

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for medical tourism



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets locals at Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Special Hospital in Mandalay.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April — On his inspection tours of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Special Hospital and 300-bed Teaching Hospital in Mandalay on Tuesday, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for medical tourism, stressing importance of self-reliant hospital instead of reliance on government to purchase more medical equipment.

It was a delight to see

the hospital which is well equipped for providing health care services to patients, said the vice-president in meeting with specialists and medical staff at the special hospital in Aungmyethazan Township. He highlighted the need of skilled staff at the hospital and vowed to assist in nurturing medical staff and building high-rise staff housings by the government during his visit to

the hospital.

He also stressed the importance of cooperation between the medical staff of state-owned hospitals and private clinics. He called on all staff to sustain the current position of the hospital, speaking words of praise on conditions of the hospital.

On his arrival at the 300-bed teaching hospital in Chanmyathazi Township, he viewed round the

buildings including patient wards, operation theater, intensive care unit and laboratory and spoke words of encouragement to the patients.

During his inspection tour, the vice-president was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay, Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing and officials.

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Press Statement in relation to the telephonic conversation between H.E U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon

1. U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar made the following briefing to Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General, who called him on the telephone in the morning of 31 March, 2014:

- After the riots broke out in Sittway in Rakhine State on 26th and 27th of March, the Government has managed to restore peace and stability. Law and order is now prevailing there.
- The Government has taken necessary measures to ensure the safety and protection of all members of UN Agencies, Humanitarian Aid Agencies.
- The Government has made arrangements for the Staff and Aid workers who would like to leave Sittway and has provided safety and protection to those who wish to retain in Sittway.
- The President thanked the UN Secretary General for the humanitarian assistances provided and mentioned his desire to continue to cooperate with the UN and International Organizations for the effective delivery of humanitarian assistances.
- An investigation commission has been formed to investigate the event occurred in Sittway, Rakhine State and the report of the investigation would be submitted to the President.
- The Government of Myanmar will take necessary actions against offenders in accordance with the law.
- The Government is cooperating with the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA in conducting the Nationwide Census Taking Process to be in line with the international standards.
- 20 international observers are observing the census taking process throughout Myanmar.
- The President has sent the team led by the Vice President comprised of the Union Minister for Immigration and Population and relevant Deputy Ministers to Rakhine State for necessary managements.

2. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is committed to ensure peace and stability in Rakhine State and for successful implementation of the National Census Taking Process with the entire people. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar will continue to cooperate with the United Nations and INGOs in accordance with her Foreign Policy.

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Photo shows Myanmar traditional novitiation with royal procession held in Meiktila on Monday, 31st March, 2014. The royal procession of the ceremony is the first time in 20 years in Meiktila. Young boys traditionally enter the Buddhist order for around a week to learn Buddha's teachings and meditation. It is custom across the country that families send their boys, usually during the summer holidays in March and April before the water festival.—PHOTO: CHAN THA (MEIKTILA)

MPs to participate in settling land confiscation issues



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets local authorities of Zeyathiri Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, has pledged to deal with complaints related to the land confiscation issues in his constituency.

During the meeting with local authorities of Zeyathiri Township at the

township's general administration department on Tuesday, Thura U Shwe Mann said he will participate in settling the land confiscation issues in his constituency as a member of the parliament constituency, stressing the need to settling land management issues in accordance with

rules and regulations.

According to the speaker, President U Thein Sein has urged MPs to assist in dealing with land confiscation issues in their respective constituencies to that the cases can be settled correctly and smoothly.

The meeting was also

attended by legal experts from the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.

There are 64 complaints related to land management issues in the township are lodged to Zeyathiri Township Land Management Office.

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ASEAN

Meetings held to prepare upcoming 24th ASEAN Summit and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—ASEAN Official's meeting, Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM) and 1st Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group on ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision took place at the Hotel Royal ACE, here, from 29th March to 1 April as part of preparation for the upcoming the 24th ASEAN Summit and related meetings to be held from 8 to 11 May.

It was attended by ASEAN senior officers, senior economic officers, and socio-cultural officers

from the ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General, Permanent Representatives to ASEAN and officials from ASEAN Secretariat.

Top on the agenda during the discussion of ASEAN Official's Meeting and 1st Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group on ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision was ASEAN Community Building as well as ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision and ASEAN's External Relations.—MNA

22nd ASEAN Central Bank Vice-Governors' Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The 22nd ASEAN Conference of Deputy Governors of Central Bank Meeting (ACDM) was held on Tuesday at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC), here, and Daw Khin Saw Oo, Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, delegates and Vice-Governors of ASEAN discussed the cooperation in implementation of monetary affairs policy and ASEAN banking services in line with the ASEAN monetary affairs framework, fi-

nancial services, development of investment market, capital accounts, payment and account system.

Moreover, they discussed all countries' participation in the implementation of Chiang Mai Action Plan of ASEAN+3 cooperation, development of Asian securities market and reports on the progress of research group and implementing the prioritized programmes.

The results of the meeting will be submitted to the ASEAN Central Bank Governors' Meeting on 4 April.—MNA

AFMM focuses on regional financial cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The 18th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting took place for the first day on Tuesday at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC), here.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein, the chair of the meeting said that it needs financial and monetary policies in conformity with stability of financial market for establishment of firm financial system in the ASEAN region. He stressed the need for ensuring existence of financial cooperation and economic cooperation among the ASEAN

countries.

During the meeting, delegations from the organizations, deputy finance ministers and vice-governors from the ASEAN discussed over 20 topics including financial cooperation among the ASEAN countries and establishment of ASEAN economic community.

The meeting is aimed at ensuring establishment of the firm financial system among ASEAN countries and strengthening Myanmar's international relations.

The meeting goes on 2 and 3 April.

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Mann Yadanapon to extend its wings to domestic destinations



Mann Yadanapon Airline launches its maiden flight of second airplane.

YANGON, 1 April — Mann Yadanapon Airline will extend its domestic flights with its second airplane which landed Yangon International Airport on Tuesday.

The new domestic destinations to be operated by

the airline are Myitkyina, Lashio, Dawei, Myeik, Sit-tway and Kawthoung with the second plane.

The ninth domestic airline based in Mandalay began its flights in February, flying to Yangon, NyaungU, Mandalay,

Heho, Kengtung and Tachilek.

The airline is owned by a Myanmar citizen and it will also fly charter and international flights as well.

By Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Shwe Than Lwin Media Co., Ltd signs MoU with State Council Information Office of China

YANGON, 1 April—A Chinese delegation led by Ms. Cui Yuying, Deputy Director of the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Managing Director U Thein Aung of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and officials on Tuesday.

Shwe Than Lwin Co., Ltd and the State Council Information Office of China signed an MoU on the Film and TV Program Database.—MNA

NPE CENSUS



General Manager U Ye Naing of News and Periodicals Enterprise replying to answers raised by census collector at Nay Pyi Taw Daily House.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Census takers collect data of staff from NPE at Khayaybin Junction of Zeyathiri Township. MYINT THAN (OXYGEN)

NATIONAL

Disaster risk reduction towards transforming development



Vice-President U Nyan Tun speaking at the opening ceremony of the 11th Regional Consultative Committee Meeting on Disaster Management.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—National Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the 11th Regional Consultative Committee Meeting on Disaster Management at the Hotel Royal ACE in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

In his speech on the occasion, the Vice-President said that the world today is facing the impacts

triggered by global warming and climate change. In 2013, there were 296 global disasters including Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and the economic loss caused by these disasters was established at US \$ 192 billion. In Myanmar, the people were affected by various types of natural disasters in 2013 and the amount of total loss was estimated at 9755.79 million Kyats. In this regard, we can see that dam-

ages caused by the natural disasters are major disturbances for the development of the affected country.

Natural disasters are major challenges for the development of a country and the strategies and the plans for all-round development should be integrated with disaster risk reduction approach. The countries must seriously take into consideration of mainstreaming disaster reduction into the comprehensive and strate-

gic development plans.

Nowadays, mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in development plan is the world-wide renowned. Also in Myanmar, we have adopted the National Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction and the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee is the management body to the National Plan of Action. There are seven sections and the mainstreaming disaster risk

reduction in development plan is highlighted at section 5.

Moreover, in the speech delivered at the first meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) in Nay Pyi Taw on 30th March 2011, President U Thein Sein mentioned the promulgation of Natural Disaster Management Law in order to review and amend necessary arrangement for relief, rehabilitation and long-term prevention of unforeseen natural disasters caused by adverse weather changes. In accordance with the guidelines by President, the Natural Disaster Management Law was drafted in 2011 and approved by the Parliament on 31st July 2013. In Section 5-v, it is mentioned that tendering advice to the Union Government of the disaster risk reduction plan should be included in the implementation of State development programme.

The purpose of the meeting today is “Disaster Risk Reduction and Transforming Development”. Based on experiences, good practices and challenges learnt today, we will adopt a programme for mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and transform to development in 2015-2025 in Asia.

Moreover, the meeting today is the technical

regional meeting prior to the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Thailand in June, 2014 and the world Conference on Disaster Reduction to be convened in March 2015 in Japan and will discuss the measures to mainstream, disaster risk reduction in development plan in the formulation of the 2015-2025 Hyogo Framework of Action.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said that today’s meeting is the great opportunities for the countries as the 11th RCC is the one important and technical regional meeting before the two great events and we shape the future direction of mainstreaming in the HFA2 through our discussions in this 11th RCC meeting.

Moreover, she do believe the fruitful result based on the experiences and lesson-learnt of the member countries will be emerged through the 3-day meeting and the experience of mainstreaming by the member countries will be a great contribution to HFA2 from the Asia Region.

After the meeting, the officials concerned made clarification on the natural disaster preparedness process to the media.—MNA

Investigation Committee launches probe into 26-27 March riots in Sittway



Investigation Committee Chairman Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn meets departmental officials and social organization members at committee office.—MNA

SITTWAY, 1 April—The Investigation Committee for recent riots in Sittway clarified local authorities on Sunday its organizational set up and main duties for probing into the riots.

After the meeting, the committee inspected the lo-

cations where the riots took place.

The committee met with responsible personnel from UN/INGOs and asked questions about the riots happened on 26 and 27 March.

The investigation

committee has been based at Rakhine State Government’s office.

The committee was formed on 28 March to investigate and take action against those who destroyed the residences and garages hired by Malteser

International and the workers of UN agencies.

The committee office is kept open at the state government office. Officials of the committee conduct enquire Rakhine State authorities, security officials, towns’ elders and local authorities at its office as of 31 March morning.

On Tuesday, the committee officials supplicated on incidents of destruction and riots in Sittway, census taking process and religious affairs to six venerable monks at Patheingyi Monastery in Sittway. The investigation committee met with those from Rakhine Social Network, Women’s Network, Arakanese National Party (ANK), owners of destroyed houses and departmental officials during the investigation.

