

Illegal monasteries issue in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area being settled at court



Photo shows illegal monasteries in forest reserve area in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Out of 21 cases of illegal monasteries which have been brought to court by the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, three have been settled by respective courts, 10 are currently being dealt with, and monks from eight monasteries will

be declared as absconders, according to the Nay Pyi Taw Council on Monday.

Local authorities in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area found 37 illegal monasteries in June, 2012, saying most are small huts, established in forest reserve areas.

They also found out that monks from the illegal monasteries were not in possession of identity cards or any other documents for official permission from the respective supervisory committee for monks.

After meeting with authorities, bogus monks



Photo shows a monastery legally established in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. MNA

from 13 premises left on 3 July, 2012.

Following the negotiations between the remaining monasteries and the local supervisory committee for monks, the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee declared the remaining 24 monasteries in Nay Pyi

Taw Council Area as illegal on 28 July and 30 December, 2013.

Three monks from three monasteries were defrocked and sentenced to six months each in prison on 25 March.

An official of the Nay Pyi Taw Council said the

illegal monasteries were established after Nay Pyi Taw was established in 2006.

According to statistics, there are 390 monasteries in Pyinmana, 310 in Lewe, 256 in Tatkon when Nay Pyi Taw was established about eight years ago.

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KIA interrupt census taking

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—As the 12-day nation-wide census taking was launched on Sunday morning, the process cannot be carried out in some regions of Kachin State and Shan State (North) due to threats and bans of KIA troops, according to the Immigration and National Registration Department in the afternoon of 30 March.

The areas where the census cannot be taken are Pangkham Village of Lweijel Sub-Township, six village-tracts of Manweingyi region and seven Inbapa Village-tracts of Mansi Township in Kachin State, Mangpun Village (Kachin) and Mankyawt Village-tract of Mangton Township in Kyaukme District and seven Kachin villages namely Tonggyi, Lweya, Mongnin, Man-ywin, Manka, Hinkhoka and Nakhalon Village of Momeik Township and Monglon Sub-Township in Shan State (North).—MNA

Myanmar to establish more timber factories

“Opening of value-added finished wood factory is a big step towards the establishment of more factories,” said Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun on 30 March, at the open-

ing ceremony of a finished wood factory of Concorde Industries Ltd.

The company has employed over 200 staff members and will export its products to the European Countries, according to of-

ficials. Myanmar is able to take a new step in the timber sector as it is going to stop exports of uncut timber logs to other countries, officials said. Singapore-based Concorde Industries Ltd. is planning to cut about

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10,000 tons of wood annually. Making investment in finished woods factory gives Myanmar a chance to export, said Philippe Mau-

company.

The company will cooperate with the ministry of environmental conservation and forestry on receiving recommendations from international timber organizations after a group of experts, including forest management officials is formed, he added. “The government encourages wood-based industries because it plans to stop the export of big timber logs,” Than Swe, advisor to the company said.

Officials said this was a good development for wood-based industries entrepreneurs, with the minister attending the opening ceremony. Myanmar’s export of value-added products would bring about higher income, technical transfer and more employment opportunities, they said. Myanmar used to receive 50 % of finished timber products on average while sawing timber logs.

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Process of producing value-added finished wood products at a factory.

National Parliament Vice-Speaker and wife make donations at ordination ceremony



Deputy Speaker of National Parliament U Mya Nyein and wife sharing merits gained.—MNA

Union A&I Minister holds talks with Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held talks with a Japanese delegation led by Mr. Ishibashi Kiyotaka, a member of Chiba Prefectural Assembly, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in agriculture and promotion of agricultural produces including paddy, pineapple and papaya.

They concentrated on potentials of ITOCHU Co of Japan to run business in Myanmar on cultivation of paddy, pineapple and papaya and to export the products to Japanese Market including technical cooperation.

They also visited the plantations at 900-acre farmland of Setsetyo irrigated area in Nay Pyi Taw.

On Sunday, the Union Minister and Chinese agriculturalists looked round

thriving of summer paddy at 10000-acre mechanized farming special zone in Dagon Myothit (East) Township in Yangon Region and the sugarcane plantation at 10-acre farmer-educated farm in Pyu Township in Bago Region.

