

Mobile device makers see a viable music streaming service as crucial to ensuring users remain loyal to their mobile products. About 48 percent of smartphone users listen to music on their device, making it the fourth most popular media-related activity after social networking, games and news, according to a ComScore survey of mobile behavior released in February.

Holding onto users is key to Apple, which gets the lions’ share of its revenue from the sale of devices rather than the sale of digital content such as songs and TV shows.—Reuters



A man talks on his telephone as customers walk through an Apple store in Grand Central Terminal in New York, on 15 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Fossil suggests human ancestors “smaller than rats”

BEIJING, 6 June — Scientists have announced the discovery of the world’s oldest known fossil primate skeleton, which suggests the early ancestors of humans might be “miniscule monkeys” smaller than rats.

The nearly complete skeleton, unearthed in central China’s Hubei Province in 2003, belongs to a new genus and species named *Archicebus achilles*, according to a paper co-written by Chinese, American and French scientists and published in Thursday’s issue of the journal *Nature*.

Scientists said the monkey lived 55 million years ago, during the early part of the Eocene epoch. It is 7 million years older than the oldest primates known previously, including *Darwinius* from Messel in Germany and *Notharctus* from Wyoming in the United States.

The tiny primate had a body around 71 mm long and its weight was estimated between 20 and 30 grams. Studies into its skeleton suggest the creature was a frequent leaper favoring four-limbed grasping, and its small eyes and pointy teeth indicate it

was an insect-hunter only by day.

Dr Ni Xijun of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who led the research team, said the primate was an early member of the tarsier family but one very close to anthropoids, which include monkeys, apes and humans. “It lies close to the root of the primate phylogenetic tree, where the lineages of tarsiers and anthropoids have just begun to diverge, which explains why it bears traits of both tarsiers and anthropoids,” Ni said in an

exclusive interview with *Xinhua*.

Ni said the discovery of the new primate offered clues to the evolutionary roots of higher primates, or anthropoids, and illustrated the life of human’s farthest ancestors. The fossil was unearthed from an ancient lakebed near the city of Jinzhou, near the course of the modern Yangtze River. Scientists from the three countries spent ten years comparing more than 1,000 anatomical characters of 157 mammals to determine the fossil’s position in the primate family tree.—Xinhua



Models present Ascend Mate, new smart phone of Huawei, in Hong Kong, south China, on 5 June, 2013. Huawei launched its flagship smart phone Ascend Mate in Hong Kong on 5 June. XINHUA

Curiosity rover to drive toward Mount Sharp on Mars

WASHINGTON, 6 June — US space agency NASA said on Wednesday its rover *Curiosity* will soon shift to a distance-driving mode headed for the Mars mission’s primary destination: a mountain called Mount Sharp.

Curiosity is finishing investigations in an area called Glenelg where it has been working for six months, NASA said, expecting it to start the journey in the next few weeks.

To reach Mount Sharp, about 8 kilometres from its current locations, *Curiosity* is expected to drive toward the southwest “for many months,” said NASA.

“We don’t know when

we’ll get to Mount Sharp,” said Mars Science Laboratory Project Manager Jim Erickson of NASA’s Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in a statement.

“This truly is a mission of exploration, so just be-



rover Curiosity

cause our end goal is Mount Sharp doesn’t mean we’re not going to investigate interesting features along the way,” Erickson said.

Images of Mount Sharp taken from orbit and images *Curiosity* has taken from a distance reveal many layers where scientists anticipate finding evidence about how the ancient Martian environment changed and evolved, NASA said.

Curiosity, which landed on the Red Planet last August, has already discovered an ancient streambed and found evidence of ancient environmental conditions favorable for microbial life.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Procter & Gamble reorganizes businesses under four units



Tide detergent, a Procter & Gamble (P&G) product, is displayed on a shelf at a store in Tempe, Arizona on 29 Oct, 2009.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 June—Procter & Gamble Co (PG.N), the world's largest household products maker, on Wednesday announced a reorganization amid speculation by analysts that the heads of its new units are in the running to replace CEO AG Lafley.

The maker of Tide laundry detergent and Gillette razors brought back Lafley as chief executive in May, as it came under pressure from investors to pick up the pace of improvements.

In an expected move, the company will split its household care and beauty and grooming units into

four sectors starting 1 July: Global Baby, Feminine and Family Care; Global Beauty; Global Health and Grooming; and Global Fabric and Home Care.

"We expect this structure to facilitate faster global expansion of brand and product innovations to win with customers," Lafley said in a statement.

"The individuals who are reporting directly to Lafley are obviously potential candidates to be named to the top spot," said Morningstar analyst Erin Lash, adding that she expects Lafley to be a caretaker CEO.

Martin Riant, Deborah Henretta, David Taylor and

Giovanni Ciserani will lead the units as group presidents. They are assuming additional duties with the change, and will report directly to Lafley.

The company also said that Charles Pierce will assume responsibilities for New Business Creation and Innovation from Jorge Mesquita, who is leaving the company. Pierce will report to Lafley in that additional role.

Also on 1 July, Dimitri Panayotopoulos, current vice chairman for Global Business Units, will assume the role of vice chairman and adviser to the chairman and CEO. He will continue to report to Lafley.

Melanie Healey, group president of North America and Global Hyper, Super and Mass Channel, will begin reporting to Lafley in addition to Werner Geissler, vice chairman, Global Operations, who also reports to the CEO.

"I think there will be more changes to come, too. This is really only a signal of who the successors are," Sanford Bernstein analyst Ali Dibadj said.—Reuters

Elderly more likely to wait in French ERs

NEW YORK, 6 June—People age 75 and older are more likely than younger patients to wait longer than they should in emergency rooms, according to a new study from France.

The study's lead author cautioned, however, that the finding doesn't mean older patients receive worse care or that they should avoid going to the ER.

Instead, "we want to highlight the fact that physicians may be reluctant to see difficult patients, old patients and sick patients," said Dr Yonathan Freund, an emergency physician at the Hospital Pitié-Salpêtrière in Paris.

"I'm not saying that any patients should be concerned," he told Reuters Health.

Previous research has found that older patients tend to wait longer for care in ERs elsewhere, including in the US, the researchers write in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

That's important, they add, because studies have linked longer waiting times to delayed urgent care, more deaths and a greater risk of being admitted to the hospital.

For the new study, Freund and his colleagues analyzed data on 317,793 adults who came to one of nine ERs in and around Paris during 2011.

Of those, 173,629 waited longer than recommended for someone in their condition before being assessed by a doctor. Those target wait times vary from 0 minutes to 4 hours.

Overall, 53 percent of patients younger than 75 waited longer than recommended, compared to 64 percent of people age 75 and older. "There are many things that can be responsible for this longer wait in time," Freund said.

"Some of this may just reflect that (doctors) are making a choice to see the

simplest patient earlier but then decide to go back and spend more time with the older patient," said Dr. Tim Platts-Mills, an emergency medicine doctor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

For example, it would probably be appropriate for a doctor to take one minute to assess a younger patient with a sprained ankle if the doctor can then spend 10 minutes with an older patient, said Platts-Mills, who reviewed the new study for the journal.

"Older adults are - on average - more complicated than younger adults. They take more medication and have more (health problems).—Reuters



An emergency room sign is seen at Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Illinois 30 March, 2011.—REUTERS

SEC moves to tighten regulations on money market funds

WASHINGTON, 6 June—A portion of the \$2.6 trillion money market fund industry would be required to fundamentally change how it prices its shares under proposals issued by US regulators on Wednesday to reduce the risk of abrupt withdrawals.

But the Securities and Exchange Commission plan was not as strict as some market players feared and included an industry-favoured provision for funds to charge withdrawal fees and delay return of funds to customers during times of financial distress.

For more than a year the SEC has been debating whether changes made in 2010 were enough to avoid a repeat of a run on money market funds seen at the height of the financial crisis.

The additional reforms proposed on Wednesday did not go as far as a draft proposal floated last year by then-SEC Chair Mary Schapiro, who left in December.

The fund industry had warned that further major reforms could kill investor interest in money market funds.

In a compromise move,

the SEC's new plan mostly focuses on prime funds for institutional investors, which are seen as more prone to runs because those investors are more sophisticated and more likely to pull large blocks of money first in a panic.

The SEC estimated that institutional funds represent 37 percent of the market with \$1 trillion in assets.

The SEC's plan calls for two alternative proposals that it said could be adopted alone or in combination.

The first piece would require prime funds used by institutional investors to transition from a stable, \$1 per share, to a floating net asset value (NAV).

That reform is a direct response to what happened in 2008 when the Reserve Primary Fund, one of the largest money funds, suffered losses on Lehman Brothers debt and could not maintain its \$1 per share price, known as "breaking the buck."

That ignited a run by investors across the money

fund industry, cutting off a major source of overnight funding for many corporations.