State IPRD

Peking Express to be broadcast on TV Channel M6 in France

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung on Tuesday received Producer Mr Philip Henderickx of Belgium-based Eccholine BVBA Co. and discussed broadcasting programme on Myanmar tourism industry.

A group led by producer Mr Philip Henderickx took a trip to Hsipaw, Ywangan, Nyaungshwe, Pindaya, Kalaw, Meiktila, Bagan, Popa and Mandalay from 21 to 31 January

to make a documentary record named Peking Express under the arrangements of Golden Trip Travels and Tours Co., Ltd. The trip was supervised by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. The press conferences related to Peking Express was held in Belgium and French.

Mr Philip Henderickx presented the documentary record to the Union Minister. The documentary will be broadcast on TV Channel M6 in French.—MNA

Public awareness for pre-monsoon period

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—During the pre-monsoon period, isolated rain or thunder-showers are likely in the afternoon or evening accompanied with (35) mph to (40) mph surface wind, hails, thunder and light-

ning, due to the rising day temperature in the whole country.

Public is advised to take necessary awareness with the Weather News and Warning, reported by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

4th Anniversary of PyinOoLwin Funeral Service Association held



PYINOOLOWIN, 1 April—To mark the 4th anniversary of PyinOoLwin Funeral Service Association, wellwishers donated one hearse to the association at Mahathawbitayama Monastery in PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay on Sunday.

They also donated 15

oxygen cylinders, 50 bags of rice, 10 eligible oil containers, one sucker two oxygen concentrators and two wheelchairs through the chairman of the association.

The association was established in 2010 with the aim of providing necessary assistance to grass-

roots such as eye surgical operations, blood donations and funeral services.

Wellwishers assisted necessary equipment for the association. For further donation, anyone may dial 085-28046, 085-28446 and 09 33317876 of the association.

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Census taken in Yamethin Tsp

YAMETHIN, 1 April—A census taking team collected data at 33814 people from 7176 households in Yamethin Township on Sunday and Monday.

The census takers gathered data from Myanmar

Correctional Department, Forest Department, No (3) Basic Military Training Depot, No (1) Police Training Depot, hospital, motels, railway stations, lodges and G.T.C students and hostels.

Zaw Win Aung (IPRD)

Census Taken

Census taking in Mandalay Region goes smoothly



MANDALAY, 1 April—Chairman of Supervisory Committee on Taking Census in Mandalay Region, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint viewed census taking activities at Seiktamahi Ward in Chanayethazan Township,

Mandalay, on Monday.

The Chief Minister and party greeted the census takers and people.

The census taking process is in progress in wards and villages of Mandalay Region.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

2014 National Census kicks off in Mongphyat, Shan State (East)

MONGPHYAT, 1 April—The 12-day Myanmar's Population and Housing Census was launched in Mongphyat Township in Shan State (East) on Sunday. Members of ward/village supportive development committee, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Fire Brigade and social organization actively took part in the census taking process, officials said.

Chairman of District Census Committee Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw

Kyaw Ohn, Chairman of Township Census Committee Township Administrator U Aung Myint Kyaw and members viewed round the census taking activities.

Secretary of District Census Committee U Set Shwe and party made a field trip to the villages in Mongyawng Township and Mongyu Sub-Township where 2014 national census is being taken.

Wai Yan Lin (IPRD)

Kachin State urgently needs more concrete bridges

MONGHYAT, 1 April—Baileys and wooden bridges on Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road are replaced with concrete bridges in Kachin State with the fund

allotted by the Union Government.

Trucks face difficulties to pass through the baileys or wooden bridges, especially in rainy season. In summer, they have to go to detour but the bridge are in need of major maintenance for loaded trucks.

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Photo shows trucks which are driving the detour because the bridge is need of major maintenance for loaded tracks.

Protesters demand implementation of internal peace process

MOHNYIN, 1 April—A total of 125 protesters held placards inscribing "implement internal peace right now", "abolish Myit-sone Project" and "amend the constitution" and walked around Mohnyin in peace on Friday. Ko Tin Maung Win, one of the protesters leaders said

demonstration was allowed by authorities concerned.

Daw Khin Nyunt, 75, one of the participants in the protest said she wanted to urge authorities concerned to implement internal peace as soon as possible.

NLM-001

Taungtha dwellers enjoy sufficient water

TAUNGTHA, 1 April—Local people in Taungtha Township in Mandalay Region have easy access to safe drinking water thanks to tube-wells.

In the past, they faced scarcity of water in hot season. They did not have sufficient rain water because the township is one of the

dry regions in central Myanmar.

Under the guidance of the President, Water Resources Utilization Department has sunk tube-wells in such villages of Taungtha Township as Zajana, Kanmye, Htan Paukkon and Ohnshittpin. Furthermore, the wells

were facilitated with tank and Submersible Pump at the cost of K 20 million each village.

Over 700 feet deep tube-well can generate over 2000 gallons per hour. So, a total of 15090 people from 2599 households enjoy sufficient water.

NLM-018

LOCAL NEWS

Census taking smooth in Myanaung Township

MYANAUNG, 1 April—As the nationwide census taking process 2014 kicked off on Sunday, the census takers collected data of patients at the township people's hospital in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Assistant Director U Ye Zin Latt of Hinthada District Immigration

and National Registration Department and departmental officials assisted in smoothly taking census process.

Win Bo (Myanaung IPRD)



Census taker collect data of patient at Myanaung Township People's Hospital.

Bio-security measures awareness raised in Monywa

MONYWA, 1 April—As weather is hotter and hotter in this summer, awareness of bio-security is being risen at poultry farms in Monywa, Sagaing Region, as of early April, according to poultry farmers of Monywa Township.

“As part of efforts for prevention against infection of bird flu, the bio-security measures are being taken at the poultry farms. Although the temperature

is higher this year, egg rate of poultry does not decline yet. There is no casualty. Poultry farms are fumigated twice a month,” said a poultry farmer of Monywa Township.

According to the instructions prescribed by the veterinarians, the bio-security measures such as insecticide spraying is performed at the farms, vehicles and poultry and egg carriers day

and night, said an official of Monywa Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

In January 2014, fire broke out at 22 poultry farms of 376 in Monywa poultry farming zone. People of Htanaungwun model village in Monywa Township are engaged in breeding of chicken and they are placing emphasis on raising awareness of bio-security measures.

Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

Kayin State launches literacy campaign in Kawkaik Tsp

HPA-AN, 1 April—Youths are always active and dynamic in all sectors. Taking lessons in all fields, the youth will become reliable persons of the State in the future.

On 29 March, Chief Minister U Zaw Min of

Kayin State met the students of Hpa-an Univesity who will join the literacy campaign in Kayin State, at the gymnasium of Hpa-an University.

Rector of the university Dr Daw Mya Mya Aye explained the work pro-

cedures for literacy campaign.

The Chief Minister and Head of Kayin State Health Department Dr Aung Kyaw Htwe presented medicines to be used in their campaign period.

The literacy cam-

K 30 million handed over to village fund in Singaing Tsp

SINGAING, 1 April—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd handed over K 30 million to the rural fund of Singainggyi Village of Singaing Township for undertaking poverty alleviation and rural development.

On 31 March morning, the ceremony took place in

the village.

Head of Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Yan Naing Soe explained procedures for setting up the rural fund across the nation.

General Manager Dr Moe Sithu of Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd explained purpose of providing cash to the rural fund, future process and accept-

ance of cash.

Secretary of the trust-fund committee U Maung Maung accepted K 30 million.

Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd set up the fund for two villages in Mandalay Region. It will disburse loans to cultivators and livestock breeders at 0.05 kyat interest rate per year.—Tun Tun Naing (Kyaukse)

Sanitation and personal hygiene clarified



PANTANAW, 1 April—Pantanaw Township, one of the deltaic area of Ayeyawady Region, is focusing on sanitation and personal hygiene at its township.

Myanmar Health Assistants Association and UNICEF jointly made clarifications on Community led Total Sanitation (CLTS) at township level at the hall of the Township Health Department in Pantanaw, Ayeyawady Region, on 28 March.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Nay Min Myo Tun explained success achieved in implementing the campaign of environmental sanitation and personal hygiene in 16 villages of the township.

Treasurer of the central committee of the association U Than Myint explained projects of the association and UNICEF representative Dr Mya

Than Tun discussed the important role of water and sanitation.

Project leader U Maung Maung Aye clarified matters related to the project and replied to queries.

The township will implement the project in 41 villages at the end of March 2014.

Khin Maung Zaw Myint

Myanmar U-14 to take part in Japan-ASEAN U-14 Football Championship

YANGON, 1 April—Myanmar U-14 football team left here by air for Japan to take part in Japan-ASEAN U-14 Football Championship to be held in Osaka of Japan from 3 to 6 April on Monday.

Myanmar U-14 team comprises U Soe Win as Team Manager, U Phone Nyunt Ko as Secretary, U Min Htoo Lin as Coach, U Ye Wint Thu as Assistant Coach and U Pyae Phyo Aung as Team Nurse and seventeen players selected from Mandalay football academy and regions and states.

Myanmar U-14 line-up is goalkeeper Aung Myint Myat and Htet Waiyan Soe, defender Aung Wun-

na Soe, Thura San, Kyaw Phyo Wai, Hein Soe, Sithu Moe Khant, Myat Tun Thit and Min Myat Thu, midfielder Thet Paing Htwe, Pyae Son Naing, Kaung Htet Kyaw, Myat Kaung Khant and Htet Phyo Wai, forward Hein Htet Aung, Chan Zaw Hein and Tun Hsai.

Myanmar team is drawn with Timor-Leste, Indonesia and Brunei in group (A) and preliminary matches will be held on 3-4 April and semi-finals and final on 5-6 April.

It is learnt that Japan-ASEAN Cultural Exchange Programme will be taken place after the football championship.

Shine Htet Zaw



Malaysia changes last words from missing plane, hunt goes on

KUALA LUMPUR / PERTH, 1 April — The last words from the cockpit of the missing Malaysian airliner were a standard “Good night Malaysian three seven zero”, Malaysian authorities said, changing their account of the critical last communication from a more casual “All right, good night.”

The correction almost four weeks after Flight MH370 vanished was made as Malaysian authorities face heavy criticism, particularly from China, for mismanaging the search and holding back information.

Painstaking analysis of radar data and limited satellite information has focused the search on a vast, inhospitable swathe of the

southern Indian Ocean west of the Australian city of Perth, but has so far failed to spot any sign of it.

“Good night Malaysian three seven zero” would be a more formal, standard sign-off from the cockpit of the Boeing 777, which was just leaving Malaysia-controlled air space on its route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

Malaysia says the plane was likely diverted deliberately, probably by a skilled aviator, leading to speculation of involvement by one or more of the pilots.