Besides, they observed thriving of Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation at 2000-acre mechanized farming in Ottwin Township in Toungoo District of Bago Region.—MNA

WHO announces ASEAN countries including Myanmar are polio-free countries

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received a polio eradication medal presented by Regional Certificate Committee on Polio Eradication at the seventh meeting of the Regional Certification

Committee (RCC) held in New Delhi of India on 27 March. WHO declared ASEAN member countries including Myanmar to be polio-free as they have been free of polio patients for at least three years.

Myanmar launched its

polio vaccination campaign in 1987 and has been carrying out the campaign with added momentum since 1996.

The Ministry of Health strives for protection of polio virus coming from other countries.—MNA



MEMBERS OF MWEA TO ATTEND SAWEs BANGLADESH EXPOSURE VISIT: Members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Khin Swe Win Ko and Dr Yin Min Kyaw left Yangon for Dhaka of Bangladesh by air on Monday morning to attend SAWEs Bangladesh Exposure Visit which will be held from 1 to 3 April.—MNA

Myanmar youths to participate in 13th True Visions International Junior Golf Championships 2014

YANGON, 31 March—Myanmar youth team left Yangon for Thailand on Sunday to participate in the 13th True Visions International Junior Golf Championships 2014 to be held at Siam Country Club, Pattaya Choburi in Thailand from 1 to 4 April.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials from Myanmar Golf Federation

SEDOKTARA, 31 March—Deputy Speaker of National Parliament U Mya Nyein on Saturday attended the ordination and novitiation ceremony in Manpalaung and Magyi villages of Sedoktara Township, Magway Region.

The deputy speaker, wife and family sponsored ordination of 23 men and novitiation of 30 boys and donated 108 Buddha images, robes and other equipment, 10 sets of Sky Net receivers to venerable monks.

All donations for the monks were worth over K 8 million.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin shakes hands with Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar.—MNA

Union FM receives special adviser to the UN Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received the Special Adviser to UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Mr. Vijay

Nambiar at his office on Monday morning.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to the cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.—MNA



Meeting on reporting session on JDS held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The meeting on Reporting Session on the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) was held at Zabuthiri Hotel, here, on Monday.

Director-General of Myanmar Examinations Department U Myo Nyunt and Minister-Counselor of Embassy of Japan Mr Toshio YAMAMOTO extended greetings.

Law Officer U Thant

Zin Win of Union Attorney-General's Office presented Public Policy Exception to the Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Award, Deputy Director Daw Pwint Phyu Khaing of Factories and General Labour Laws and Inspection Department, the role of Local Government in Promoting Work-life Balance (WLB), Staff Officer U Zaw Ko Ko Phy of Ministry of Coop-

eratives, a study on Internet Banking Adoption in Myanmar, Demonstrator U Kyi Moe of Yezin Agricultural University, Effect of Pre-transplant Basal and Split Application Patterns of Nitrogen Fertilizer on Nitrogen Use Efficiency, Growth, and Yield of Manawthukha Rice. They answered the queries raised by those attendees.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (31-3-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 661,600 per tical: Selling K 662,600 per tical

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 661,500 per tical: Selling K 662,500 per tical

Foreign Exchange Rate

USD Buying	K 960:	Selling	K 965
SGD Buying	K 752:	Selling	K 765
Euro Buying	K 1310:	Selling	K 1330

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Hospitals face understaffing, inadequate housing for staff while health care services improve

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March — Despite providing better health care services in compared with the services two years ago, hospitals are still experiencing under-staffing and inadequate housing quarters for staff, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

During his tour of inspection of the 1000-bed hospital in Mandalay on Monday, he expressed the government's commitment to assisting the hospitals across the country in terms of medical equipment, facilities and human resource as part of efforts for upgrading the country's health care standard.

The increasing in number of patients who are willing to receive treatment at hospitals has shown that hospitals are becoming more reliable for them due to free health care services and improvement in diagnostic assessments, the vice-president said at the meeting with staff of the hospital.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts the patients at 1000-bed hospital in Mandalay.—MNA

He also expressed his belief that the 10-storey 1000-bed hospital would provide health care services effectively to local population.

He also stressed the need for promoting health

care services to rural people makes up 70 per cent of the country's total population of over 60 million.

The Vice-President also visited Mandalay University of Medicine and Mandalay Medical Association.

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At the meeting with officials of the Mandalay University of Medicine, he called for producing qualified medical practitioners to be able to meet the country's practical requirement.

To promote public health care services, one village should have one health worker and one midwife, he added.