The SEC said that retail and government funds, which are not considered to be at the same risk for runs, would not have to move to a floating NAV. Retail funds are defined as those that limit shareholder redemptions to \$1 million per day.

Government funds would be limited to Treasuries, but the SEC said that most funds featuring tax-exempt debt sold by state and local governments would qualify as retail funds.

The industry has long fought against moving away from a stable share price, which it says is appealing to investors looking for a safe product.

The second proposal would give fund boards for institutional and retail funds the authority to impose so-called "liquidity fees and redemption gates" during times of stress.

That would give funds the power to stop an outflow of investor money, an idea that the SEC's two Republican commissioners last year said they might be able to support.—Reuters



A sign for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is pictured in the foyer of the Fort Worth Regional Office in Fort Worth, Texas on 28 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Skipping shots at sick visits tied to vaccine delays

NEW YORK, 6 June—Kids who don't get vaccines when they see their pediatrician for a sick visit—despite being due for the shots—are more likely to fall behind on immunizations and routine check-ups, according to a new study.

"It's pretty common that kids will come in (for a sick visit) at a time when they should be getting their shots," said Steve Robison, the study's author and a researcher at the Oregon Immunization Programme, part of the state's health department.

Sometimes babies end up skipping those shots, perhaps because parents are concerned they could make a sick baby feel worse or doctors are worried that parents won't come back for a well-baby check-up if infants are already caught up on vaccines.

"The challenge is, if they come in sick, are they going to come back and get shots and well-baby visits in a timely way?" Robison said. His findings suggest those babies end up worse off if doctors forgo shots until they're better.

"It's very clear that

vaccinating at sick visits improves the vaccination rate," said Dr Alexander Fiks, a pediatrician at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who was not part of this study.

"For parents, what I would say is, don't be afraid to get vaccines at sick visits because, for most kids with minor illnesses, it's really no problem. Medically, it's fine," he added.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that babies receive at least 16 vaccine doses during their first six months. Those are spread across well-child visits.

In an earlier study, Robison and his colleagues found a growing number of parents in Oregon are not sticking to the recommended vaccine schedule—so kids end up getting their shots late or not at all.

This time, Robison looked at the immunization records of 1,060 children who went to the doctor for an ear infection around the time when a well-baby check-up should occur. All of the children had state-funded health insurance.

Reuters



**Mr Naoyuki Shinohara,
IMF Deputy Managing
Director.**

1. How significant is this World Economic Forum for East Asia?

The discussion in the WEF for East Asia will be an important input in the efforts of ASEAN leaders to enhance information sharing and improve regional cooperation. ASEAN is a dynamic region. Market forces are bringing ASEAN countries closer together, including through increasing trade links and increasing flows of direct investment. ASEAN leaders aim to enhance regional economic integration through the establishment of an ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015. This dialogue will intensify in the months ahead. While enormous progress has been made in trade integration and deepening financial links, much more remains to be

done.

Discussions in the Forum will focus on some critical issues for integration, notably strengthening resilience to risks; improving the connectivity of ASEAN's frontier economics such as Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar and providing an enabling environment that supports and facilitates the region's growing links. Improving the quality of Asia's hard and soft infrastructure, and harmonizing standards and regulations more broadly, will be critical in this regard and should help to make growth more inclusive. It is also important for Asian countries to strengthen labour market and social protection institutions to deal with the possible adverse effects of greater trade integration on certain groups. All this requires strengthening the region's institutional capacity. The IMF stands ready to assist ASEAN institutions strengthen their capacity in its areas of expertise.

2. What can Myanmar gain from hosting this Forum?

Hosting the Forum provides an opportunity for Myanmar to showcase its achievements in reengaging with the global community and in advancing the economic transition. At the same time, the focus on

Exclusive Interview by news team of News and Periodicals Enterprise with Mr Naoyuki Shinohara, IMF Deputy Managing Director

Myanmar in this forum gives the international community a chance to better understand the prospects and challenges Myanmar is facing.

The Myanmar authorities have made impressive strides in opening and liberalizing the economy, despite limited capacity. They are also committed to ensuring the macroeconomic stability that is crucial for sustaining growth. The IMF is happy to be supporting them in this endeavor.

3. How is IMF assisting Myanmar for its sustainable economic development?

The IMF has been closely cooperating with the authorities throughout the reform process, providing both policy advice and hands-on technical assistance.

The IMF is helping the authorities prioritize macroeconomic reforms and to monitor progress. We are doing this through a jointly-monitored program which aims to maintain macroeconomic stability and build the institutions and framework for macroeconomic management. It is carefully prioritized to take account of constraints. The program covers 2013 and progress so far has been good.

4. Please comment on the potential of Myanmar's economy?

The short-term outlook remains strong—growth is expected to accelerate slightly to around 6¾ percent in 2013/14, led by rising production and investment, including in the transport and telecommunications sectors, and a recovery in agriculture.

5. What areas does IMF see Myanmar to focus more for its economic development?

The authorities' economic reform program is very ambitious, and progress has been good. The government's high-level reform strategy—the Framework for Economic and Social Reforms—emphasizes sustainable and inclusive growth, with a focus on reducing poverty, and building much-needed human capital and infrastructure. We welcome that sectoral reform programs are being developed.

Good progress has been made in the macroeconomic area. Unifying exchange rates and removing restrictions on current account transactions has been largely completed—a very significant step forward. The financial sector is also being

modernized and opened to the outside world. A key priority is to build the tools for conducting monetary policy and supervising the financial sector. A new central bank law to give greater autonomy to the Central Bank of Myanmar, which is expected in mid-2013, will be an important step. The IMF will continue to provide technical assistance in this area.

Raising more revenues to finance public spending on Myanmar's development is also critical. The FY2013/14 budget has been approved by the parliament, and further raises spending on health, education and infrastructure, after significant increases last year. The authorities are also beginning to reform the tax system, with a view to increasing tax revenues, which are at very low levels.

6. What factors should Myanmar be cautious of in integrating into the international monetary arena?

Key risks facing Myanmar arise from the still incomplete set of macroeconomic policy tools at the authorities' disposal. The central bank needs to be equipped with the instruments to conduct domestic monetary policy to enable it to keep inflation in

check, which is necessary for sustained economic growth.

In integrating to the international financial market, risks in the financial sector could also emerge from weak capacity of both supervisors and banks. The IMF is working closely with the authorities to build their capacity in this area.

7. How do you see Myanmar in the next five years?

Myanmar's medium term prospects are bright. Myanmar has significant economic potential, which could yield growth of around seven percent in the medium term, with a stable external balance. In addition to abundant natural resources, it has fertile land; a young, cheap labor force; and a strategic geographic position, which could provide an entry point into Asian supply chains. Investor interest is high.

However, to translate these favorable endowments into sustained and inclusive growth, institutions and policies to manage the economy and supervise the financial system need to be built rapidly. In addition, policies supportive of private-sector investment, as well public spending on infrastructure, health, and education are required.

WEF reverberated with voices of businessmen from around the world News Team from NPE

Business leaders and decision-makers from around the world are participating in the ongoing World Economic Forum on East Asia 2013 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Their discussion would help us Myanmar to ensure its preparation for ASEAN chairmanship and for the ASEAN community.

Leaders from business firms from six countries discussed matters on cooperation in business sector in Myanmar.

Six communications service providers from East Asia led the discussion on goal of future communication network in East Asia.

Young leaders also talked over role of young people in business sector and matters on new view on cooperation in agricultural sector, banking economy system and labour sector.

At the press conference, Union Minister for Hotels

and Tourism U Htay Aung talked over the importance of travel and tourism in Myanmar's economy and communication sector.



U Ko Ko Hlaing.

In the interview, the deputy minister for National Planning and Economic Development, Dr Set Aung, said there is no points that can make Myanmar economy stall.

Those countries that have made reforms like Myanmar has already

faced challenges that could hinder the progress of their economies, he said.

Unlike other counties, Myanmar people want to



Dr Set Aung.

overcome challenges within days while other countries would take 10 years to overcome such kind of the challenges, he said.

He hoped that business firms which would do responsible investment in Myanmar, creating good job opportunities that would also

help the country to ensure its efforts for promoting the image of the country.

Dato Adam Htoon (Principal, Air Mandalay) stressed the need for expansion of airlines as the country is beginning its opening up for economy and in the face of new market challenges in Myanmar due to ASEAN integration programs in the future.

He called on the government for promoting the transportation and communication sectors while it is making efforts for improving the hotels and tourism sector.

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Adviser to the President

World Economic Forum on East Asia is held in Myanmar today while our country is carrying out reforms, and so it is beneficial not only for Myanmar but also for the foreign business firms.

Because, multi national corporations gather at the forum. Through the forum, we can find out their views on our country and we can try how to prepare for the future of our country. The forum can also promote the image of our country.