Investigators, however, have determined no apparent motive or other red flags among the 227 passengers or the 12 crew.

Reuters



Photo taken on 31 March, 2014 shows the Ssangyong US-South Korea joint landing exercises held in Pohang, South Korea. As a part of the Foal Eagle military exercises, the Ssangyong joint landing exercises is held from 27 March to 7 April in Pohang. —XINHUA

NATO plans more support for east Europeans worried by Crimea



A T-72B Russian tank maneuvers shortly after Russian tanks arrived at a train station in the Crimean settlement of Gvardeiskoye near the Crimean city of Simferopol on 31 March, 2014. —REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 1 April — NATO will decide new steps on Tuesday to reinforce eastern European countries worried by Russia’s annexation of Crimea, and on how to bolster

Ukraine’s armed forces.

Diplomats said NATO foreign ministers will look at options ranging from stepped-up military exercises and sending more forces to eastern members

states, to the permanent basing of alliance forces there — a step Moscow would view as provocative.

Ministers from the 28 alliance members are meeting in Brussels for the first time since Russia’s military occupation and annexation of Ukraine’s Crimea region caused the worst East-West crisis since the Cold War.

While the United States and its allies have made clear they will not intervene militarily in Ukraine, which does not belong to NATO, they have scrambled to reassure anxious NATO members in eastern Europe, particularly ex-Soviet republics in the Baltics, that they are sheltered by the alliance’s security umbrella.

The United States has increased the number of US aircraft in regular NATO air patrols over the Baltic States and beefed up a previously planned training exercise with the Polish air force.

US Ambassador to NATO Douglas Lute said the ministers, including Secretary of State John Kerry, would discuss further measures to reassure the eastern European allies.

“They will talk about ... what more can be done to amplify the measures that have been taken already and to sustain them over time so that these measures are not simply short-term gestures,” Lute told a news conference.

Reuters

Israel says Iran “can be normal nation” without nuclear aspiration

VIENNA, 1 April — Israeli President Shimon Peres said on Monday that Iran “can become a normal country” if it doesn’t seek nuclear weapon. Speaking to the reporters after the meeting with Austrian president Heinz Fischer here, Peres expressed his concerns over Iran’s nuclear programme, saying the comprehensive deal over Iranian nuclear programme should ensure Iran won’t be able to build nuclear weapon. “Nobody wants to see another Hiroshima in our time,” he noted, saying if the comprehensive agreement could be made to make sure Teheran have no atomic weapon plan. “Iran can become a normal nation like everyone else,” he said.

Peres was also reported to have met with IAEA chief Yukiya Amano during his visit to Vienna.

Israel has long accused Iran of developing nuclear weapon under cover of its civilian atomic programme, while Teheran said Israel provide IAEA with fake documents on Iran’s Nuclear Programme, misleading the agency’s inspection in Iran. The world’s six major states and Iran will hold the third round of nuclear negotiation in Vienna on 8 April, heading to a comprehensive nuclear agreement which would ensure Teheran’s atomic plan is solely peaceful while respecting Iran’s nuclear right. —Xinhua

In Brussels, China learns ‘eurospeak’ to seek influence

BRUSSELS, 1 April — At the height of the euro zone crisis, a Chinese official quipped that Europe was being reduced to a “wonderful theme park” for tourists. That view no longer has much currency as Beijing recalibrates links with the world’s biggest trade bloc.

Beijing’s growing realisation that China needs strong influence in Europe’s de facto capital, Brussels, has been cemented by President Xi Jinping’s visit to the EU’s institutions this week, the first ever by a Chinese leader.

Xi did not come offering business deals and little of substance came out of a summit on Monday. But a change in tone from

confrontation to cooperation could mark a new chapter in Sino-European ties, EU officials say.

Nurtured over the past decade as China and its businesses seek to protect and promote their interests in Europe, Beijing’s diplomatic charm offensive is being consolidated by Xi, who became president a year ago with an ambitious reform agenda.

Gone are the days when China maintained a low-key embassy focused mainly on Belgium and the Chinese ambassador would decline invitations to attend lunches, let alone speak at them.

With her designer French handbags, China’s new ambassador to

the EU, Yang Yanyi, has become a regular at cocktail parties and talks on EU-China relations since arriving in January, handing out business cards that even carry her mobile phone number.

The now 90-strong diplomatic mission to the European Union, housed in a vast former Hewlett-Packard building, has in recent months opened its doors for families to try calligraphy and ping-pong.

Diplomats have thrown a Chinese new year’s party with dragon dancers for the Brussels’ diplomatic elite and were instrumental in organising the loan of two giant pandas to a Belgian zoo.

Reuters



European Council President Herman Van Rompuy (R) and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso (L) welcome China’s President Xi Jinping at the European Council in Brussels on 31 March, 2014.

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WORLD



Afghan policemen gather at the site of a military operation in Sari Pul Province, northern Afghanistan, on 30 March, 2014. Thirty-six militants were killed, 17 were wounded while 14 others were detained as the Afghan security forces carried a series of military operations since early Sunday, said the country's Interior Ministry on Monday morning.—XINHUA

ADB urges developing Asia to use public spending to narrow inequality

MANILA, 1 April—The Asian Development Bank urged developing Asia on Tuesday to use public spending to narrow the income gap, saying widening income gaps are undermining efforts to stamp out poverty in the region.

The Asian Development Outlook 2014 stresses the need for developing Asia's governments to "proactively use fiscal policy to close gaps and promote more inclusive growth."

"Fiscal policy can and should play a bigger role in promoting inclusive growth in Asia," said ADB Deputy Chief Economist Juzhong Zhuang.

"Asian policy makers must act now to integrate inclusion targets into their budget planning to transition to a path where the benefits of growth are broadly shared," Zhuang said.

Fiscal Policy for Inclusive Growth, the special theme chapter in the report, notes that during the 1990s and 2000s more than 80 percent of the region's population lived in countries with worsening Gini coefficients, a common measure of inequality.

"The same market forces that have enhanced growth in the region — globalization, technological progress, and market reform — now exacerbate inequality," the report says, adding, "International experience shows that public spending can reduce income inequality."

Government spending on education and health care, for example, broadens access for the poor to these services and helps level the playing field.—Kyodo News

US ambassador to India resigns after diplomatic row

NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON, 1 April—The US ambassador to India has resigned following a row over the arrest of a junior Indian diplomat in New York that pushed relations between the world's biggest democracies to their lowest ebb in more than a decade.

US State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf denied on Monday that Nancy Powell's resignation was related to ongoing tensions after the December arrest and subsequent strip search of the Indian diplomat, Devyani Khobragade.

But analysts said it was clear the position of Powell, a career diplomat who has held several postings in South Asia and became the ambassador to India in 2012, had become untenable as a result of the affair.

The United States sees India as a natural ally on a range of issues and a potential counterbalance to China in Asia. In 2010, President Barack Obama declared that the US-Indian relationship would be "one of the defining partnerships of the 21st century." Trade in goods was \$63.7 billion last year, and US Vice President Joseph Biden last year called for that to grow to half a trillion dollars in five years.

But trade relations were deteriorating even before the diplomatic row and in India's eyes, Powell's tenure never recovered from Khobragade's treatment. India took retaliatory measures against the US embassy, including removing the ambassador's exemption from airport security searches.

Reuters

Italian PM Renzi: If Senate reform is blocked, I'll quit

ROME, 1 April—Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi tied his political future on Monday to a reform package aimed at creating more stable government by stripping the upper house of parliament of key functions and concentrating power in

the lower chamber.

In the latest step of his ambitious reform drive, cabinet signed off on a bill to transform the Senate into a non-elected regional chamber without the power to approve budgets or hold votes

of no-confidence in a government.

The constitutional reforms will have no direct impact on Italy's stricken economy, still struggling to overcome its worst post-war recession and straining under a 2 trillion euro (\$2.8

trillion) public debt.

But Renzi, Italy's third prime minister in a year, has said that without a change in the system, the country risks being stuck with a rotating series of short-lived governments incapable of passing meaningful economic reforms.

If the change to the Senate, which will require a change in the constitution, is blocked in parliament, he said it would be a sign that he had failed in politics and he would "accept the consequences".

"I'm not here to occupy a seat. I'm here to try to change Italy," Renzi, head of the centre-left Democratic Party (PD), told a news conference after the cabinet meeting.

"If you want to ask a citizen, an entrepreneur, a mother, a worker to take a risk and you're not willing to take a risk yourself, you're not credible," he said.

Reuters



Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.—REUTERS

Six killed in blast in Kenyan capital: emergency services

NAIROBI, 1 April—An explosion in an area of Kenya's capital Nairobi that is popular with Somalis killed six people and wounded several others on Monday, the National Disaster Operations Centre said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. In the past, such attacks in the Eastleigh area of Nairobi have been blamed on Somalia's al Shabaab Islamist group, which attacked a Nairobi

shopping mall in September and killed at least 67 people.

"Police are securing the area for emergency response services," the disaster organization said on its official Twitter site.

Nine people were critically injured, it added.

Nairobi's police commander Benson Kibui told Reuters the incident might have involved twin blasts. He confirmed the five dead and said he was seeking confirmation of a

sixth killed.

Ambulances and private cars ferried injured to hospital, a witness said.

On Sunday, a man suspected of assembling a bomb was killed when it went off where he lived near Eastleigh, Kenyan newspapers reported.

The *Standard daily*, which cited police and witnesses, had said three men who lived with the victim fled in a car shortly after Sunday's blast.

Reuters



An injured blast victim arrives at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi on 31 March, 2014. REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 April, 2014

Take a bath early in high summer

We are experiencing a sudden surge of daily temperature which is entering its peak. The high summer is coming ahead and there is no way to avoid the intense heat before the rains come in. As heat rises we need to be vigilant against the impact of the severe heat. We must be alert to the possibility of danger to our lives.

While our environment is scorching in high

summer, we have to look for a cool thing and a patch of shade to rest in. It is a simple solution to stay away from the boiling heat. Water is a refreshing thing in the summer and it makes us feel less tired or less hot. But, we should be aware of the risk in wrong use of water that can threaten our lives.

It is very dangerous for people working in the scorching heat. Some risk their lives for becoming cool for a while by taking a quick shower. Unfortunately, some were taken to hospitals or pronounced dead on the spot.

Our elders tell us to avoid having a shower after the clock struck 10. We may be taken ill at least by taking a bath after late noon. The good bath time for children and the aged is in the morning.

Having a bath or going for a swim in the

lake or creek in the heat of the midday could have tragic consequences for doers. Talking of taking a shower, drinking water should not be left out. It is also important for our health. Don't drink cold water at once at the moment when you just back home from the outside after catching the midday sun.