He also held a meeting with personnel of the Mandalay Medical Association

over establishing health care insurance system, health care funds, ratio of health care employees to population and medicines provided by the government.

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Census taking in Kyauktaw, Buthidaung Tsps goes peacefully

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party viewed round taking census in Peinnechaung Village and Myothit Ward in Kyauktaw and Thabyegon and South Myothit Ward in Buthidaung of Rakhine State on Monday morning.

The Vice-President attended the ceremony to present DVB T2 set top boxes by Ministry of Information to the non-commercial society and

low-income households of Rakhine State took place in Buthidaung. Deputy Minister U Pike Htway presented 11041 boxes free of charge to Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.

In taking census that was launched on Sunday, population data have been collected from 83737 people from 16065 households in eight townships of the state. The census taking process is going on peacefully.—MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun observes nationwide census taking process in Buthidaung.—MNA

Myanmar Navy commissions frigate

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March— Myanmar Navy commissioned its 108-metre frigate at No. 4 Naval Port in Thanlyin Station on Monday. During the ceremony, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Ser-

vices Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Thura Thet Swe inspected the frigate after commissioning it.

They observed displays at the General Building of Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters.

On arrival at the Naval Training Command Head-

quarters, Vice-Senior General Soe Win was reported on training. He then looked round Maritime Wargame Center and Simulator Training Center there.

The Vice-Senior General also observed the central library of Myanmar Navy and lecture halls at the Naval Training Command Headquarters.

Myawady



Frigate F 14 seen at No. 4 Naval Port in Thanlyin Station.
MYAWADY

Free medical treatment given to Mogok dwellers



MOGOK, 31 March—Mandalay Region Health Department, Shwe Parami Health Foundation and Mogok Township Association launched the 23rd health care services to the people at the compound of Basic Education High School No 1 in Aungnan

Ward of Mogok Township, Mandalay Region, on Saturday.

Patron of the foundation venerable monk Ashin Chandadhika gave words of advice. Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing made a speech. Chairman

of the foundation U Shein Win explained the purpose of health care services free of charge.

After that, the medical team of the foundation gave medical treatment to the local people free of charge.

Nay Wah (Mogok)

Delivery Unit to allot fund for expansion of Kalay-Kalewa Road section

KALAY, 31 March—At a meeting at the city hall on 28 March, a supportive committee submitted a proposal to the meeting between Transport and Construction Subcommittee (Delivery Unit) and Kalay Township Supportive Committee to expand six feet wide each of both sides along mile post 5 to 6 on Kalay-Kalewa Road in Sagaing Region.

The Pyidaungsu fund

will be allotted to the expansion of the road sides along Kalay-Kalewa road in 2014-15 fiscal year, said an official of Ministry of Construction. The plans to expand Hospital bridge, Tahan Ward Bridge in Sanmyo Ward of Bogyoke Road, Kalay-Kalewa Road and Sunoak Bridge at the junction of Panglong Road and Lanmadaw Road were submitted to the meeting.—*Shin Nay Min*

Compensation for confiscated farmland given to farmers

MAGWAY, 31 March—A ceremony to present compensation for confiscated farmlands to owners was held at the hall of Myothit Township General Administration Department in Magway Region on Sunday morning.

The farmlands of the township were confiscated for construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway Road by Public Works.

MP of People's Par-

liament, district authorities and departmental officials presented compensation to the farmers.

The road stretches along 36 miles and four furlongs long along 106.39 acres of farmlands and 158 acres of croplands from 11 village-tracts. Public Works presented K 222 million as compensation—K 1.2 million per one acre of farmland and K 600,000 per cropland—to 364 farmers.—*U Nay Lin*

Educative talks on legal affairs given in Mahlaing Tsp

MAHLAING, 31 March—Educational talks on legal affairs were given to ward/village administrators in Mahlaing Township at the Township General Administration Department on 28 March.

At the event, Deputy Township Administrator U Thant Zaw explained the purpose of giving talks.

Township Judge Daw Thuza Aye shared knowledge about Myanmar traditions and customs laws.



Township law officer U Win Myint disseminated information about existing

laws and penalties to the attendees.

Aung Htay (Mahlaing)

Higher daytime temperature raises demand of sachets of rehydrated salt

YEDASHE, 31 March—During this month, temperature is raising at daytime significantly.

The people who cannot defy the higher temperature buy sachets of rehydrated salt to cover the loss of dehydration.