Myanmar is so popular today. In an article, I read that there has emerged a saying in international business community that "you are still an ordinary man if your passport has not yet stamped with Myanmar visa." The forum can help Myanmar to ensure promoting its image and attracting investments. Thanks to hosting this economic forum, Myanmar has seen progress in conference tourism and young people can gain international experiences at home. Besides, this forum also creates the interaction between the people of Myanmar and international community. That is important for Myanmar. Economic opportunities cannot be

created without interaction among the peoples. I hope the image of Myanmar would be promoted through the success of this forum.

U Ko Ko, Yangon Media Group

"I am very interested in this forum and also participate in the discussion. Thanks to this forum, businessmen can do more investment. On the other hand, the country needs to promote its human resources sector-wise. It's sure we are going to see progress in areas into which investment are flowing."

Daw Aye Hnin Swe, Managing Director, Nango Media Limited

"Most foreign businessmen have much more expectation of making progress in mobile advertisement and social media in Myanmar. Yesterday, I discussed current commercial sector in Myanmar. TV advertisement is ranked first, the print media the Third and radio

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LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar-India Trade Fair organized in Monywa



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Chief Minister Mr O Ibobi Singh of Manipur State of India and officials at Myanmar-India Trade Fair in Monywa.

MONYWA, 6 June—The opening ceremony of Myanmar-India Trade Fair 2013 was held in the city hall of Monywa in Sagaing Region on 28 May morning.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Chief Minister Mr O Ibobi Singh of Manipur State of India, officials from Nagaland and Mizoram States of India, India Consul-General Dr Madan Mohan Sethi and officials, region government ministers, region/district/township level

departmental officials, merchants and industrialists of Myanmar and India and guests attended the opening ceremony.

The Sagaing Region chief minister and the Manipur State chief minister formally opened the trade fair and viewed round the booths.

India side displayed farming equipment, automobile services, mobile handsets and accessories and Myanmar entrepreneurs put on display Myanmar

lacquerwares, products from industrial zones and forest products.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Chief Minister of Manipur State of India Mr O Ibobi Singh and officials attended Sagaing Region Economic and Investment Forum at Mya Sanda Hall in Monywa. U Tha Aye extended greet-

ings at the ceremony.

Manipur State Chief Minister Mr O Ibobi Singh, the Nagaland State minister and the Mizoram State minister also extended greetings.

President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, the president of India merchants association and department officials discussed economic and investment matters.

Then, Chief Minister U Tha Aye, the Indian Manipur State Chief Minister Mr O Ibobi Singh and officials held a discussion on investments between the two countries at Win Unity Hotel in Monywa.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and officials met India Consul-General Dr Madan Mohan Sethi and officials at Win Unity Hotel on 29 May morning. The meeting focused on investments and business.

MMAL-Region IPRD

Surveys start for new Kalay airport site

KALAY, 6 June—Surveys are being conducted 30 miles north of Kalay to build a new airport in Sagaing Region's town.

The new airport is expected to be built in Yazagyo village.

Upon completion of the

new airport, the air links with neighbouring countries are expected.

The old airport is also situated in Yesagyo village and it was built in World War II for logistics purposes.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar boxers leave for Kazakhstan for joint training



Myanmar boxing team seen at the airport before departure to Kazakhstan for joint training.

YANGON, 6 June—Selected Myanmar boxers will have a joint training in Kazakhstan as part of preparation for XXVII SEA Games.

The team formed with chief coach U Tin Maung Pe, boxers Htet Aung, Kyaw Kyaw Latt and Kyaw Kyaw Htet of YCDC, Wai Phyo Tun, Aung Ko Ko and Aung Swe Mon of Home Affairs Ministry, and Maung Nge, Ko Ko Win and Wai Lin Aung of Defence Ministry left Yangon for Kazakhstan on 31 May.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary U Tin Hlaing and responsible persons of Myanmar Boxing Federation.

The team has joint trainings once a month since 2012 in Kazakhstan.

The 40-day joint training is the second joint training Myanmar and Kazakhstan boxers.

The team will also play friendlies with Kazakhstan boxers.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay

FIRE

Fire breaks out in Yangon noodle factory

YANGON, 6 June—A fire broke out in Hong Kong noodle factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (2) in U Ye Paw street in Hlinethaya Township at 6.20 pm on 4 June.

Firefighters managed to put out the fire at 7.15 pm with the help of 46 fire engines. Three buildings

were destroyed in the fire outbreak.

The cause of the fire outbreak is still under investigation. A total of 272 firefighters of FSD and 117 auxiliary firefighters had to use 92000 gallons of water to put out the fire.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay
(Kyimyindine)



Hong Kong noodle factory fire destroyed three buildings.

CRIME

Stolen artifacts seized on Pyay-bound ferry

MAGWAY, 6 June—Ancient wood carvings and palm leaf manuscripts were seized on a ferry by Kanma Township Police Force on 31 May.

Acting on tip-off, a combined team of township police force and No. (3) ward administrator searched Aung Si Hein ferry bound for Pyay at Kanma Township in Thayet District in Magway Region.

The ancient artifacts which include 36 wood

carvings and five ancient Buddhist manuscripts were packed in bags.

Owner of the bags U Khin Thein and Daw Aye Thwin of Kyaungsu village in Johntaung village-tract in Kanma Township are charged with illegal smuggling of ancient artifacts. They were stolen from Zeyathiri Monastery in Kyaungsu village in John taung village-tract in Kanma Township.—MMAL-

Township IPRD



Inter-religion dialogue organized in Pyawbwe Township

PYAWBWE, 6 June—Inter-religion dialogue was organized at Pyawbwe Township General Administration Department Office on 3 June to promote peaceful co-existence.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Hluttaw Representative U Tin Oo, Township Administrator U Kyaw Aung Hsan, townsmen, political parties' members and members of social organizations.

Religious leaders from

four major religions participated in the dialogue.

Next, Township Administrator U Kyaw Hsan Aung briefed on recent conflicts, urging those present not to believe rumours and to help authorities bring down those who generate rumours.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Representative U Tin Oo and townselder U Khin Maung Oo also participated in discussion.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Garment factory fence collapses



YANGON, 6 June—Fence of UMH garment factory collapsed in heavy rain in Mingaladon Township on 2 June afternoon.

The factory is located on Pyay Road in Pyinmabin village-tract in Mingaladon Township. The lamp-posts

were also fallen, blocking the road.

Htaukkyant Fire Brigade members and residents cleared debris at 8 am.

No casualty is reported in the collapse.

MMAL-Ko Kyi Tin

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 7 June, 2013

Grow more trees

With the advancement of science and technology, our planet has to face a number of natural disasters. People have to suffer the consequence of climate changes, causing huge losses to lives and property. Global warming has become a more significant one among others. Global warming is the increase of Earth's average surface temperature due to effect of green house gases, such as carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossils fuels or from deforestation.

While all living plant matter absorbs CO₂ as part of photosynthesis, trees process significantly more than smaller plants due to their large size and extensive root structures. Trees are important tools in the fight to stave off global warning, because they absorb and store the key green house gas emitted by our cars and power plants, carbon dioxide (CO₂), before it has a chance to reach the upper atmosphere where it can help trap heat around the Earth's surface.

Ultimately, trees of any shape, size or genetic origin help absorb CO₂. Most scientists agree that the least expensive and perhaps easiest way for individuals to help offset the CO₂ that they generate in their everyday lives is to plant a tree...any tree, as long as it is appropriate for the given region and climate. To save our mother Earth, we need to educate and cultivate our younger generation to love tree-planting as well as to grow the plants ourselves right now.

Sale schedule for 50th Anniversary Myanmar Jade, Gems and Pearl Emporium

Sales of pearl lots

- Inspection of pearl lots by gem merchants and putting of bidding forms into tender boxes for pearl lots that will be sold through the open tender system at 9 am to 5 pm on 15-17 June.
- Sales of pearl lots at floor prices of 2000-10000 Euro and pearl lots at floor prices of 10,000 and above through the open tender system at 9 am to 5 pm on 16-17 June.

Sales of gem lots

- Inspection of gem lots by gem merchants and putting of bidding forms into tender boxes for gem lots that will be sold through the open tender system at 9 am to 5 pm on 15-18 June.
- Sales of gem lots at floor prices of 500-20000 Euro and gem lots at floor prices of 20,001 Euro and above through the open tender system at 9 am to 5 pm on 19 June.

Sales of jade lots

- Inspection of jade lots by gem merchants and putting of bidding forms into tender boxes for jade lots that will be sold through the open tender system at 8 am to 5:30 pm on 15-23 June.
- Sales of jade lots at floor prices of 4000-349999 Euro through the open tender system at 8 am to 8 pm on 19-24 June.
- Sales of jade lots at floor prices of 350,000 Euro and above through the competitive bidding system at 8 am to 8 pm on 24-27 June.