All in all, water is an essential need for everyone. We would like to stress the need to take great care of ways of having a shower and drinking water.

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Performance To Superperformance

Generally, performance can be classified into three categories:

- Poor Performance
- Fair Performance and
- Outstanding Performance

For practical purposes, poor, low, bad and mediocre performance has to be put out of consideration. Fair or good performance is to be tolerated under the inevitable circumstances, but only superb performance should be encouraged and suitably rewarded.

For the purpose of aspiring to the highest level of achievement, please allow me to use the word SUPER-FORMANCE, which, in fact, means Super Performance.

A performance occurs when you do a job with a certain skill. Of course, you are just doing a typical performance, doing just a routine job, without any passion or enthusiasm. But, if you want to make a difference, it is not enough just to finish a routine work. To make a meaningful difference, you have got to do a simple job with great love, just as Mother Teresa said.

But, whether you want to make a difference or not will depend on where you are staying in your life. I mean, if you are living your life in a "Comfort Zone", then it is almost certain that you won't want to make a difference in your life or in your job or in your relationships. You are likely to live a life of relative comfort without bothering to care for a better or higher life. In the Comfort Zone, you've long been conditioned to be complacent, apathetic, inert with sloth and torpor, and ignorant. So long as you are not inwardly

Kyí Mun

awakened, you are not going to transform yourself by the renewal of your mind.

But, in every human heart, there is a spark which might long have been hidden unawakened. At some point in your life, you are liable to be suddenly aroused out of your lethargy with a certain 'divine' will or aspiration. Then, the sleeping spark comes into life and will proceed to become a blaze! If such a moment occurs, you will be transported from the Comfort Zone to the Combat Zone.

When you transport yourself from the comfort zone into the combat zone, you could find yourself inspired in the passionate heart with such a dictum as: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark."

After that, your whole being will become imbued with the four factors of success, which are: a burning desire, an indomitable will, an unyielding effort and an insight wisdom. After being equipped with the four factors of success, there is only one thing left for you to accomplish. That one thing is: To Do the Most Good for the Most People."

In a workaday world, you'll be making a super-performance by applying to your job your technical, conceptual and human skills and knowledge, while putting into your job the right mental attitude, the can-do spirit, and the habit of going the extra mile.

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Census takers gather data from Vice-President U Nyan Tun's family



Vice-President U Nyan Tun and Daw Khin Aye Myint answer 41 questions raised by census takers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—As the 12-day nationwide census taking was launched on 30 March, a census taking group took census data from

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and Daw Khin Aye Myint and family on Tuesday at his residence.

The Vice-President and wife openly answered

41 questions raised by census takers led by U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population.

MNA

Proper utilization of land in Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Mission Director Mr. Christopher Milligan of United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Program Officer Ms. Claudia Antonelli of European Union (EU) and Development Advisor Ms. Karin Eberhardt of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation at his office on Tuesday.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun holds talks with Mission Director Mr Christopher Milligan of USAID and officials.—MNA

During the meeting, land utilization system in Myanmar, implementation of land utilization policies, long- and short-term plans and updating land use maps were discussed.

As well, they focused on cooperation between experts from relevant ministries and INGOs in land

utilization and accepting suggestions of those who get involved in land utilization system.

Besides, they talked about providing technical assistance and human resource development by USAID, EU and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.—MNA



Mon State Minister for Bamar National concurrently assigned as State Transport Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No. 7/2014 on Tuesday stating that Mon State Minister for Bamar National U Thet Win has been concurrently appointed as Mon State Minister of Transport under Sub-section (i) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (b) of Section 10 of the Region or State Government Law.—MNA

Social Security Law 2012 comes into force on 1 April

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Under Notification No. 15/2014 issued by the President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Social Security Law 2012 took effect on 1 April 2014 (2nd Waxing of Tagu, 1375 ME) according to Section 1, Sub-section (b) of its law.—MNA

OPINION

Pegu, an urban and commercial centre in Mon-Myanmar Kingdoms—Part I

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After nearly five decades of hibernation from inclement political climate [selfimposed or sanctioned isolation] Myanmar has now returned to its rightful place in the family of nations, stepping up its political, economic, social and cultural development programmes to catch up with the Global Age with the speed and progress of modernization and democratization processes which arouse wonder admiration and full support of international community. Right now, just as modern cities like Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and capitals of states and regions are busy with each with its own projects of urbanization, old capitals of past history like Pegu, Toungoo, Mandalay, Sagaing, Inwa, etc. are alive with each with its own activities of celebrating anniversary of its founding date and modernization and urbanization programmes to become metropolis in future. These capitals had their own opportunities and challenges of urbanization of their time, common and different depending upon their time, place and circumstance perhaps their experiences and lessons can be applicable to urbanization of our time.

Reproduced in three instalments in this highly esteemed *Daily the New Light of Myanmar* is the presentation by the writer at the International Conference jointly organized by the Universities' Historical Research Centre of Yangon and the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 10-12 Jan, 1998 at the International Business Centre, Yangon. The presentation was entitled "Pegu as an urban and commercial centre in Mon-Myanmar Kingdoms".

"Three Pegus"

Pegu has two other appellations—Ussa and Hanthawaddy [Humsavadi]. Ussa is a corruption of Orissa, an ancient kingdom in India, which, scholars opine, was given to Pegu by early Hindu merchants from Orissa who came to settle in Pegu. Hanthawaddy was the classical name chosen by both Mon

and Myanmar kings who made Pegu their capital. Its meanings is the Land of Hamsa birds [Brahmany ducks].

Earliest mention of Pegu in foreign account was found in the map drafted by a Greek geographer Ptolemy. He shows in his map Pegu's harbour at the place where now is Thakala village. If he was right, a greater portion of the Ayeyawady delta of today must have been under sea in his time, and Pegu must have been a sea port right on the sea coast.

The legend of Hanthawaddy seems to lend evidence to Ptolemy's location of Pegu harbour. It says that when the sea began to recede, a tiny patch of land first emerged—just a space enough for a bird to alight on. A couple of Hamsa birds in flight tried to come down to rest. As there was not enough ground for the two, the male alighted on the tiny islet and the female on its back. Whatever the legend says, geological and geographical evidences leave no room for doubt that Pegu was once a maritime kingdom and Hanthawaddy was a seaport town. Mr A.H.J Page, I.C.S settlement officer compiled Pegu district Gazetteer Vol .A published in 1917. This book provides detail of Pegu's flora, fauna and fossil which mostly reveal maritime character.

Dynasties that ruled Pegu

There were four dynasties that ruled Pegu. The first two were Mon kings and the second two Myanmar. The first dynasty had 17 kings of whom the first ruler was Wimmala who founded Pegu. The last in this dynasty was Tissa [1043-1057 AD] there was an interregnum of 30 years [1057-1287 AD] after Tissa, during which Pegu was subjected to Bagan. The second dynasty was founded by Wareru whose racial origin was disputed by some scholars. G.E Harvey thought he was a Shan adventurer Native historians say that he was a Kayin elephant tamer in the service of the king of Sukhotai, whereas the Mons claim that he was a Mon hero. It was a long line of 20 rulers

of whom the last was Smix Htous Yamu who was defeated in a combat on elephant with King Bayint Naung in 1553 AD. The third dynasty was a short line of four Myanmar kings known as Toungoo dynasty founded by King Min Kyi Nyo (1486-1531 AD) and the last in the line was King Nanda Bayin (1581-1599). But the first two kings Min Kyi Nyo and Tabin Shwe Hti made Toungoo their capital. It was in the time of the last two kings Bayint Naung and Nanda Bayin that Pegu became capital again. The fourth dynasty called Nyaung Yan dynasty had ten kings of whom King Nyaung Yan was the founder. Pegu was the capital under the first king till 1635 when King Tha Lun moved to Inwa. After that date Pegu began to wane in significance though the last two Mon kings ruled at Pegu during a brief period of seven years (1740-1747) Pegu never recovered its former glory. Pegu had a chequered political career for it did not remain capital throughout the four dynasties just described. It was capital first time from 823 to 1057 AD, second time from 1369-1539 AD and third time from 1740-1747 AD. During the gaps in these three periods Martaban from 1287-1363 AD and Donwun from 1363-1369 were capitals.

Favourable factors which made Pegu an urban and commercial centre

Pegu commanded a location favourable for urban and commercial development. It had a large extent of hinterland encompassing both high and low lands. The entire range of Pegu Yoma hills thickly forested by precious timber trees particularly teak served as its backbone, while the Pegu river and several rivulets, streams and creeks formed a natural network of water communication throughout the kingdom. Pegu had easy access to other sea port towns in the delta such as Thaton, Martaban, Dala, Syriam, and Cosmin (Pathein). Which were well known to the seafarers in the south East Asian waters. There were flatlands around Pegu fed

by rain and flood and fertilized with alluvial soil brought by rivers. They provided Pegu more than sufficient lands for agriculture and horticulture. Depressions in the nether lands were filled with rain water and flood forming natural lakes which abound in aquatic creatures especially fish, prawn and crab. Being situated within easy reach of the sea, Pegu attracted maritime trade which prospered at an early date. Hindu merchants were the first to arrive and settle there, followed suit by the moors and Arabs and later by the Portuguese and other Europeans such as the Armenians, the Venetians, the Genoese, and the English. Other power Houses in Lower Myanmar either declined or could not grow at the time when Pegu was on the ascendancy. Thaton (Suvanabumi) an older Mon capital declined after King Anawrahta of Bagan conquered it in 1057 AD Martaban and Donwun were capitals only for a brief period, whereas Dala, Syriam and Cosmin never grew beyond being sea parts. Bayan was a spent house after the sack by Mongol Tartars where as Inwa had not yet recovered its strength as the whole of Upper Myanmar was still turbulent. Under such circumstances Pegu rose to become an urban and commercial centre unhindered and unrivalled.

Pegu of the first Mon Kingdom in lower Myanmar

We know very little of the first Mon dynasties because native chronicles make little or no mentions of the daily life of the people. Native chronicles are the diaries of events which took place at the courts and records of wars waged among kings and nobles. But there are indirect references found in the contemporary writings such as inscriptions and literature of the period.

It seems that Pegu was already an urban centre at the time of its founding. A typical medieval town with a separate walled city in which the Palace occupied the centre and all men in the royal services were

quartered around the Palace Complex, living in the houses lined up in rows, built and designed befitting their status and rank. The walled city was surrounded by ditches or moats over which crossed bridges. The city walls had gates on all four sides well guarded day and night. The public dwellings were located outside the walled city. They were quartered according to their trade and profession. The alien residents were given separate places to live.

The plan of the Palace and the walled city followed faithfully the concepts of Buddhist cosmography and astrology, and the Brahmin priests played an influential role in town planning, palace building, court rituals and ceremonies.