Whenever anyone

makes a trip without fail, they have to take rehydrated salt sachets, said a health staff.

"This month, packets of rehydrated salt are in high demand," said a chemist shop in Yedashe Township.

Such sachets are avail-

able at the medical stores not only in urban but in rural areas. The shops sell the rehydrated salt sachets made in Myanmar, Thailand, India and Pakistan. The price of salt is generally fixed at K 300 per sachet.

Phyo Lwin Aung (Swa)

Villages of Myaing Tsp get access to safe water



Authorities seen at meeting to supply safe water in Myaing.

MYAING, 31 March—U Khin Aung Thein and party of UNICEF provide assistance to 48 villages of 24 village-tracts of Myaing Township in Pakokku District of Magway Region to get easy access to purified water on self-reliance.

The villages wishing to carry out water supply tasks, they have to spend

expenses for water tanks and plumbing equipment and wages for workers.

UNICEF will cost water pipes and pump equipment.

Providing technical assistance, the Myaing Township Department of Rural Development would assist in the process.

U Min Aung

War veteran wear smiling faces after receiving provisions

MAHLAING, 31 March—Honouring the 69th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Mahlaing War Veterans Organization organized ceremonies to pay attention to the Commander-in-Chief's address and to provide aids to members of War Veterans Organization at its restaurant in Mahlaing Township on

Thursday.

Township War Veterans Organization Chairman Captain Mya Than (Retd) explained the purposes of providing aids to war veterans. A total of 80 war veterans were provided travel allowance and served with meals.

Aung Htay (Mahaling)

Census taking process launched in Lashio

LASHIO, 31 March—A total of 31 census taking squads took census data on Sunday at 360 areas in Lashio, northern Shan State. The census collectors gathered data over population of the people

at their residences in line with the prescribed instructions through door-to-door activities from 6 am to 9 pm at Lashio District Immigration and National Registration Department.

Han Htay (IPRD)

Census Taking

Nation-wide census taking process continues



TOUNGGOO, 31 March—Nation-wide census taking -2014 is being carried out as of 30 March. A group of census takers led by Secretary of Census Committee U Tin Win of Tounggoo District met census collectors in Ottwin and Pyu Townships and discussed

smooth process and timely completion of taking census. They viewed census taking activities done by census collectors at the residences.

The family members friendly replied to questions raised by the collectors.—*U Shwe Win (Pyay)*



LOCAL NEWS

Merits shared for medical treatments of free hospital in Bago

BAGO, 31 March—A ceremony to share merits gained for free hospital for the months was held on Thuddathana Road in eastern stairways of Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago, Bago Region, on 29 March.

Chairman of the hospital committee retired headmaster U Myint Oo suppliated on annual report of the hospital.

The hospital earned K 3,913,288.65 from 1 January to 31 December 2013 and spent K 39,098,414.65, leaving K 34468.00 difference.

Three doctors give medical treatments to monks and nuns. Three dentists and eye specialists also provide dental care to the patients.

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Ayeyawady Region government celebrates third anniversary ceremony

PATHEIN, 31 March—A ceremony to offer alms to members of the Sangha was held at Withakha Dhammayon in Pathein on Sunday in commemoration of the third anniversary of Ayeyawady Region government.

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung attended the commemorative ceremonies of opening the roads repaved with concrete and inauguration of highway bus terminal built by Pyae Wa Khaing

Mar Construction Co.

The Chief Minister presented certificates of honour to outstanding persons in sports, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and social organizations for their excellent performances in the region. Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing presented DVB T2 set top boxes donated by Ministry of Information to township and sub-township administrators.—*Region IPRD*

UDNR students tour significant places in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung



SAGAING, 31 March—An excursion team comprising 228 second year trainees of BEd five-year course led by Professor Dr Nyo Nyo Aung of Myanmar Department together with 15 faculty members visited Maha Aungmye, Shwebon Yadana palace, Mawdaw

Myintha Myodaunt Pagoda, Mahananda Lake, Shwe Tahsa Pagoda in Shwebo Township and glaze industry in Nwentyein Village of Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township and Yadana Theinga Bridge on 26 March.