Remark:

- (a) If sales of gem lots finishes on 19 June morning through the open tender system and the competitive bidding system, jade lots will be sold through the open tender system.
- (b) If sales of jade lots finishes on 24 June morning through the open tender system, jade lots will be sold through the competitive bidding system.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein receives UNDP administrator



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with UNDP administrator and Chair of UN Development Group Ms Helen Clark and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by UNDP administrator and Chair of UN Development Group Ms Helen Clark who will assume as co-

chairperson of World Economic Forum on East Asia, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here this morning.

Also present at the call were Union ministers U

Wunna Maung Lwin and Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads.

They had cordial talks on capacity building of public servants, ensuring all-inclusive economic

growth, socio-economic improvement of rural people, and promotion of disaster prevention and environmental conservation.

MNA

Investment in oil-palm and sunflower production discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Indonesian Deputy Agriculture Minister Dr Rusman Heriawa, at the

ministry this morning held talks on investment in agriculture sector of Myanmar ranging from cultivation to production of high-value products and marketing, including

oil-palm cultivation and processing, construction of pineapple processing plant and paddy-growing.

The Union minister also received Chief Operating Officer Mr Harish

Manwani of London-based Unilever UK Central Resources Ltd separately to discuss manufacturing of tea leaves-based value-added products, and investment in sunflower refinery and sunflower products factory.

MNA

Livestock and Fisheries Ministry to cooperate with MICB



Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint receives responsible persons from MICB.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint addressed a coordination meeting on cooperation with Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank (MICB) for development of livestock and fishery, at the ministry here this noon.

The Union minister said he wanted to open current and saving accounts at MICB for its public livestock company so that potential investors can make investment through MICB. Personnel of Finance and Revenue Ministry and MICB explained banking matters.—MNA

at his office this morning and discussed providing of training to college lecturers of Myanmar by Singaporean lecturers on teaching methods.

MNA

Singapore to provide training to Myanmar college lecturers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Singapore Senior Minister of State for Law

and Education Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC Ms Indranee

Rajah and party paid a call on Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese PM

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—President U Thein Sein met a delegation led by Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who is in Nay Pyi Taw to attend World Economic Forum on East Asia, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

Present on the occasion together with the President were Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Myat Hein,

Dr Kan Zaw and Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy ministers U Ye Htut and U Htin Aung and departmental heads.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister was accompanied by the Minister of Government Office, the Minister of Science and Technology, the Vice-Chairman of National Assembly Foreign Relations Committee, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar.

At the call, they cordially discussed promoting economic cooperation between the two countries, investments in communication, banking and energy sectors, cooperation in garment, manufacturing of value-added foodstuff, breeding of freshwater fish, finished rubber products, reforestation, finished wood industry and promoting aviation including Ho Chi Minh-Yangon airlines.—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese PM Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA

Debate at World Economic Forum



Union Minister U Soe Thane and Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at a debate.—MNA

WEF reverberated with voices...

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is the second and mobile is the last. Our company is planning to expand our business. I am very delighted to see that Myanmar media industry is developed, and also the government sector has become more friendly and transparent.”

Nguyen Huu Thai Hoa, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO), FPT Corporation

“The issue I will discuss in this forum is ICT development in Myanmar.

I believe that this forum would help Myanmar to ensure its ways for bringing about internet development. Our company is famous in Vietnam and has worked together with American and Japanese companies for 25 years. The investment of our company reached USD1.3 billion and has created 15,000 job opportunities.

Our company is willing to invest in the ICT sector in Myanmar and we

want 5000 engineers from Myanmar. We have a plan to help Myanmar establish



Nguyen Huu Thai Hoa.

an engineering school and this project will take shape within five years.”



U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho).

YGLs launch a programme ...

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among children under five is 35%, indicative of malnutrition. This is an integrated approach for a problem facing much of Asia and we are surrounded by people who can implement it right away - health experts to draw up menus, business leaders to offer it to large companies, and the aid workers who are on the ground and know how best to spend the money.”

Mrs Karen ITse, CEO and Founder of International Bridges to Justice from Switzerland, said, “Myanmar’s reforms are very extraordinary and exciting. It is important that wrong decisions are not made in moving forward without going back. Step by step steadily and quickly. Challenges in every reform process must be conquered. Generally speaking, I think Myanmar is in a position to leap and not going step by step as she compares herself with global countries. The rest of the world is also changing.”

Daw Win Win Tint, Executive Director of CityMart Holdings Co Ltd said, “We have discussed how to nurture a sheer quantity of young leaders. Nowadays, young people have become stronger in their capacity and learning. In parallel with this, global partnership and cooperation and exchange of views between local and foreign businessmen should be on the list to increase the number of young global leaders. The forum I believe could bring the best results.”

Over 300 young leaders across the globe are taking part in the World Economic Forum on East Asia, being hosted by Myanmar to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Myanmar today.

Here inform the readers that the efficient work programmes of young leaders network formed by promising young leaders from over 78 countries will be launched across East Asia including Myanmar.

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Publication of the undertakings of respective ministries in response to complaints filed to PSCAC

Ministry of Rail Transportation’s undertakings on the suggestions about the delay of circular train due to there are a number of traffic red lights only on the one side of the road.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is scrutinizing the regular running of train schedules. International standard Automatic Signalling System is installed at the circular rail road sections for safely running of trains

at five-minute interval. **Undertakings on the complaints about farmland compensation disputes in Wethmae village, Ywarshay village-tract of Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region**

Under the supervision of Sagaing Region Government, the land dispute investigation group led by the deputy head of Region Settlement and Land Record Department met local farmers in the village-tracts. According

to the investigation group, the farmland ownership is in dispute. The group has already informed the complaint of taking decisions at a respective court as the group’s attempt to solve it has failed.

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism’s undertakings on the suggestions about designation of hotel prices between USD 25-400 for one night

Thailand’s tourist arrival in 2012 was about 22 million. There are 732

hotels alone in Bangkok. It is seen that some hotels reduce their prices while others well-known hotels accept the guests at designated prices. As Myanmar is currently implementing the market-oriented economy system, the hotels should not fix their room prices. Regarding the recent high room prices, the ministry is making coordination between the tourism companies and the hotels and educating the hoteliers to balance prices

and services and to offer full services to the foreign guests.

Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development’s undertakings on the suggestions about Thailand’s Immigration and Investment Laws for drawing the attentions of foreign investors as Japanese car companies in Thailand are making production with Japanese engineers and Thai skilled workers.

Directorate of Invest-

ment and Companies Administration has already studied Thailand’s investment laws and procedures. Plans are under way for investment facilitation through Myanmar Investment Commission.

It is here announced that formal complaints and enquiries about undertakings of respective ministries can be sent to Public Services Capacity Assessment Committee. **Public Services Capacity Assessment Committee**

LOCAL NEWS

Cash and kind donated to monastic education school

HRD



YANGON, 6 June—Leader of Financial Department Daw Khin Sanda Tun and party of Myanmar Women's Affairs Fe-deration and Secretary of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Swe Khin Mar Win and party together with the

chairpersons of Yangon South District and Thanlyin Township WAOs made donations at Hsutaungpyae Monastic Education in Phayagon Village-tract of Thanlyin Township on 4 June morning.

They offered K 600,000 to the fund of

the monastic education, exercise books, stationery, teaching aid, rice, edible oil and foodstuff worth K 500,000 to Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jo-tikadhaja Bhaddanta Nandavamsa of the monastery.

Kyemon-Ko Thet Khaing (District IPRD)

Duties assigned to departments, townships in Mawlaik District

MAWLAIK, 6 June—A ceremony to assign duties of regional plans to district level departments and the township management committee was held at the hall of Mawlaik District General Administration Department in Mawlaik on 3 June morning.

Chairman of the District Management Committee Deputy Commissioner of the district U Khin Maung

Kyaw made a speech and Head of District Planning Department U Aung Kyaw Zan explained drawing of the annual plans.

Next, the chairman of the district management committee assigned duties to departmental officials and administrators of Mawlaik and Phaungbyin townships.—Kyemon-Mawlaik District IPRD

Lamp-posts, power lines replaced in Dawei



DAWEI, 6 June—Electricians from Dawei Township are carrying out the tasks of raising public awareness for danger of electricity and ensuring betterment of power supply system.

Under the supervision of the Township Electrical

Engineer, workers replaced wooden lamp-posts with concrete ones on Neikban Street in Hsinhseik Ward of Dawei and installed HDBC No. 4 power lines in the places of ACSR mm power lines on 4 June.

Kyemon-Po Shwe Thun-Dawei

Sanitation carried out at Inlay Lake

NYAUNGSHWE, 6 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day, the people participated in gathering garbage in Nyaungshwe on 5 June morning.

They collected plastic and garbage along both sides of Namlat Creek and Mongli Creek that flow into Inlay Lake crossing Nyaungshwe.

The staff of Inlay Lake Administrator Office, Township Development Affairs Committee, Myanmar Police Force, Hoteliers Association and local tour guides and enthusiasts in environmental conservation in two groups participated in the sanitation tasks.