Archaeological evidences show us that market place was by the side of the River with some jetties and Indian merchants had separate settlements with Hindu temples. From a very early date, Pegu had regular commercial relations with India. Though it was not certain what merchandizes went to and from Pegu and India, we may safely assume that calico and other textile goods, perfume, sandal wood, herbal medicine, and luxuries for the court use came from India, and rubies, lac, musk, and forest products were major items of Pegu's export.

Pegu of the second Mon kingdom in Lower Myanmar

From the accounts and travelogues by foreign visitors to Pegu, we can sketch a better picture of Pegu of the second Mon dynasty. The discovery by Vasco da Gama in 1498 AD of the

sea route round the cape of Good Hope to the East opened a new chapter in the history of Europe-Asia relations. Many western adventures took this route to visit fabulously rich oriental lands. Pegu was one of the south-east Asian seaports which attracted European travelers and merchants. Even before Vasco da Gama, Italian merchants began arriving in Pegu to trade and to explore its commercial prospect.

The earliest description of Pegu as a great urban centre is found in the account of Nicolo di Conti, a merchant from Venice who came to Pegu about 1435. He called Pegu in an Italian style "Panconia" which he describes as a very populous city with a circumference of 12 miles. In 1496, Nikitan, a Russian merchant came to Pegu Port which he says "was principally inhabited by Indian Dervishes". He was referring to the colony of Indian traders of Pegu. We learn more detail of Pegu from Hieronymo Santo Stefano, a Genoese merchant who came to Pegu in 1496 to trade. He says "Bin-Yaran, the King of Pegu is a great Lord who possesses more than ten thousand elephants, and every year he breeds five hundred of them". He describes Pegu kingdom as "the country distant fifteen days journey by land from another called Ava in which grow rubies and many other precious stones". As he could not go to Ava due to war waged between it and Pegu, he had to sell all his merchandize to the King of Pegu who alone could purchase them with that great amount of money 2000 ducats.

(To be continued)

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (1-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 659,000 per tical: Selling K 660,000

FE RATE

USD Buying K 961 - Selling K 965.5
SGD Buying K 757 - Selling K 767
Euro Buying K 1310 - Selling K 1330

Some 860,000 new recruits in Japan mark 1st day at work

Tokyo, 1 April — Some 860,000 new recruits at companies across Japan marked their first day of work on Tuesday, the starting day of the country's fiscal 2014.

Central and local governments as well as many private-sector companies held welcome ceremonies for the new recruits.

At the Tokyo metropolitan government office in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward, Gov Yoichi Masuzoe spoke in front of some 1,700 new recruits and called on them to work together in a bid to make Japan's capital the world's best city, while aiming to bring success to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Tokyo Electric Power Co, known as TEPCO, operator of the disaster-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, resumed hiring new recruits for the first time in three years. TEPCO President Naomi Hirose called on the new workers to work



A welcome ceremony for new recruits to ANA Holdings Inc, the holding company of the All Nippon Airways group, is held inside a hanger at Tokyo's Haneda airport on 1 April, 2014, in front an ANA Boeing 747 that made its final flight the previous day after roughly four decades of service. —KYODO NEWS

together to cope with the difficulties facing the

utility. In Japan's second-biggest business

centre Osaka, Kozo Takahashi, president of major

electronics maker Sharp Corp, welcomed 94 new

recruits and thanked them, noting that Sharp is struggling to rebuild itself.

Central and local government data show that 82.9 percent of prospective graduates from universities and colleges had found jobs as of 1 February ahead of their graduation in March, showing an improvement in the labour market for a third straight year. But some 73,000 failed to find jobs at that time.

The data also showed 90.7 percent of job-seeking graduates from senior high schools found jobs as of the end of January — the highest since 1994.

Job offers from construction and nursing-care industries were active, officials said.

In the three prefectures hardest hit by the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, 96.2 percent of job-seeking graduates from senior high schools found jobs in Iwate, 94.8 percent in Fukushima and 92.8 percent in Miyagi.

Kyodo News

UN chief warns against aiding Central African Republic militias

UNITED NATIONS, 1 April — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned on Monday against any support or facilitation of violence by armed groups in Central African Republic after Chadian troops were accused of opening fire on civilians and killing at least 10 people at the weekend. The shooting on Saturday was the latest in a string of violent incidents involving Chadian troops, who Central African Republic's anti-balaka Christian militia accuse of siding with Muslims and Seleka rebels and preying upon the local Christians.

The mainly Muslim

Seleka seized power a year ago, perpetrating abuses on the majority Christian population that triggered waves of revenge attacks, leading to thousands of deaths and displacing hundreds of thousands.

"The secretary-general reminds all those who are involved in spreading the violence, including those directly or indirectly supporting or otherwise facilitating the actions of armed groups, that they will be held accountable for their actions and brought to justice," Ban's press office said in a statement.

Reuters

Guinness record-setting mural gives Damascenes diversion from war

DAMASCUS, 1 April — A group of Syrian artists in Damascus has created the world's biggest mural made of recycled materials, a rare work aimed at brightening public space in a city sapped by war and sanctions.

The brightly coloured, 720-sq metre work was constructed from aluminium cans, broken mirrors, bicycle wheels and other scrap objects and displayed on a street outside a primary school in the center of the Syrian capital.

The mural's lead artist, Syrian artist Moaffak Makhoul, said the idea behind the project was to give or-

inary people a chance to experience art and relieve some of the pressures of daily life as the country's three-year-old conflict grinds on.

"In the difficult conditions that the country is going through, we wanted to give a smile to the people, joy to the children, and show people that the Syrian people love life, love beauty, love creativity," he said.

Guinness World Records has declared the work the world's largest mural made of recycled materials.

Syria is sunk in a civil war that has killed over 140,000 people, forced millions more to flee their

homes and devastated much of the country's infrastructure, economic activity and urban life.

Central Damascus has been relatively shielded from the worst fighting, although a little over a year ago rebels controlled a ring of suburbs and were launching incursions that threatened government control over parts of the city centre.

Gains over the past few months by President Bashar al-Assad's forces in Damascus' outskirts and along the nearby Lebanese border have strengthened the government's grip on the capital.

Makhoul said he saw the mural as a fitting project for the times because it could help ease the frustrations of normal people. "I found it to be the most appropriate time for this. Now is when we need to do something," he said.

"I've been sad to see a lot of my colleagues, artists, all traveling abroad and leaving. God be with them and give them luck — but the country also needs all of us."

The mural took about six months to complete and was finished in January with the help of about six artists.

Reuters

Slow speed, faulty warning system blamed in fatal Asiana plane crash

WASHINGTON, 1 April — The Asiana Airlines Inc flight that crashed in San Francisco in July, killing three passengers, was likely because the pilots were flying dangerously slow and a warning system that should have alerted them was inadequate, according to conclusions drawn by the airline and reported in documents released by US investigators on Monday.

"The probable cause of this accident was the flight crew's failure to monitor and maintain a minimum safe airspeed during a final

approach," Asiana Airlines said in its report to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

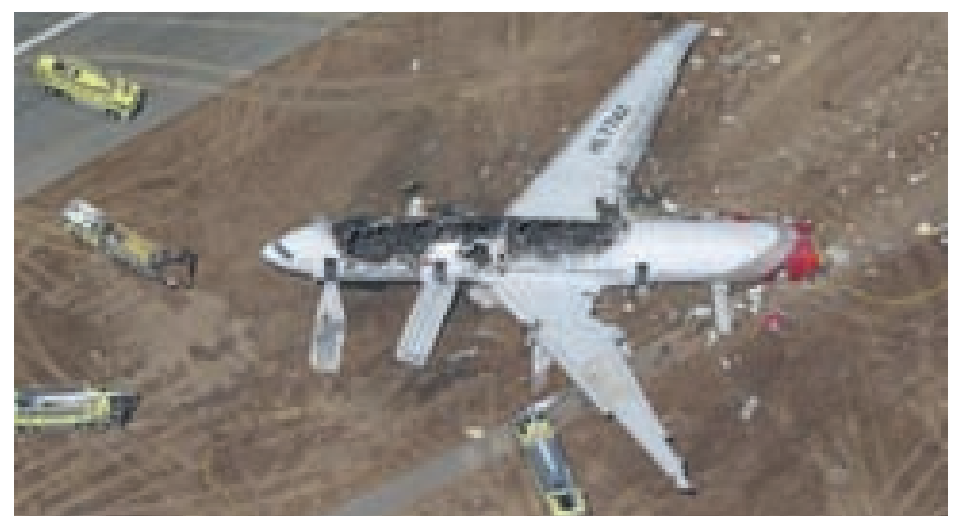
The airline also blamed what it called "inadequate warning systems" for alerting the flight crew that the auto-throttle had stopped maintaining the set airspeed. It suggested the aircraft manufacturer, Boeing Co, modify the low-speed alert system on its planes.

Immediately after the 6 July, 2013 crash, Asiana said there appeared to be no mechanical problem with the aircraft. But in its

latest document the airline blamed the design of the auto-throttle, an issue that had been raised previously.

For its part, Boeing said in its submission to the NTSB that "there were numerous cues" that the aircraft's speed was slowing dangerously and it placed the blame for the crash squarely on the pilots. "This accident occurred due to the flight crew's failure to monitor and control airspeed, thrust level and glide path on short final approach," Boeing said.

"This accident would



An Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 plane is seen in this aerial image after it crashed while landing at San Francisco International Airport in California on 6 July, 2013.

REUTERS

have been avoided had the flight crew followed

procedures and initiated a timely go-around as the

approach became increasingly unstable..."—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

High-profile stem cell papers contain fraudulent parts



Ryoji Noyori, Nobel Prize laureate and president of the Japanese government-backed Riken institute.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 1 April—The Japanese government-backed Riken institute acknowledged as fraudulent on Tuesday some portions of purportedly trailblazing stem cell papers by its researchers and others, saying that the papers' lead author both manipulated and fabricated data underpinning their findings.

At a news conference in Tokyo, however, Riken's investigative panel declined to say whether the so-called STAP cells — the versatile stem cells the papers' authors say they created — re-

ally exist or not, calling for further scientific studies.

The research that was initially hailed as groundbreaking with potential in regenerative medicine has turned into a major embarrassment for the country's premier research institute and the Japanese scientific community at large.

Riken is expected to strongly recommend that Haruko Obokata, the Riken researcher and lead author of the papers in question, and co-authors retract the papers, which appeared in the journal *Nature* in late January.

Meanwhile, Obokata strongly disputed the panel's conclusion, saying through her proxy that she "can never accept the pigeonholing (of the irregularities) as manipulation and fabrication," adding that she intends to appeal the conclusion to Riken.