Another team comprising 192 trainees of

the first year course led by Professor Dr Tin Tin Aye together with 15 faculty members toured SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda, Sitagu World Buddhist Missionary University, Buddhological Museum and Cultural Museum, Maha Sikhongyi Pagoda, Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, Sagaing Industrial Zone, 2013-14 academic year. Myanmar Thabye Shoes

Factory, Great Wall Plywood Factory and Aphodan Sanchainhmi Factory in Sagaing on 24 March.

University for Development of National Races allowed the students to take vacations for their visits to Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung and Sagaing townships after the first semester in 2013-14 academic year.

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Mawlu dwellers striving for upgrading Ohndok-Mintha Village Road

MAWLU, 31 March—Ohndok-Mintha Village Dipinkara Pagoda Road is upgraded to the tarred one on a self-reliant basis in Mawlu of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on Sunday.

The upgrading work was provided K 2 million by the regional develop-

ment fund and K 1 million by the fund of Dinpincara Pagoda and contribution of locals. According to officials, the tarred road will be 11 feet in width and 4000 feet in length.

The local people actively participated in the construction of the road.

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Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung addresses third anniversary of Region Government.

Myanmar, India discuss mining for chromites in Chin State

KALAY, 31 March—A meeting between Myanmar and Indian authorities was held in Kalay of Sagaing Region on 29 March.

The meeting focused on offer of India to conduct mining works in Falam and Tunzang townships of Chin State.

Karam Chang Thapar (KCT) Company of India offered to do mining works but any plan has not been revealed yet, said an official of Chin State govern-

ment.

The mining companies have to pay K 200,000 for gold exploration per acre, K 100,000 for chromites and nickel and K 50,000 limestone, designated by the Union government.

Except Thantlang township, the remaining eight townships of Chin State can produce chromites, nickel, iron, copper, aluminium, limestone, coal, oil and marble.

Chin State Naga,

Khawnu Naga, Padamya Naga, Lin Htet Taungkyar, Tun Thwin, Ingyin, Yadana World and North Mining companies submitted applications for mining works.

Shin Nay Min

Local people actively participate in placing gravel as preparations for construction of asphalt road.



Black box developer doubts chances of finding missing plane data recorder

CANBERRA, 31 March —One of the Australian scientists who took part in the latter stages of the development of the first flight data recorder reckons searchers might never find the black box from Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

Dr Bill Schofield, who worked as a researcher for black box inventor, Australian scientist Dr David Warren, at the now defunct Royal Aeronautical Society in the 1960s, said he believed the MH370 black box would be almost impossible to find in the vast stretch of the southern

Indian Ocean, where the aircraft is thought to have crashed.

Speaking to *Xinhua* by phone from his Melbourne home on Monday, Schofield said the tragedy had highlighted the limitations of the cockpit voice and flight data recorders. "All they are today are a computer with a hard disc that records an enormous amount of information — just about all the information you could possibly think of on an aeroplane is recorded on them," he said.

"I've got to say I think their chances of finding this

black box in very deep water when they don't know where it went down within an area of 1,000 km are practically nil," said Schofield, a former director of the Aeronautical and Maritime Research Laboratory at the Australian government's Defense Science and Technology Organization.

One alternative to the aircraft data recorder and radar monitoring would be satellite transmission of flight data, but the world would need a satellite system that could handle a huge volume of data, he said.—*Xinhua*



Flight ET 684 of Ethiopian Airlines taxis on the landing apron of Pudong Airport in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 30 March, 2014. The landing of the plane here on Sunday marks the opening of the first direct flight between Shanghai and Africa.—XINHUA

Reconstruction in Syria to cost 165 bln USD

DAMASCUS, 31 March —The reconstruction process in Syria will cost around 165 billion US dollars and is expected to be more difficult with the prolonged crisis entering its fourth year, according to a report by a local website.

Such a cost is equivalent to Syria's budgets for 18 years, said al-Ektisadi, or the Economist, a private website specialized in tracking the Syrian economical situation during the crisis.

The report added it would take between 15 and

25 years to complete the reconstruction process as no signs show an end to the three-year-old crisis.

Reconstruction is one of the pressing issues the Syrian government is facing as increasing displaced Syrians complain of the skyrocketing house rents and their inability to afford soaring house prices in safe areas.

The United Nations recently revealed that the number of displaced Syrian has reached 8.7 million.

Meanwhile, the report

said the reconstruction process would face many challenges in the field of finance, noting that there is a relative scarcity in the national capital inside Syria, compared with the minimum amounts needed for the reconstruction.