They joined the tasks of minimizing the flow of plastic bags and garbage into the lake. Plastic and some items of garbage can harm the environment. The unsystematic throwing of garbage causes water pollution killing marine creatures. The local people need to participate in environmental conservation at Inlay Lake by collecting plastic and garbage items, said an official of Inlay Lake Administrator Office.

Kyemon-Nay Myo

New school building handed over

PAPUN, 6 June—A ceremony to hand over school buildings at Kataiti Village Basic Education High School Branch, Yepu BEMS branch, Kuseik BEMS and Papun BEMS branch of Ward 4 was held at BEMS No. 4 branch in Papun Township on 29 May.

Present were Kayin State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Win Htein, Deputy Director U San Ngwe of State Education Department, Head of Kayin State Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Maung Aye, Papun District Deputy Commissioner U Saw Myat Htut Win and officials.

The state minister made a speech. Township Education Officer Daw Aye Myint Than accepted documents related to the buildings from NRC in-charge U Hla Myint.

Kyemon

Environmental Conservation

Lashio marks World Environment Day



Shan State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Hsa Lu and party plant young tree in commemoration of World Environment Day.

LASHIO, 6 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day that falls on 5 June 2013, the tree growing ceremony took place at Lashio Education College in Lashio on 5 June morning.

Shan State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Tun Yin, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai San Min, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Sai Kyu, Deputy Director U Aye

Maung Kyi of Lashio District General Administration Department, Deputy Director U Than Oo of Shan State (Lashio) Forest Department and departmental officials, NGOs, traditional cultural troupes, trainees of Nursing Training School and local people totaling over 400 participated in growing of 2000 perennial saplings including teak, pine, gimkino, star-flower, mango, jack fruit and others.

Shan State Forest Department (Lashio) plans to establish forest plantations with 243,000 saplings, distribute 18810 teak saplings to local people for village teak plantations and 17700 hardwood saplings to them. Shan State Government will grow 150,000 saplings and 50000 perennial crops, totaling 882,900 saplings in 2013-2014 fiscal year.—Kyemon-Sai Tun (Lashio)



REGIONAL

460,000 kg of Japan-donated rice fails to find takers in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 June—A whopping 460,000 kilograms of Japan-donated rice is languishing in the warehouse of government-run Nepal Food Corp in a district in far-western Nepal because the rice has failed to find takers, officials said on Wednesday.

Villagers in Jumla District, located 350 kilometres northwest of capital Kathmandu, prefer the more expensive Nepali rice sold in local market to the subsidized Japanese rice for reasons ranging from the latter's different taste to the fact that it becomes sticky and does not increase in volume in the course of cooking, Rana Bahadur Budhathoki, NFC chief for the district, told *Kyodo News* by phone.

"Though the Japanese rice is far better in quality than Nepali rice sold in the district, people are not buying Japanese rice because of their food habit," Budhathoki said.

The subsidized Japanese rice is priced at 39 rupees (43.3 yen) per kg. However, villagers are buying Nepali rice priced between 40 and 100 rupees a kg. According to Budhathoki, the main concern among villagers is that the Japanese rice does not grow in volume in the course of cooking. "Nepali rice, on the other hand, swells up in the course of cooking. Villagers say they prefer rice that swells as it feeds more people," Budhathoki said.

"Villagers also complain that they don't know

how to cook Japanese rice. They don't like sticky rice. They have even nicknamed the Japanese rice as chewing-gum rice," he added.

The NFC in Jumla has been facing problems selling Japanese rice ever since the district got connected to the Karnali highway a few years ago. With traders bringing in supplies to the district, locals now have the luxury of choosing between Nepali rice available in the local market and Japanese rice that NFC distributes.

Jumla is not the only district where NFC is having a tough time finding takers for Japanese rice.

"The story is the same in neighbouring Kalikot district," Budhathoki said.

Kyodo News

Hokkaido aims to lure tourists from Thailand in spring

KUSHIRO, (Japan), 6 June—Japan's northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido has been stepping up efforts to attract foreign tourists during its off-season period in spring and is currently zeroing in on Thailand where the holiday season starts in March and continues through May.

As part of such efforts, the tourism ministry's Hokkaido District Transport Bureau in April invited Thai journalists to an experimental tour in cooperation with the Kinki District Transport Bureau in western Japan, during which participants could enjoy both cherry blossoms in Osaka and snow in Hokkaido. In 2012, about 200,000 people from Thailand visited Japan, a 1.4-fold increase over five years, according to Japan National Tourism Organization data. "In view that the Thai economy is buoyant, we will likely see further growth (in the number)," an official of the organization said.

As eastern Hokkaido usually struggles with a low number of tourists in spring, the Kushiro city government and other municipalities as well as a tourism organization in the region proposed last year to the Japan Tourism Agency a plan to attract



Newspaper journalists and others from Thailand enjoy canoeing around Kushiro Marsh in eastern Hokkaido on 23 April, 2013, as part of an experimental tour to attract Thai tourists to Japan's northernmost prefecture in spring.—KYODO NEWS

families to the area along with a tour to enable participants to play in the snow.

The plan then developed into the experimental tour involving the whole of Hokkaido and Japan's western region of Kansai where cherry trees bloom until mid-April.

On the tour in April, newspaper journalists from Thailand were first taken to the head office of the Japan Mint in Osaka, where late-blooming varieties of cheery trees can be seen, and to Kiyomizu-dera, one of the most popular Buddhist temples in Kyoto.

Participants then flew 1,200 kilometres to eastern Hokkaido to visit Kushiro Marsh and Lake Mashu for canoeing and playing in the snow. After partici-

pating in the six-night-seven-day tour, Chamlong Boonsong, a 59-year-old tourism news editor at the *Post Today* newspaper, said, "I think it is a great idea that tourists can enjoy both cherry blossoms and snow at once, but it was a bit tiresome for us to move that long distance."

Boonsong also said that because of Thailand's strong economy, not just high-income households but also young people now choose to come to Japan.

Kaoru Akiba, assistant director at the Kushiro city government's division in charge of promoting tourism in the city's Akan district, said, "The recent depreciation of the yen provides a boost (to tourism here)."—*Kyodo News*

Indonesia's low-cost, green-car rule boosts Japanese carmakers

JAKARTA, 6 June—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has signed a long-awaited regulation on tax exemptions for the production of low-cost, green cars that will give a boost for Japanese car manufacturers in the country, the industry minister said Wednesday. Speaking to reporters after meeting the president, Industry Minister MS Hidayat said Yudhoyono had signed the regulation on 23 May

and "from now on, LCGC (low-cost green cars) can be legally produced."

"The current trend is green cars, which can reduce the consumption of fuel," he added. Under the regulation, special tax incentives will be granted for eco-friendly vehicles such as electric cars, hybrids, biofuel-based cars and compressed natural gas cars.

According to the minister, luxury taxes will not ap-

ply to vehicles with engine capacities of up to 1,200 cc and with a minimum fuel consumption of 20 kilometres per liter.

Diesel or semi-diesel vehicles of up to 1,500 cc with a minimum fuel consumption of 20 km per liter will also be eligible for tax exemptions. Currently, new vehicles are taxed between 10 and 75 percent depending on their engine capacity.

Kyodo News

Thai government to clarify rice scheme cost after Moody's warning

BANGKOK, 6 June—Thailand's prime minister has told her commerce minister to clarify the cost of the government's rice intervention scheme, after a warning this week that mounting losses could affect the country's credit rating.

The government buys from farmers at prices that have made Thai rice uncompetitive on world markets, leading to growing stockpiles funded from the state budget and costing Thailand its spot as the world's number one exporter. It said last week it would extend the politically popular intervention for a third year.

A newspaper report last week put losses from the scheme in the 2011/12 harvest year at 200 billion baht (4.2 billion pounds), prompting the warning from rating agency Moody's, and a finance ministry official said the

losses continue to rise.

"Those losses are as of 31 January. The real figure must be higher than that now," Supa Piyajitti, a dep-

Supa looked after the accounts for the scheme, but said she was transferred to another job in the ministry this week.



Workers rest in front of sacks with rice at a rice mill in Ratchaburi Province in this on 10 Oct, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

uty permanent secretary at the ministry, told *Reuters*.

Supa said the overall losses took into account the price paid, storage costs and value lost through rice going rotten after being kept in warehouses since the scheme started in October 2011.

At 200 billion baht, the losses would be equivalent to around 8 percent of the total government budget for the year to end-September. *The Nation* newspaper on Wednesday put the loss at 260 bln baht, citing a finance ministry report.

"The prime minister

has given the Commerce Ministry the job of making all the figures clear and the commerce minister is expected to hold a Press briefing over the next few days," Niwatthamrong Bunsongphaisan, a minister without portfolio, told reporters.