In the papers, researchers led by Obokata of the Riken Centre for Developmental Biology, one of Riken's research units, claimed that STAP cells, or stimulus-triggered acquisition of pluripotency cells, can be produced by subjecting



The Japanese government-backed Riken institute's investigating panel holds a Press conference in Tokyo on 1 April, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

somatic cells from a mouse to stress, or acid liquid in this case.

In its final report on a slew of allegations leveled at the papers, the Riken panel found that Obokata fabricated data by using in one of the papers a set of images that resemble those in her doctoral dissertation for Waseda University in 2011.

Calling the images "extremely important data" that

are meant to show the versatility of STAP cells, the panel said their use in the *Nature* paper "destroyed the credibility" of the data from its foundations, and that she used the images while being fully aware of its risks.

According to the panel, Obokata explained that she used the images mistakenly. But the panel said her assertion is not convincing.

The panel also found that in the same paper, she

manipulated data by cutting and pasting an image. The panel said the manipulation was done to make the data appear neater and that she did not know doing such a thing was against the rule.

The panel determined that three other co-authors of the papers did not engage in fraudulence.

But, regarding the two of the three — Yoshiaki Sasai, deputy head of the Riken Centre, and

Teruhiko Wakayama, a professor at the University of Yamanashi, the panel said their responsibility is "grave," in that they failed to verify the contents of the papers.

In the interim report of its probe, Riken said the STAP cell papers contained "serious errors." Of six allegations about the papers, the institute dismissed two and continued to look into the remainder.

The Riken panel said in its final report that two of the four allegations turned out not to involve fraudulence.

Kyodo News



Shunsuke Ishii, head of the Japanese government-backed Riken institute's investigating panel.—KYODO NEWS

Yahoo in talks to buy News Distribution Network for \$300 million



A Yahoo logo is pictured in front of a building in Rolle, 30 km (19 miles) east of Geneva, in this file picture taken on 12 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 April—Yahoo Inc is in preliminary talks to acquire online video service News Distribution Network for

\$300 million, according to a report in the *Wall Street Journal* on Monday.

The deal could further Yahoo's efforts to bolster

its online video programming and video advertising revenue, according to the report, which cited anonymous sources. NDN is a video syndication service that works with newspapers and other online publishers.

Yahoo did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

NDN spokeswoman Krystal Olivier was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* story as stating that the company was not in talks to be acquired by Yahoo. Reached by phone on Monday, Olivier declined to comment.

Reuters

HP agrees to pay \$57 million to settle shareholder lawsuit

PALO ALTO, (California), 1 April—Hewlett-Packard Co agreed to pay \$57 million to settle a lawsuit that accused the personal computer maker's former management of defrauding shareholders by abandoning a business model it had long touted. The lawsuit was filed after former Chief Executive Leo Apotheker shocked investors on 18 August, 2011 by announcing plans to refo-

cus the company on business services and products.

He also revealed plans to scrap WebOS, whose rights HP had obtained when it bought Palm Inc in 2010; pay \$11.1 billion for British software company Autonomy Plc; and possibly spin off HP's personal computer business. The company also halted sales of the TouchPad, after just seven weeks on the market.—Reuters



A Hewlett-Packard logo is seen at the company's Executive Briefing Centre in Palo Alto, California on 16 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

New iPhone 6 screens to enter production as early as May

TOKYO, 1 April—Apple Inc suppliers will begin mass producing displays as early as May for the next iPhone, expected to be launched this autumn, with a 4.7-inch screen likely to be produced first while a 5.5-inch version could be delayed, supply chain sources said.

Japan Display Inc, Sharp Corp and South Korea's LG Display Co Ltd have all been tapped to make the screens, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Representatives for the three suppliers and for Apple declined to comment.

Both iPhone 6 screens will be larger than the 4.0-inch panels on Apple's existing iPhone 5S and 5C models. Larger iPhones, the subject of months of speculation, would mark yet another incremental tweak to the popular smartphone line and an attempt to catch up

to rivals like Samsung Electronics Co Ltd.

The company that helped to define American technology innovation is under increasing pressure to once again revolutionize the gadget industry, but CEO Tim Cook, while promising only "new product categories" for 2014, has played his cards close to his chest.

Apple's shares have languished below \$600 since November 2012, in

part because of worries about smartphone market saturation and its ability to stay at the forefront of tech innovation.

Both iPhone 6 screens are expected to use in-cell touch panel technology — built into the screen and allowing for thinner construction than with standard touch panel films — that was introduced with the iPhone 5, the sources said.

Reuters



The Apple flagship retail store is pictured in San Francisco, California on 27 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Tech firm Opera inks deal for Skyfire

OSLO, 1 April—Norwegian tech firm Opera (OPERA.OL) has reached an agreement that will see its key Skyfire rocket optimiser

solution selected for use in the partner's products, the firm said on Tuesday.

Opera did not name the company it had signed

an agreement with. It said it was "a major Internet company" which would announce further detail of the deal.—Reuters

S Korea urges N Korea to halt slander of President Park

SEOUL, 1 April — South Korea on Tuesday urged North Korea to halt its slandering of President Park Geun Hye.

“North Korea should speak and behave with careful thoughts and we will closely watch it,” a statement issued by South Korea’s Unification Ministry said.

The statement was issued after North Korea on Tuesday criticized South Korean President Park for making proposals to bolster exchanges with the North

in a speech she delivered last week.

In the speech made at the former East German city of Dresden, Park said South Korea is ready to expand its humanitarian aid to the North if Pyongyang agrees to give up its nuclear weapons programme.

She said South Korea is ready to offer a wide range of economic assistance to the North to lay the foundation for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Specific measures include healthcare

support for pregnant mothers and infants, as well as infrastructure investment in North Korea.

The North’s main *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper called her “an eccentric old maid, an idiot and a hen” for her comments on North Korea’s economic difficulties and its homeless children, according to *Yonhap News Agency* monitoring North Korean media.

Park’s comments “are an unpardonable insult” to the North, the newspaper said.—Kyodo News



Passengers wait to alter their tickets at the airport of Shenzhen, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 31 March, 2014. Heavy rain also grounded flights and stranded passengers at major airports of Guangdong since Sunday. As of 6:30 pm, a total of 113 flights had been canceled at the Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport on Monday, with 43 outbound flights delayed for at least two hours, according to sources with the airport. —XINHUA

Japan adopts new arms export principles for 1st time in 50 yrs

TOKYO, 1 April — Japan adopted new principles and guidelines on arms exports on Tuesday, the first major overhaul in nearly half a century of its arms embargo policy, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe set the stage for his country to play a more active role in global security.

Despite concern that the policy change will hurt the country’s status as a pacifist state, Japan effectively removed the all-out ban imposed during the Cold War and opened the way for arms exports under certain conditions.

“Japan will make further contributions to peace and seek technological cooperation in the field of defence equipment with the United States and other countries,” Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters.

The newly adopted three principles on the transfer of defense equipment state that Japan will continue to embrace the basic philosophy of a pacifist state that abides by the UN Charter. Under the new principles, Japan will prohibit the export of weapons to countries involved in conflicts. The ban would also apply when exports violate UN resolutions.

Japan will allow arms exports only if they serve the purpose of contributing to international cooperation and its security interests.

Even when exports are allowed, Japan plans to impose strict screenings and make the process transparent. The unstated use and transfer of Japanese equipment to third parties will also be kept in check.

Prime Minister Abe

is reworking the country’s defence and security policy to deal with new security threats, and the new guidelines are one of his major policy goals.

The prime minister is expected to decide whether to reinterpret the war-renouncing Constitution to enable Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defense and defend an ally under armed attack, namely the United States.

The new weapons export policy would enable Japan to engage in joint development and production, and ship equipment overseas for use in relief efforts and warning and surveillance operations, as Tokyo aims to strengthen security ties at various levels.

Before Tuesday’s approval, the ruling coalition of the Liberal Democratic

Party and the New Komeito party called on the government to ensure Japan would not help countries involved in conflicts, and would disclose information on arms export deals to the public.

Opinion polls have indicated the public in Japan is unsure about the decades-old guidelines being changed, fearing a lack of clear limits on arms exports could undermine the pacifist stance.

Under the new scheme, the defense, foreign and trade ministries will normally conduct screenings. The National Security Council, a body launched in December to speed up decision-making on defense and foreign policy, will decide whether to allow exports when deals are considered important and require caution.

Kyodo News

Cambodian parliament begins 2nd session without opposition

PHNOM PENH, 1 April — Cambodia’s National Assembly convened its second session on Tuesday without the presence of a single opposition lawmaker. Cheam Yeap, senior lawmaker from the ruling Cambodian People’s Party, said 66 out of 68 elected lawmakers from the CPP appeared at the session including Prime Minister Hun Sen, but none of the 55 elected lawmakers from the Cambodia National Rescue Party was present.

He said the parliament can hold its session accordingly as long as there are at least 62 lawmakers present.

The parliament meets for three months and recesses for three months.

On Sunday, the CNRP adopted a resolution at its people’s congress that “in the absence of true investigation of the past electoral irregularities or of no holding of a new election and in particular reform for the independence of the National Election Committee, the members of parliament-elect of the CNRP shall not take their seats at the National Assembly.”

The CNRP has boycotted parliament since 23 Sept last year, when the first session convened. In the July election, the CPP won 68 seats out of the 123-seat National Assembly and the remaining went to the CNRP.

Kyodo News

Malaysian PM to arrive in Australia for joint jet hunt

PERTH, (Australia), 1 April — Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak will arrive in Perth, West Australia on Wednesday to witness the ongoing search operation for the missing MH370 passenger jet.

Razak is scheduled to visit Pearce Air Base near Perth to thank all involved in the multinational effort to find remains of the Beijing-bound plane which disappeared on 8 March with 239 passengers and crew onboard, reports said here on Tuesday. The hunt was again marred with frustration on Monday when four orange items of interest, the most promising lead in the search so far, were confirmed as fishing junk and nothing more significant has been sighted, said the Australian Maritime Safety Authority

(AMSA). A Perth-based Joint Agency Coordination Centre has been established to oversee communication with international agencies involved in the effort. Former Defence chief Angus Houston was appointed to head the 20-staff center, which will assume its prime coordination role when families of the passengers fly in in the coming weeks.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott toured Pearce Air Base on Monday to show determination in pressing ahead with the unprecedented task to locate the ill-fated jet.