In addition, it also pointed out other issues such as the chronic trade deficit and deficient government foreign reserves.

Economists estimated that the long-running crisis cost the Syrian economy 150 billion dollars by 2013.

Hourani, a professor from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Damascus, said that the country's unemployment rate had climbed to 50 percent in 2013, while the poverty rate stood at 40 percent and inflation at 50 percent.

Hourani said the three-year-old Syrian crisis has caused great harm to the economy, blaming international economic sanctions and a lack of efficient policies to improve the economic situation.—*Xinhua*

Dozens arrested in Chile's pro-Left protests

SANTIAGO, 31 March—At least 98 people were arrested and three policemen were injured in Chile on Sunday as protesters gathered in major cities to commemorate two young Left activists who died in 1985.

According to the National Police (Carabineros), 92 people were arrested Sunday in Santiago and the other six people in other cities. Another 31 people were arrested on Saturday.

Every year, left-wing groups take to the streets of Chile's major cities in commemoration of the death of brothers Rafael and Eduardo Vergara in 1985, both members of a group against the junta of Augusto Pinochet.

Before the protests, Minister of Interior Rodrigo Panailillo had said that "we are going to take all the actions necessary because we cannot allow that acts of vandalism affect the normal life of thousands of people." Police also took preventive measures in potential flashpoints.

However, clashes between police and protesters still occurred on Saturday and Sunday.—*Xinhua*

Over 20 casualties reported in attempted jailbreak in Nigeria

LAGOS, 31 March—More than 20 casualties were caused on Sunday in an attempted jailbreak by Boko Haram detainees in the Nigerian capital Abuja, the West African country's secret police disclosed. The deaths and injuries were resulted from a shootout when the inmates were trying to escape from the prison.

Two security operatives sustained serious injuries in the incident, spokesperson of the Department of State Security (DSS) Marilyn Ogar said in statement. "Following our earlier releases, it has been established that 18 casualties were recorded, while two Service personnel sustained serious injuries," she said.

Three other detainees sustained gunshot injuries and later died, Ogar added, noting that investigation was ongoing to ascertain the immediate and remote causes of the attempted jailbreak.

Security operatives in Nigeria foiled a jailbreak by suspected members of the Boko Haram sect at the secret police headquarters.

Ogar had said the incident occurred when the services' suspect handler went to the detention facility within the headquarters to feed suspects.

"One of the suspects attempted to disarm the handler by hitting him at the back of his head with his handcuff," she added.

Xinhua

Turkish PM Erdogan tells enemies they will pay price after poll

ANKARA/ISTANBUL, 31 March—Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan declared victory in local polls that had become a referendum on his rule and said he would "enter the lair" of enemies who have accused him of corruption and leaked state secrets. "They will pay for this," he said.

But while Erdogan's AK Party was well ahead in overall votes after Sunday's elections, the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) appeared close to seizing the capital Ankara. Erdogan, fighting the biggest challenge of his 12-year rule, addressed supporters from a balcony at AKP headquarters at the end of a long and bitter election campaign in which he has labeled his opponents "terrorists" and an "alliance of evil".

The harsh tone of his balcony address suggested he felt he now had a mandate for strong action against his enemies. "From tomorrow, there may be some who flee," he said.

The election campaign has been dominated by a power struggle between Erdogan and a moderate US-based cleric, Fethullah Gulen, whom he accuses of using a network of followers in police and judiciary to fabricate graft accusations in an effort to topple him. Erdogan has

purged thousands of police and hundreds of judges and prosecutors since anti-graft raids in December targeting businessmen close to him and sons of ministers.

"We will enter their lair," he said. "They will pay the price, they will be brought to account. How can you threaten national

security?"

The turbulence has unnerved investors, helping keep the lira currency near record lows and driving stocks down some 8.6 percent since late last year. The strong AKP showing, signaling political continuity, could calm nerves.

Reuters



People wait to cast their votes in Ankara, Turkey, on 30 March, 2014. Turkey kicked off local elections with more than 52 million citizens expected to go to more than 190 thousand polls to vote for mayors and district administrators. Results of the local elections will also influence the presidential poll in August and the general elections next year.—XINHUA

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Japan, Malaysia agree on need for “flexibility” in TPP talks



Malaysian Trade Minister Mustapa Mohamad (L) and Koya Nishikawa, a House of Representatives member of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, shake hands before their talks in Putrajaya on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur on 31 March, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

PUTRAJAYA, 31 March —Koya Nishikawa, a House of Representatives member of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, on Monday held talks in the Malaysian capital with Malaysian Trade Minister Mustapa Mohamad.