Yingluck came to power in 2011 helped by an election promise to pay farmers 15,000 baht a tonne for rice, way above the market price at the time.

Reuters

New Zealand to attend Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 6 June—New Zealand has assured that it will attend a Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan President's Office said on Thursday.

The assurance comes when New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully met President Mahinda Rajapaksa on

Wednesday night, during a visit to the country. McCully reaffirmed his country's support for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) that will take place in Sri Lanka in November.

"McCully wished Sri Lanka well in preparing for CHOGM and said the entire

Commonwealth needs to see the progress in the country, pointing out that success in trade and the economy is important to the process," the President's Office said. Prior to embarking on his visit to Sri Lanka, McCully had said that he would discuss human rights concerns on Sri Lanka during his visit. —*Xinhua*



Shoemaker Ang Tanh Lim takes a break in his workshop at Waterloo Street in Singapore, on 27 May, 2013. 82-year-old Ang Tanh Lim relies on his shoemaking skills in highly industrialized Singapore where the skill is vanishing. XINHUA

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Invitation to Open Tender for IP Transit Services 2013-I for Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

1. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications(MPT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology invite open tender for total capacity of more than 10 Gbps of IP Transit Services that to be used for Internet Backbone and this services should be provided via the links those are described in the below table. MPT will pay in foreign currency for those services.

Sr	Link	Capacity
1	Myanmar-Thailand Cross Border (MyaWaDi)	3 x 2.5 Gbps and/or 10 Gbps
2.	Sea-Me-We 3 cable	2 x 2.5 Gbps, 3 x 620 Mbps

2. Bidder should submit the open tender (Technical and Requirement Proposal) on July 1, 2013 during 09:30 to 16:30 at Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and MPT will deny the tender that is submitted over the assigned period as above.

3. Bidder should submit the price proposal when we call you the day of price bargaining.

4. Tender documents are available from Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and detail can be asked to telephone number + 95 1 650118 during office hours.

Tender Evaluation & Selection Committee

China Cargo Airlines officially joins SkyTeam Cargo

MUNICH, (Germany), 6 June—China Cargo Airlines (CCA) joins SkyTeam Cargo officially on Wednesday at the Munich Trade Fair Center, becoming the 11th member of the world's only air cargo alliance.

“Joining Skyteam Cargo will be conducive for CCA, a subsidiary of China Eastern Airlines, to raise the scale economy benefits, to expand its network and to strengthen its international competitiveness,” said China Eastern Airlines' Chief Economist Shan Chuanbo.

On the other hand, CCA will inspire the vital-

ity in the alliance, strengthen the overall cargo transportation capacity, improve the alliance network and raise the international competitiveness, according to Shan on the mutual signing ceremony.

Established in 1998, CCA headquartered in Shanghai. It now operates 14 exclusive freight routes and also runs cargo service of passenger aircrafts operated by China Eastern Airlines, providing worldwide customers with services among over 200 destinations.

Xinhua

Brazil deploys elite unit to quash deadly land dispute

BRASILIA, 6 June—Brazil's government Wednesday deployed an elite unit of the armed forces to Sidrolandia in southern Mato Grosso state, following deadly clashes between indigenous residents and landowners.

Minister of Justice Jose Eduardo Cardozo ordered the deployment of the troops after Mato Grosso Governor Andre Puccinelli asked the federal government to step in.

According to Cardozo,

110 members of the elite force will be deployed in the region beginning Wednesday and for an indefinite period.

Last Thursday, a member of the area's Terena indigenous community, Oziel Gabriel, 35, was killed during an operation to recover a piece of property he and his group had been occupying. On Tuesday, another member of the ethnic group was shot in another violent incident.—Xinhua



Tourists view artificially-bred red-crowned cranes at the Zhalong Natural Reserve in Qiqihar, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 5 June, 2013. Being the largest breeding and wildness training reserch center for red-crowned cranes, the reserve has artificially bred over 800 cranes of the endangered species since its foundation in 1979.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

“Star Trek” sequel rules China’s box office

BEIJING, 6 June—“Star Trek Into Darkness,” a sci-fi action adventure sequel by J J Abrams, has knocked domestic production “American Dreams in China” off the top spot at the Chinese box office charts.

Since its debut on 28 May, “Star Trek Into Darkness” has raked in 164 million yuan (about 26.8 million US dollars)

as of 2 June, *China Film News* reported on Tuesday. “American Dreams in China,” a drama from Hong Kong director Peter Chan, was a respectable number 2 with 112.5 million yuan in the week.

The film, telling a dramatic story of young entrepreneurs founding an English language training service, stayed atop the box office charts for two weeks.

Domestic cartoon film “Happy Little Submarine 3: Rainbow Treasure” came in third by taking 43.4 million yuan since it was released in theatres on 31 May.

It tells the story of fishermen’s fight against colonists. Not far behind was “The Croods,” a cartoon set in the Stone Age. It took in 35.7 million yuan in the week.

With 29.5 million yuan



in ticket sales, “The Adventures of Sinbad 2013,” an-

other domestic cartoon set in ancient Arabian coun-

tries, landed at fifth place. *Xinhua*



Pop star Justin Bieber (R) arrives with his mother Pattie Mallette at the 40th American Music Awards in Los Angeles, California on 18 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Pop idol Bieber’s mom pens teenage edition of her autobiography

NEW YORK, 6 June — Pattie Mallette, mother of teenaged singing sensation Justin Bieber, is releasing a special edition of her best-selling book “Nowhere but Up” aimed at teens, her publisher said on Tuesday.

The new edition, published by Baker Publishing’s Revell Books and due out on 2 July, directs Mallette’s life story as mother of the 19-year-old pop idol toward teenaged readers, and includes new features

including a group discussion guide and side bars addressing topics based on questions from Mallette’s Twitter followers.

“When I was a teenager, it always helped me to hear the stories of others, and how they made it through difficult circumstances,” Mallette said in announcing the book, the original version of which was published last September. With the added features, “I hope to help teenagers identify with

their own stories and navigate through some of their own pain,” she added.

Mallette’s book, “Nowhere but Up: The Story of Justin Bieber’s Mom,” chronicled her past struggles with abandonment issues, depression, sexual abuse and teenage pregnancy, but included notes of hope driven by her Christian faith. Mallette collaborated with author AJ Gregory for both the original and the new edition of the book.—Reuters

Miley Cyrus flashes ring amidst rumours of split

LOS ANGELES, 6 June — Pop singer Miley Cyrus was seen repeatedly showing off her engagement ring in an attempt to silence the latest gossip about the state of her relationship with actor Liam Hemsworth.

The 20-year-old is due to marry the 23-year-old actor later this year but in recent months there have been speculations that the two have called off the nuptials.

“They are still living together, but have no wedding plans,” people.com

quoted a source as saying. “They still need to work on their relationship, but after they decided to postpone the wedding, they are doing better. They feel less stress and less pressure now. Miley can focus on her music,” the source added.

PTI



Pop singer Miley Cyrus

Singer LeAnn Rimes bares ‘emotional truth’ on new album

NASHVILLE, (Tennessee), 6 June — No subject is taboo for country singer LeAnn Rimes as she digs deep into her soul on her new album “Spitfire.” The 30-year-old Grammy Award winner and former child star who had a hit song at age 13, said she wrote the deepest lyrics she has ever written on the album. Some of the songs are about her relationship with husband, actor Eddie Cibrian. Their affair, which began more than four years ago while

they were both married to other people, caused a scandal that was played out in tabloid magazines.

Other songs are about dealing with difficult times. “There is every emotion a human being could experience on this record. I’m most proud that I can evoke these emotions in everyone,” Rimes told Reuters. “After 20 years of making music, it’s a completely different place to be singing and writing

from,” she said. “These songs are my emotional truth.”

In the title track, Rimes suggests if she could “untie” her tongue she would “use it like a whip, and watch you run,” and refuses to get stuck in the “muck and mire” of “a dirty little liar,” she writes: “You make me want to spit fire.” In “What Have

I Done,” with harmonies provided by bluegrass great Alison Krauss, a woman wonders what she has done and asks for understanding from her “first love, but not her last.”

“I wrote ‘What Have I Done’ about five years ago, before everything happened,” Rimes said, in a reference to Cibrian, who starred in TV series “CSI: Miami.”

Reuters



Singer LeAnn Rimes

MTV to host biggest online-only music festival

LOS ANGELES, 6 June — Concertgoers won’t have to leave their homes to enjoy the “Live Music Day Festival,” the biggest online-only event of its kind, music networks MTV, VH1 and CMT said on Tuesday. The 24-hour virtual concert is set to kick off at 7 pm EDT on 19 June and will feature performances by more than 50 bands and artists spanning rock, indie, pop, R&B and folk. Acts include Hanson, Atlas Genius, Labrinth, Langhorne Slim and Kate Nash.