Seven countries Australia, the United States, China, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia have contributed ships and aircraft to the search off the coast of Perth.—Xinhua



Menus are switched at a McDonald’s restaurant in Tokyo’s Shinjuku Ward in the early hours of on 1 April, 2014, after Japan’s consumption tax rate was raised to 8 percent.—KYODO NEWS

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**The Republic of The Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Energy
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Request for Expression of Interest**

Title: Joint Venture Project of LPG Production, Storage, Distribution and Marketing for Liquefied Petroleum Gas Plant (Nyaung Don)

The Republic of The Union of Myanmar, Ministry of Energy, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise intends to implement joint venture between Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise and interested foreign investors who have the ability in terms of worldwide experiences in LPG Production, Storage, Distribution, Marketing and services, financial capacity, reliability for long term cooperation with respect to business expansion and enhancing the existing facilities/capacities for production, storage, distribution and marketing to operate the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Plant (Nyaung Don).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours starting on 7.4.2014. No telephone enquiries shall be allowed.

Planning Department
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Fax: 067 411124
E-mail: MPEHO@mptmail.net.mm, mpeict@gmail.com
Building No(44)
Nay Pyi Taw

Letter of Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail, by fax, by mail) by 15.5.2014 during office hours.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Building No(44)
Nay Pyi Taw
Fax: 067 411126
E-mail: MPEHO@mptmail.net.mm, mpeict@gmail.com

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S KULNATEE CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (040)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (040) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV FENG KANG SHAN VOY NO (119)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FENG KANG SHAN VOY NO (119) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.3.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO, LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGKAJA VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKAJA VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KULNATEE VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KULNATEE VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W(1) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S KULNATEE CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GOLDEN EYE VOY NO (034)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GOLDEN EYE VOY NO (034) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S CHUN AN CHARTERING CO., LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (7J003R)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (7J003R) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIN SHENG VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIN SHENG VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S HONGKONG SHUNXIN MARINE LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Ministry of Electric Power

**Myanma Electric Power Enterprise
Invitation for Open International Bids**

The Myanma Electric Power Enterprise has allocated Funds to be used towards the cost of various Projects. We intend to apply a portion of the proceeds of these funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.

We here by Inform you that invitation of the Open International bidding, Design and Supply of Galvanized Steel Tower for Taung Twin Gyi - Shwe Taung 230 kV Double Circuit, Transmission Line. The Currency of the bid shall be US Dollar and quoting plan is CIF Yangon.

Interested eligible Bidder may obtain future Information from and inspect from 10:00-15:30 hrs at

Power Transmission Project
Myanma Electric Power Enterprise
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw
Myanmar
Phone : + 9567410216

A complete set of the bidding document in English Language and should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by (31-5- 2014), 14:00 hrs and be clear marked "Bidding for Design and Supply of Galvanized Steel Tower for Taung Twin Gyi- Shwe Taung 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission line"

Material Planning
Myanma Electric Power Enterprise
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw
Myanmar
Phone : + 9567410282
Fax: 067: -9567410391

Weather outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

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**The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
ASEAN Summit and related Summits Committee
Sub-Committee on Logistics and Administration
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

ON SPONSORSHIP MANAGEMENT OPERATOR

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has assumed the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014 and will hold 24th ASEAN Summit and 25th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. It will be first time that Myanmar takes ASEAN Chairmanship since it joined ASEAN in 1997.
2. Myanmar has drawn great attention from the international community due to its significant reforms, abundant natural resources and historic and scenic beauties. Hosting of ASEAN Summits and related Summits will be a golden opportunity for the local and foreign companies to promote business and to further expand investment in Myanmar and to the Southeast Asia Region.
3. In view of the above opportunities, bids are invited by the Sub-Committee on Logistics and Administration (the Committee) for the selection of Sponsorship Management Operator whose sole responsibility is to find sponsors and to collect sponsorship fees for the duration of the Myanmar Chairmanship which will come to the end on 31 December 2014.
4. The company who will be selected as "Sponsorship Management Operator" (the winning bidder) will have the exclusive rights to dispense the following rights on behalf of the Committee;-
 - (1) Television Advertising Right
 - (2) Billboard Advertising Right
 - (3) Merchandize Advertising Right
5. All the operation costs inclusive of various costs for advertising shall be borne by the Sponsorship Management Operator and/or Sponsor.
6. The winning bidder shall enter the contract with the Committee.
7. The Committee will take exclusive intellectual property right for logo, motto etc., pertaining to the Myanmar ASEAN Chairmanship 2014.
8. The bidders shall attach the following information with their application among others—
 - (1) Certificate of incorporation and the company profile;
 - (2) Estimated amount of earning (in USD) from sponsorship;
 - (3) Minimum guaranteed amount (in case of failure the winning bidder is responsible for that amount);
 - (4) Commission rate (inclusive of expenses) for the bidder;
 - (5) Amount of deposit (in USD);
 - (6) Past record of performance, in any.
9. No territorial limit of marketing sponsorship.
10. Deposit shall be refunded within 14 banking days after the year end.
11. Bids shall be only on the Official Bidding Form and to be delivered into the Tender Box located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw no later than (16:00) hours on 10 April 2014.
12. Bids shall be opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw on 11 April 2014.
13. Announcement on the successful bidder will be made as earliest as possible.
14. Official Bidding Form shall be available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9 Nay Pyi Taw during the office hour from (31-3-2014) to (10-4-2014) in payment of Kyat 10,000 (Kyat ten thousands).
15. The Committee has made this tender invitation without prejudice to its right.
16. The selection will be made based on criteria and point system.
17. Inquiry can be made at the following contact phone number, 067-412509.

Secretary
Sub-Committee on Logistics
and Administration
ASEAN Summit and Related
Summits Committee

Joss Whedon apologises for filming in South Korea



The Avengers sequel is expected to release in the summer of 2015.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 1 April —Director Joss Whedon has apologised to the people of South Korea for potential trouble caused by shooting a portion of Avengers: Age of Ultron in Seoul.

Production on the Avengers sequel will see some major sequences shot in Seoul, in addition to separate production work being

done in South Africa and Britain.

Joss Whedon recently released a video message to citizens of Seoul to explain why certain temporary disruptions in their lives might take place, reports digital-spy.co.uk.

"I'm really grateful and excited to be filming in your city," the filmmaker said in

a message that was subtitled in Korean for its local audience.

He continued: "We are going to mess it up and inconvenience some people. I know what that's like - I live in Los Angeles, and it happens to me all the time. And it's not fun. I hope it will be worth it. We love this movie.

PTI

Keira Knightley: I want to do more positive roles

LOS ANGELES, 1 April —Actress Keira Knightley says she wants to do more positive roles after realising that her characters in the past were subjected to horrific situations.

The 29-year-old star, who played the titular role in 2012's tragic love story Anna Karenina, said the film made her realise about the grim and serious roles she had done in the past, reported *Us* magazine.

"After Anna Karenina, I suddenly realised that for the past five years, in all of my films, I either died or was subjected to situations that were each more horrific than the last. So I wanted more positive vibrations!," Knightley said.

The actress said she is happy about her upcoming movie *Begin Again* as it



Keira says that her upcoming movie Begin Again is different from her previous projects.—PTI

is different from her previous projects. The *Atonement* actress said despite years of industry experience, she still gets nervous while preparing for a role.—PTI

Harry Potter spinoff to turn into movie trilogy

LOS ANGELES, 1 April—If all goes well, Harry Potter spinoff *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* could turn into a movie trilogy.

According to *The New York Times*, the book, published in 2001 and billed as one of Harry Potter's Hogwarts textbooks, will be adapted by Warner Bros into "three mega movies".

In an interview with the publication, Warner Bros' CEO Kevin Tsujihara confirmed that the stories,

which are not prequels or sequels, would be set in New York about 70 years before Harry Potter, reports digital-spy.co.uk.

David Heyman will produce the films, about a "magizoologist" named Newt Scamander.

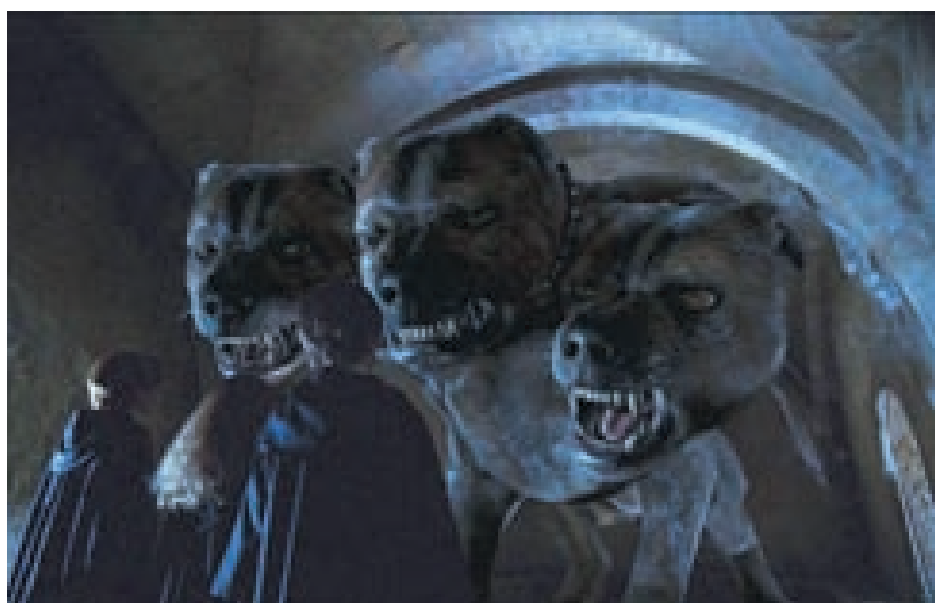
J K Rowling also praised Tsujihara, saying: "When I say he made *Fantastic Beasts* happen, it isn't PR-speak, but the literal truth." "We had one dinner, a follow-up telephone call,

and then I got out the rough draft that I'd thought was going to be an interesting bit of memorabilia for my kids and started rewriting!"

She continued: "When Kevin got the top job, he brought a new energy, which rubbed off. He's a very engaging person, thoughtful and funny."

J K Rowling previously revealed that she penned the first screenplay draft of *Fantastic Beasts* in 12 days.

PTI



The original Harry Potter series is the highest grossing film series ever.—PTI

GENERAL

PSG must go up to another level vs Chelsea



Paris St Germain coach Laurent Blanc (C) talks to his team players during a training session at the Camp des Loges training center in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, near Paris on 11 March, 2014.—REUTERS

PARIS, 1 April—Paris St Germain must be ruthless in front of goal when they take on 2012 winners Chelsea in a Champions League quarter-final first leg on Wednesday, according to coach Laurent Blanc.

The Ligue 1 champions-elect are on an eight-game winning streak in all competitions but the former France centre back knows Chelsea, under Jose Mourinho, have the experience and defensive know-how to strangle any opposition.

“We will have to be more efficient,” said Blanc. “We will have fewer chances and those we create we will have to convert.

“We know we need to be at another level,” he added of the Parc des Princes clash.

Blanc’s expensive-assembled squad have no equals in the domestic league, leading second-placed Monaco by 13 points with seven games

left this season.