The two officials

agreed on the importance of the countries involved in stalled negotiations for a Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade pact, including the United States, exhibiting “flexibility” toward each others’ positions in order to advance the talks.

The negotiations have

stalled due to differences between Japan and the United States, the two biggest economies in the TPP, over tariff elimination and auto trade.

While the US-led TPP aims to scrap all tariffs in principle, Tokyo seeks to retain tariffs on five farm product categories — rice, wheat, beef and pork, sugar and dairy products.

According to Nishikawa, Monday's talks centered on the explanation by the Malaysian side.

In the meeting, in response to a question by Mustapa on prospects for a compromise in the negotiations, Nishikawa replied that Japan hopes to reach agreement in principle on major elements “as soon as possible.” Malaysia is in sharp conflict with the United States over fields such as extension of drug patents and “competition policy” including reform of state-run enterprises.—Kyodo News

14 people to file suit against Kanebo over skin-whitening cosmetics

SHIZUOKA, 31 March—Fourteen people who developed white blotches after using Kanebo Cosmetics Inc.'s skin-whitening products are planning to file a damages suit against the cosmetics maker this week, their lawyers said on Monday.

The plaintiffs, consisting of men and women in their 30s to 70s, will seek damages of 5 million yen

each in the lawsuit to be filed with the Shizuoka District Court for psychological suffering induced by Kanebo's products.

They will also seek medical fees for the treatment of the white blotches, with the total amount of damages coming to around 600 million yen.

The plaintiffs developed marks on their faces,

necks and hands after using products containing a skin-whitening substance dubbed “Rhododenol.”

Kanebo declined to comment on the suit.

Last September, a woman filed a roughly 48 million yen damages suit against Kanebo with the Tokyo District Court after developing the skin problem.—Kyodo News

Samsung Electronics' mobile head paycheck hits \$5.8 million, beating Apple's Cook

LONDON, 31 March—Head of Samsung Electronics Co's mobile business, JK Shin, received a \$5.8 million compensation package last year, beating the paycheck of his counterpart at US rival Apple Inc, the South Korean firm said on Monday in its first such disclosure under new regulations.

The world's biggest technology company by revenue said Shin's pack included a base salary of 1.17 billion won and 1.6 billion won in incentives and performance bonus.

By comparison, Apple chief executive Tim Cook received \$4.25 million in 2013, little changed from the previous year when he had been paid \$4.17 million.

Shin, who has led Samsung's mobile busi-



JK Shin, president of Mobile Communications Business for Samsung Electronics, gives a keynote address during the International CTIA Wireless trade show in Las Vegas, Nevada on 23 March, 2010.—REUTERS

ness since 2009, has since overseen the launch of its flagship Galaxy handsets that helped it unseat Apple in the smartphone market and also sparked patent litigations the world over that claimed Samsung copied the look and feel of the US firm's

iconic mobile products.

Samsung's other co-chief executive Kwon Oh-hyun, who leads the component business, earned even more, taking 6.77 billion won home, while third co-CEO Yoon Boo-keun, the head of its consumer electronics

Alibaba invests \$692 million in Chinese department store operator

HONG KONG, 31 March —China's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd agreed to invest \$692 million in a Chinese department store operator as the e-commerce giant looks to bring the benefits and convenience of online shopping to customers who visit real bricks-and-mortar stores.

Alibaba, whose businesses will come under investor scrutiny ahead of the group's planned mega IPO in the United States this year, said it will buy \$214 million worth of shares in Hong Kong-listed Intime Retail (Group) Co Ltd.

It also agreed to acquire \$478 million of convertible bonds, which would give Alibaba a 26.1 percent stake in the department store operator once the bonds are converted into shares in three years.

In recent months Alibaba has gone on a shopping spree, spending more than \$2.7 billion to expand into media, chat services and mapping technology.

The expansion has encroached on the turf of social networking giant Tencent Holdings Ltd, which has in turn made inroads into Alibaba's territory with its partnership with China's No2 online retailer JD.com.

The purchases come as Alibaba starts its preparations for an initial public offering set to be the biggest-ever technology listing, surpassing Facebook



An employee walks past a logo of Alibaba Group at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, in this 17 May, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

Inc's \$16 billion listing in 2012.