The performances, accompanied by the fan-picked O Music Awards, will be streamed live from Viacom’s offices in New

York, Nashville and Los Angeles. The Roots drummer Questlove will provide beats during the festival in a 24-hour “drum-a-thon.” Viewers will be able to watch the entire show via computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. They also have the option of selecting only the acts and awards they want to see.

“We’ve created the first-of-its-kind music festival that’s both connecting artists and fans and allowing them to participate in the awards and festival in new ways,” Dermot McCormack, head of connected content for Viacom Music, said in a statement. Categories in the third annual

O Music Awards include Best Web-Born Artist, Fan Army FTW (For The Win) and Must-Follow Artist on Twitter. R&B singer Frank Ocean and rocker Beck lead the awards with two nominations each.

Reuters



The MTV logo can be seen on a sign in front of the MTV studios in Times Square New York on 12 Dec, 2007.—REUTERS

SPORTS

Sharapova and Azarenka get ready to rumble

PARIS, 6 June—Sparks will be flying and the grunt-o-metre will be working overtime when French Open holder Maria Sharapova comes face-to-face with Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka in the Roland Garros semi-finals on Thursday. While a clash between tennis' two loudest wailers is likely to increase sales of earplugs around the Bois de Boulogne area over the next few hours, the 13th match-up between the two will also be under close scrutiny for reasons other than the noise level it produces.



Victoria Azarenka (R) of Belarus shakes hands with Maria Kirilenko of Russia after their women's singles quarter-final match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 5 June, 2013.—REUTERS

The last time they met on clay, in Stuttgart just over a year ago, the players bumped shoulders during a changeover and neither woman attempted to apologize for the collision. To make matters worse, at the end of that match Sharapova also had a dig at Azarenka's habit of taking medical timeouts when the going gets tough — an act that blew up in the Belarussian's face during this year's Australian Open. In January, Azarenka was accused of gamesmanship after taking a 10-minute time out immediately after

blowing five match points in her semi-final against Sloane Stevens.

Should she try that stunt again, Sharapova is unlikely to be as forgiving as the inexperienced 20-year-old American. "We have played



each other so many times there are really no secrets between each other in terms of our game styles and what we do well and not," Sharapova, who trails Azarenka 5-7 in their meetings, said looking ahead to the semi-final. Azarenka, who employs the same bish-bash baseline tactics as Sharapova, concurred: "We are kind of similar and kind of different in the same way. It's going to be definitely a battle."

In Thursday's other semi-final, 2012 runner-up Sara Errani faces a tall order as she tries to narrow a

Maria Sharapova of Russia hits a return during the women's singles semifinal match against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 5 June, 2013. Sharapova won 2-1.—XINHUA

0-5 record against woman-of-the-moment Serena Williams. Williams, whose collection of 15 majors includes only one Suzanne Lenglen Cup, has been an unstoppable force this year, winning 29 straight matches.

But after being left rather hot and bothered during a three-set win over former French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarter-finals, clay-loving Errani knows that if she is to chalk up that first win over Williams, there is no better surface to do it on than red dirt.—Reuters

Spurs up against a 'smarter' LeBron in Finals rematch

MIAMI, 6 June — A more confident LeBron James heads into his fourth NBA Finals on Thursday against a familiar San Antonio Spurs team that eased by his former Cleveland squad in his first title series in 2007. The core of the San Antonio team that swept that best-of-seven championship, and celebrated on James's former home court, remains intact but it will be a much-improved James who is now a much more complete player with the Miami Heat.

"LeBron is a different player than he was in '07. That is like ancient history," Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich said on Wednesday. "He was basically a neophyte at the time, wondering how all this stuff worked and how it's put together. We were very fortunate at that time to get him so early ... he'll be a lot more

of a problem than he was in '07, that's for sure." James, the reigning league most valuable player (MVP), has arguably improved in every area of his game over the past six years and his assessment is that the main upgrade has been in terms of his basketball intelligence.

"A lot smarter and more experienced, older and more mature on and off the floor. And I think that's the most important thing," said James. "I've matured as a basketball player. I've matured as a man. And it has allowed my game to sprout." James and the Cavaliers were simply outclassed by the Spurs in 2007 and James concedes that San Antonio worked him out pretty well. The four-time MVP is also confident that he has a more diverse range of skills this time around and, crucially, he has an increased belief in his shooting ability.—Reuters



Miami Heat's LeBron James runs downcourt after scoring against the Indiana Pacers during Game 7 of their NBA Eastern Conference final basketball playoff in Miami, Florida on 3 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Air miles collector Van Persie feels "fresh"

KATWIJK, (The Netherlands), 6 June—Robin van Persie just finished a long successful season, but doesn't have much time to recover with an Asia trip with the Dutch team, shortly followed by an Asia pre-season tour with his club Manchester United. With the Dutch national team Van Persie will travel to Indonesia and China, while, after a short break, with Manchester United he will visit Thailand, China (Hong Kong), Australia and Japan. Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf* calculated Van Persie's trips accumulated to a total of 80,000 kilometres this summer. With so many air miles in a few months, it will not be the most ideal preparation for next season, one year before the World Cup.

"I don't know really because after this trip we have a small holiday break again," Van Persie reacted to *Xinhua*. "And after that the pre-season tour starts which looks heavy, but I can't really judge it now because I never experienced it. So I have to wait and see how my body copes with all the travelling, all the games and training sessions." "It looks heavy but I have to tell you exactly how it feels



in two, three months. I had a little break last week. I have been away with the family. I had my little holiday already. I am fine, I am fresh and I am looking forward to this trip."

Van Persie had a great first season with Manchester United by capturing the Premier League title and finishing as top scorer. Another key player of the Dutch, Arjen Robben, also ended the season with prizes, winning the German title, the German Cup and the Champions League with Bayern Munich. Van Persie was happy to see the triumphs of his compatriot. "It shows you that things can change really quickly in football," said Van Persie. "Because Arjen Robben had a hard time a couple of months

ago, he was not really playing and then a couple of months later he has three trophies in his pocket.

"So that's how quick football life can go which is nice because you always have a second chance. You always have a second chance to make things right, sort of fight again for trophies and your place on the team, in other words, just to enjoy football again. I think Arjen Robben showed that. He is a great example for everyone just to keep going even though sometimes it is not going your way. Just keep going and keep on working hard and things can change quickly in football." With the Dutch team Van Persie faces Indonesia on 7 June and China on 11 June.

Xinhua

Suarez gives Uruguay victory over France

MONTEVIDEO, 6 June—Luis Suarez came off the bench to score a second-half winner as Uruguay defeated France 1-0 in their international friendly on Wednesday. The Liverpool frontman struck just moments after replacing Diego Forlan in the 49th minute by running onto a Maxi Pereira pass and angling his shot beyond the reach of goalkeeper Steve Mandanda.

The result at the Estadio Centenario was met with muted enthusiasm by



Luis Suarez

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez, who already has his mind on next Tuesday's World Cup qualifier away to Venezuela. Uruguay are

currently sixth in the South America zone standings and must win in Puerto Ordaz to maintain their hopes of a top-four spot and direct qualification.

"The story will be written at the end of that match," Tabarez said. "There are areas we need to work on but today there were some aspects which, collectively and individually, exceeded my expectations." France will play Brazil in an international friendly in Porto Alegre on Sunday.—Xinhua

Djokovic ends golden oldie Haas' Paris adventure

PARIS, 6 June — Novak Djokovic kept calm, cool and collected to subdue the challenge of 35-year-old Tommy Haas with a 6-3, 7-6(5), 7-5 win in the quarter-finals of the French Open on Wednesday. If the

world number one still had nightmares about his maul-

ing by Haas just over two months ago in Miami, he hid those fears well to set up a semi-final blockbuster with seven-times champion Rafa Nadal. Playing Rafa at Roland Garros is the biggest challenge on clay. I am



ready to play five sets," Djokovic said as he chased the one grand slam trophy

missing from his collection.

Haas was one of four 30-somethings to reach the men's quarter-finals but youth won out as only David Ferrer, who beat fellow 31-year-old Tommy Robredo on Tuesday, made it past the last-eight stage.—Reuters

REUTERS

GENERAL

Kagawa, Japan out to win World Cup

SAITAMA, (Japan), 6 June — Japan aren't satisfied with just qualifying for the World Cup. They want to win it. A night after punching their ticket to Brazil with a dramatic draw to Australia, the Japanese players were in unison about trying to contend for the title next year at what will be their fifth World Cup. "We want to win on the world stage, and we need everyone to have this kind of mentality," Manchester United midfielder Shinji Kagawa said on Wednesday.