PSG also sailed through to the knockout stages of the Champions League from a group featuring Anderlecht, Porto and Olympiakos Piraeus before dismissing Bayer Leverkusen in the last 16.

The key to both games against Chelsea could be Blanc’s red-hot striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

The Swedish international is the runaway leading scorer in Ligue 1 this term with 25 goals, 11 ahead of team mate Edinson Cavani and Alexandre Lacazette of Olympique Lyon who share second place.

Ibrahimovic has also excelled in the Champions League, bagging 10 goals in this season’s competition. PSG, perhaps with one eye on the Chelsea game, produced a below-par performance at Nice on Friday and needed an own goal to secure a 1-0 win.

The Ligue 1 leaders are expected to be at full strength although they have a slight doubt over Thiago Silva. The Brazilian centre back is likely to have to play in a face mask after fracturing his cheekbone 11 days ago.

Silva and full back Gregory van der Wiel, who is recovering from a knee injury, were rested against Nice.

The last time Chelsea visited the Parc des Princes in the 2004-05 group stages, for Mourinho’s first European game as the London club’s manager, they beat PSG 3-0.

Mourinho will be desperate for a reaction from his players after they delivered an abject show in Saturday’s 1-0 defeat at struggling Crystal Palace.

Chelsea were sluggish in midfield and toothless in attack, prompting the Portuguese to say their Premier League title ambi-

tions were now a thing of the past. Gary Cahill, one of four defenders to escape Mourinho’s wrath on Saturday, said it was a painful experience for the squad.

“It hurts losing any football match and it certainly hurt at the end of the game because we knew how vital three points would be,” said Cahill.

“It was massively disappointing, the feeling at the end of the game was horrible, but all we can do is keep pushing ... we have to bounce back.”

Midfielder Nemanja Matic and winger Mohamed Salah are ineligible, after joining Chelsea in the January transfer window.

Brazilian playmaker Willian should be back after being rested at Palace while Mourinho is hoping Samuel Eto’o can return up front after suffering a hamstring problem against Arsenal two weekends ago.

Reuters

Russia says battalion withdrawing from near Ukrainian border



A Russian serviceman stands near Ukrainian tanks on freight cars before the departure from Crimea to other regions of Ukraine in the settlement of Gvardeiskoye near the Crimean city of Simferopol on 31 March, 2014. REUTERS

Moscow, 1 April — Russia is withdrawing a motorised infantry battalion from a region near Ukraine’s eastern border, the Russian Defence Min-

istry was quoted as saying by state news agencies on Monday. The United States says progress on resolving the East-West stand-off over Ukraine depends on

Russia pulling back troops massed on the border. It was not clear whether other troops would pull back or had already withdrawn.

The Defence Ministry

said it was pulling forces out of the Rostov region near Russia’s border with Ukraine after month-long military exercises.

“The battalion ... has completed its field exercises at the Kadamovsky training grounds in the Rostov region and is beginning its march to its permanent base in the Samara region,” the ministry was quoted as saying. A battalion numbers between 300 and 1,200 troops. Russia says the build-up near the border is part of military exercises and there are no plans to move forces across the border into Ukraine, but the United States and NATO have voiced alarm over Moscow’s intentions following its annexation of Crimea.—Reuters

MYANMAR TV

(2-4-2014, Wednesday)

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- 1. Paritta By Venerable Min gun Sayadaw
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- 6:35 am**
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- 4. News/Weather Report
- 7:20 am**
- 5. Myanmar Language
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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- * Local News
- * Me N My Travel (Pyin Oo Lwin)(Ep-1)
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La Liga Standing Table

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4	Athletic	31	16	8	7	56
5	Real Sociedad	31	14	8	9	50
6	Sevilla	31	14	8	9	50
7	Villarreal	31	14	7	10	49
8	Valencia	31	11	7	13	40
9	Espanyol	31	11	7	13	40
10	Levante	31	10	10	11	40
11	Celta	31	10	6	15	36
12	Malaga	31	9	8	14	35
13	Granada CF	31	10	4	17	34
14	Rayo Vallecano	31	10	3	18	33
15	Norwich	31	7	11	13	32
16	Getafe	31	8	7	16	31
17	Valladolid	31	6	12	13	30
18	Almeria	31	8	6	17	30
19	Osasuna	31	8	6	17	30
20	Betis	31	5	7	19	32

Real Madrid's path to 'decima' blocked by Dortmund again



BARCELONA, 1 April—As Real Madrid struggle to maintain their La Liga title bid, a greater emphasis has been placed on winning a 10th European crown and this week they face a Borussia Dortmund side who famously blocked their path last season.

As each year passes, the desire for Real to claim a 10th European Cup, or 'decima', has become more of an obsession and president Florentino Perez has spent lavishly to try and make it a reality by bringing in top talent from around the world.

They last won the Champions League back in 2002 and their hopes were raised once more last season when they reached the semi-finals only for underdogs Borussia Dortmund to conjure up a stunning upset.

They face off again in their quarter-final first leg tie on Wednesday with

Real under pressure to enjoy some continental success after two defeats in three league games has derailed their domestic campaign after a long unbeaten run.

Real may be facing a Dortmund side which has been blighted by injuries all season but coach Jurgen Klopp believes they can pull off another surprise at the Bernabeu.

"With our budget and list of injuries... we are the underdogs in the tie," he told Spanish newspaper *Marca*.

"However, I always say that it is not necessary to be the best team in the world but to be capable of beating the best in the world in a one-off contest, and Borussia can beat the best

"That is the most important thing for me. Borussia have a chance and maybe we will catch them out."—Reuters

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts during their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match against Borussia Dortmund at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Kitchee FC beats Nay Pyi Taw FC 2-1



Nay Pyi Taw FC goalkeeper protects attacking of striker of Kitchee in the match.

PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Nay Pyi Taw FC has been in tight situation to attend next step of the match after being beaten by Kitchee FC of Hong Kong Club (2-1) in the group match of AFC Cup on Tuesday.

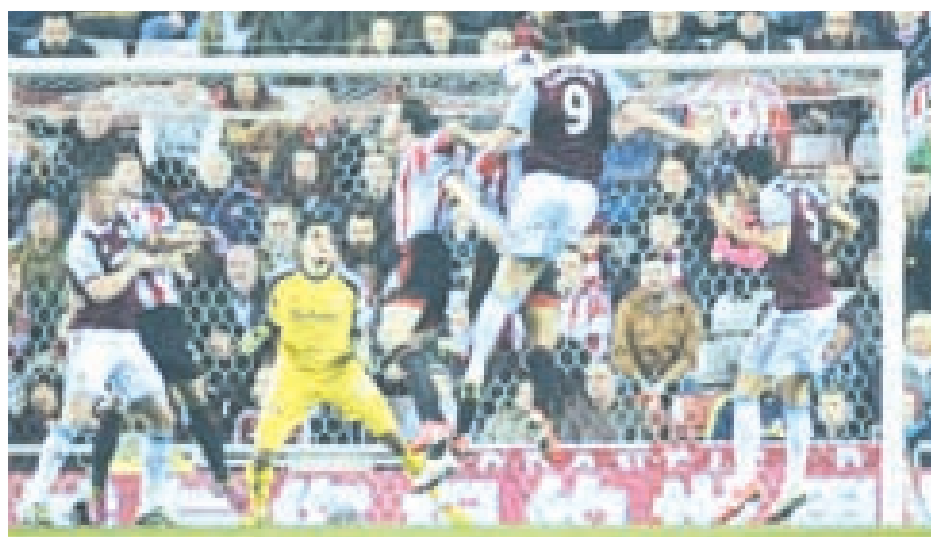
As striker Michele Di Piedi and midfielder Joon Yoon-sik did not play the match, Nay Pyi

Taw FC was defeated by Kitchee FC in today's match. Kitchee netted two first-half goals to Nay Pyi Taw FC. Nay Pyi Taw FC scored a goal in the first half of the match.

Nay Pyi Taw FC scored only four points even after playing four matches.

Byline: Nyi Myat Thawda

Carroll inflicts hammer blow on sorry Sunderland



West Ham United's Andy Carroll (2nd R) scores against Sunderland during their English Premier League soccer match at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northern England on 31 March, 2014.—REUTERS

SUNDERLAND, 1 April—England international Andy Carroll scored one goal and laid on another as West Ham United piled on the relegation woes for Sunderland with a 2-1 victory at the Stadium of Light on Monday.

The former Newcastle United striker enjoyed his return to his native North East after grabbing a trademark goal in the ninth minute, rising high at the far post to powerfully head in a left-wing corner. Sunderland were unlucky not to be

given a first-half penalty when visiting midfielder Kevin Nolan brushed the ball away with his elbow on the edge of the area.

Carroll then set up West Ham's second goal five minutes after the interval when he chested the ball down for Mohamed Diame and the Senegalese's deflected shot from 18 metres beat goalkeeper Vito Mannone.

Gus Poyet's Sunderland perked up with the introduction of Adam Johnson and the substitute gave them

hope when he curled a delightful left-foot shot into the top corner of the net with 25 minutes to go.

West Ham, though, held on for a victory that left them 11th in the Premier League with 37 points and effectively banished all fears of relegation for Sam Allardyce's men.

Sunderland remained second from bottom on 25 points, four points from safety with eight matches left to play this season.

Reuters

Bowditch survives to win Texas Open by one stroke

SAN ANTONIO (Texas), 1 April — First-time winner Steven Bowditch continued a season of surprises on the PGA Tour, claiming the \$6.2 million Texas Open by one stroke on Sunday.

The Australian, who came into the event ranked 339th in the world, survived a windswept final round with a four-over-par 76 at the TPC San Antonio.

It was the highest closing score by a winner of a tour event since 2004, but Bowditch had no complaints after securing his first victory in 110 starts, earning \$1.116 million, along with a prized invitation to the Masters in two weeks.

"It's so hard out there. I've never really felt that way for a whole day," he told Golf Channel after tapping in from six inches for a bogey at the final hole to finish at eight-under 280 and edge Americans Will MacKenzie (70) and Daniel Summerhays (71).

Bowditch is the third Australian to win on the tour this year, joining Jason Day (WGC Match Play) and John Senden (Tampa

Bay Championship).

The 30-year-old from Queensland, the same state as Day, Senden and Masters champion Adam Scott, was a top junior player whose professional career temporarily was stalled as he battled depression.

"Everyone's dealt with something," Bowditch

remained tied for the lead after nine holes, but faded with bogeys at the next two holes and eventually finished two strokes behind, equal fourth.—Reuters



Steven Bowditch

said. "You just move on and keep learning and growing."

Bowditch started the final round with a three-stroke lead but surrendered his advantage in only four holes to fall back into a tie with Matt Kuchar.

Six-time PGA Tour winner Kuchar