"Each and every player on this team needs more determination and willpower. We've got a lot of talented players playing their club football overseas now, but we all need to be more as-



Japan's Shinji Kagawa (C) speaks at a press conference at a hotel in the city of Saitama, north of Tokyo, on 5 June, 2013. The Japan team drew 1-1 with Australia in a World Cup soccer qualifier the previous night, thereby qualifying for the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.—KYODO NEWS

sertive when we play for Japan." "One of our strengths is teamwork, but we can't win on that alone. We need more personality, character on the team. Teamwork may sound good, but it's just not enough. We need more players to be selfish, more players who want it — like Keisuke (Honda)." "And the fact that we haven't been able to win when Keisuke isn't around says everything. I think everyone on the team feels the same way."

Honda's regal presence and his 91st-minute penalty in the 1-1 draw against the Socceroos made Japan the first team to qualify for the World Cup as Group B winners in Asia.

Kyodo News

Japanese firm offers solar panels to Pakistan for low-cost housing

ISLAMABAD, 6 June—Japanese company Nipa Tech Energy Inc has offered to provide solar energy technology to Pakistan to help the country overcome its continuing energy crisis, industry sources said on Wednesday.

Industrialist Naeem Anwar Qureshi said a delegation of the company that visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Punjab Province on Monday offered the solar panels as a solution for

lighting low-cost housing and remote areas in Pakistan.

"We told the Japanese company that we would be interested in setting up solar power plants of 1 megawatt or above for the industrial units," Qureshi, who presided over a meeting with the Japanese delegation, told Kyodo News.

Qureshi said the Japanese company has promised get back to office bearers of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Pakistan is facing a chronic power shortage, and industrial units in Pakistan are setting up their own independent power plants to meet their energy requirements.

At least 150 textile mills all over Pakistan have set up small power plants, known as captive power plants, to meet their own power needs and supply surplus electricity to government-owned power distribution companies.

Kyodo News

Majority of French want more reform



Employees work in the assembly line of the Peugeot 208 at the PSA-Peugeot Citroen plant in Poissy, near Paris, on 15 May, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 6 June—Nearly three-quarters of French want President Francois Hollande to push further ahead with economic reforms and are ready to make personal sacrifices as long the pain is fairly distributed, a survey by pollster BVA found on Wednesday.

No fewer than 67 percent of respondents agreed with the statement "if we carry on like this, we are headed for catastrophe" ac-

cording to results of the telephone and Internet survey of nearly 1,000 people conducted between 29-30 May.

The findings cast doubt on a common international perception that the French are unreceptive to change and highlighted what BVA concluded was a "real calling into question" of decades of French political leadership.

A full 80 percent of respondents concurred with the statement that "our

leaders have never had the courage to undertake the difficult reforms which our country needs".

The poll found 74 percent were in favour of deeper reforms in the labour market, pensions and unemployment benefits.

The survey was conducted last week just as the European Commission urged France to rein in public spending, cut labour costs and reform its pension system in return for winning two extra years to bring its budget deficit within EU targets.

Reuters

US Navy submarines to arrive in Philippines this weekend

MANILA, 6 June—The US Navy submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) will arrive in the Philippines this weekend for routine port calls, the US Embassy in Manila said on Thursday.

USS Frank Cable will arrive in Subic Bay, north-

ern Philippines on Friday while USS Asheville will come in Saturday. The crew of both USS Frank Cable and USS Asheville will refuel and receive supplies, according to a statement issued by the embassy.

Frank Cable has 1,500 crew members and serves as the US 7th Fleet's mobile

repair and support platform. The ship is homeported in Guam. The Asheville is a Los Angeles-class submarine and homeported in San Diego, California.

The embassy also reported that Admiral Samuel J Locklear III, Commander of the US Pacific Command, will visit Manila on

6-7 June to discuss security matters with Philippine defense officials.

Admiral Locklear's visit follows his attendance at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, an annual security forum where he met with defence officials from Asia-Pacific countries.

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Uruguay's high rate of gun ownership causes concerns, says NGO

MONTEVIDEO, 6 June—Uruguay has the world's highest per capita rate of gun ownership, with one out of three Uruguayans owning a firearm, according to figures released on Tuesday by the Institute of Legal and Social Studies (IELSUR), a non-governmental organization (NGO).

Up to December 2012, 584,112 guns were registered in Uruguay, and the number of unregistered firearms is expected to double, in a country of just 3.4 million people, the NGO's

Luis Pedernera told a local radio station.

The rate is almost as much as in "countries such as Iraq, where there is a latent armed conflict," said Pedernera, adding the prevalence of guns puts Uruguay in the same position as "Colombia and Brazil, where firearms are highly used."

Funded by the European Union, the NGO unveiled a gun-control project this week, which is called "action for a democratic security policy; towards

a national plan of civilian disarmament."

The released figures will help Uruguayans "discuss an issue of concern that is barely visible. This issue should really raise our concern," said Pedernera.

The NGO representative said Uruguay's gun-ownership laws "need to be aligned with international standards" to send the message that "firearms are not a right of the people, but a tool of the state for specific actions".

Xinhua

President U Thein Sein holds talks with LPDR Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June— President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong who is here to attend the 22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia 2013 at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 8.45 am today.

Present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, Dr Mya Aye, U Kyaw Lwin and U Zeyar Aung, Deputy Ministers U Ye Htut and U Khin Maung Aye and departmental heads. The delegation was accompanied by the Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar.

They cordially exchanged views on strengthening bilateral ties, construction of Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge, mutually beneficial cooperation in agriculture, breeding, culture, education, tourism industry and aviation sectors between the two countries and matters related to border safety.

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WEF launches report to help boost Myanmar's energy reforms



Meeting on New Energy Architecture sector of World Economic Forum in progress at Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — The ongoing World Economic Forum 2013 at Myanmar International Convention Centre here

has released New Energy Architecture, to help boost Myanmar's energy reforms.

The report predicts that by renewing its energy

policy, Myanmar could emerge as the next South-East Asian frontier.

"Myanmar has a historic opportunity to

carve out its own niche in the global economy. Recasting its energy architecture will be pivotal to this transformation and to its economy's sustainable development," said Roberto Bocca, Senior Director, Head of Energy Industries, World Economic Forum.

The report provides 17 specific recommendations, highlighting the need for transparent governance and effective institutions in Myanmar as a sound basic for developing the country's energy system. In addition, creating a clear environmental regulatory framework will not only underpin sustainability and social acceptance of large-scale energy projects, but will also increase transparency for investors, the report says.

The report identifies energy as one of the

most pressing economic challenges facing Myanmar today and 74 % of Myanmar's population lack access to electricity and 70% of Myanmar's population live in rural areas, where electrification rates average only 16%.

Without electricity and a reliable energy system, Myanmar's economic progress will stall, it says.

The report also suggests that Myanmar will require new sources of domestic energy, an expanded and modernized electricity grid, and innovative solutions for rural energy access to address the energy challenge.

"Myanmar is embarking on a new phase of development and the energy sector will be very important. This comprehensive and informative study will support the economic and social development of Myanmar," said the Union Minister for Energy, U Than Htay.

The report was created

in partnership with the Ministry of Energy of Myanmar. It was produced in collaboration with Accenture and the Asian Development Bank and the report includes insights by contributors from industry, government, non-governmental organizations and academia.

"The development of an integrated new energy plan and system offers Myanmar a significant opportunity to design a path to sustainable and secure economic growth, bolstered by its energy industry," said Arthur Hanna, Senior Managing Director, Accenture's Energy industry group.

At the meeting with the press, the Deputy Minister for Energy, U Htin Aung, said that regarding the energy sector, Myanmar will focus on sufficiency at home and on the national interests, and will sell the energy to foreign countries only if the energy is surplus at home.

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YGLs launch a programme to tackle child malnutrition

Young Global Leaders (YGLs) attending the World Economic Forum have announced a programme to tackle child malnutrition across South-East Asia including Myanmar.

YGLs said it will launch the programme at schools. YGLs started Table for Two (TFT) in 2007 as a non-profit initiative based in Japan. It encourages the

developed countries to pay for children's school meals in developing economies.

TFT has served 20 million meals to school-age children in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda since it was founded. In partnership with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), it is now supporting meal programmes and sustainable school gardens at primary schools in Myanmar. The

project will provide a long-term, sustainable source of nutrition for children in Myanmar by funding the development of fruit and vegetable gardens at schools. TFT aims to encourage an economy of self-sufficiency against the economic disparities and rising food prices. More than 450 corporate and organizational partners from 12 countries across Asia, North America and

Europe raise funds for the initiative.

David Aikman, Senior Director and Head of the Forum of Young Global Leaders, said: "The Forum of Young Global Leaders is the voice of an optimistic future and an energetic catalyst for change. Table For Two is one the community's most successful task forces, and we are very encouraged to see it in South-East Asia, a region where 10% of the

population - some 65 million - are undernourished, according to the FAO."

Daniel Goldstein, Founding Member and Director, Table For Two International, said: "In Myanmar, access to adequate and nutritionally balanced food is a major challenge for the poor. Close to 3 million people are considered food-poor, according to the World Food Programme, and the prevalence of stunting

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