Intime will issue 220.54 million shares at HK\$7.5335 each and HK\$3.71 billion worth of convertible bonds to a unit of Alibaba, the department store operator said in a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange on Monday.

As part of the investment, Alibaba and Intime will form a joint venture to develop online-to-offline, or O2O, business in shopping malls, department stores and supermarkets in China. Alibaba will own about 80 percent of the venture, with Intime controlling the rest.

O2O businesses seek to benefit from the meteoric rise of smartphone use in China and can help turn a search into a shopping trip or meal based on the user's location.

Shares in Intime surged as much as 17 percent short-

ly after the market open on Monday, following a trend of Hong Kong-listed companies whose shares gained sharply after receiving investments from Alibaba.

The gains were short-lived, with Intime reversing course and losing as much as 11.4 percent by mid-morning as investors digested details of the purchase, in which Alibaba offered to buy the stock at a 13.7 percent discount to its last traded price on 26 March.

Appliance maker Haier Electronics Group Ltd soared 20 percent in December after Alibaba unveiled plans to invest \$361 million.

ChinaVision Media Group more than tripled earlier in March after Alibaba agreed to buy a controlling stake for \$804 million to gain access to TV and movie content.

Reuters

Mitsubishi Motors acquires Ford factory site in Philippines

Tokyo, 31 March—Mitsubishi Motors Corp on said Monday it has acquired a factory site from Ford Motor Co in the suburbs of Manila in the Philippines with an eye to starting production in January next year.

Mitsubishi Motors will abandon its current plant with an annual production capacity of 30,000 units and shift production to the new site, which Ford withdrew from in 2012. The Japanese automaker aims to manufacture 50,000 units a year there. With annual demand of about 210,000 units, the auto market in the Philippines is relatively small compared to other major countries, but the company decided to bolster production capacity as it expects the market to grow in line with its economic expansion.

The company will produce Lancer EX sedans and commercial vehicles mainly for the domestic market but it will also consider exporting to other countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Mitsubishi Motors is aiming to increase its global production to 1.43 units in fiscal 2016 through March 2017 from an estimate of 1,065,000 units in the current business year and is also planning to build a new plant in Indonesia.—Kyodo News

business, received 5.09 billion won.

South Korean financial authorities changed regulations late last year, requiring listed companies to include annual compensation details of executives who earn more than 500 million won in their business reports filings.

But the measure also drew some criticism as it does not shed much light on pay details of some high profile owners of business conglomerates or chaebols, as they frequently assume non-executive titles.

Samsung didn't disclose remuneration details of JY Lee, non-executive vice chairman and son of its chairman Lee Kun-hee, who is also non-executive chairman and receives no salary from Samsung.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 1 April, 2014

Staff efficiency promotion

By Tin Maung Than, chief editor

Generally, institutions and companies are applying four basic methods in improving the qualifications of their blue collar and white collar workers, and they are: training, administration, welfare and morale improvement.

As for the government departments and enterprises, they are sending staff trainees to courses of the Central Institute of Civil Service at different levels in turn. But instead of sending all staffs as trainees to the CICS under this old

system, we should only send staff who are entitled for promotion.

In many cases, government organizations are sending only persons they can spare as trainees to courses, especially long-term courses. These departments cannot send their qualified staff as they are facing staff competency shortages.

Another important thing is that training should be an important factor in considering promotion for staff. We should take into account the type and number of trainings a staff member has completed and his achievements and grades in those courses in giving him promotion. We should only select staffs who have completed an essential course as candidates for promotion examinations. Staffs who have not attended any essential course should not be included in the list of candidates.

Some courses must be designated as essential

for staff promotion. There must be an entrance exam for certain courses, so that only the qualified ones can attend them.

There are many types of courses such as short-term courses, long-term courses, in-house courses or efficiency courses. My suggestion here is that we need to open courses frequently and should apply constant learning system in conducting courses. The most important thing is that we should know the degree of qualification improvement of the trainees at the end of every course.

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Japanese FM's visit to Myanmar a new impetus to further strengthen bilateral relations

Dr Tha Sein

Myanmar and Japan have been close partners with a long history of maintaining friendly ties. Frequent visits between leaders and high-ranking officials of the two countries are common so as to further cement friendly relations and economic cooperation between the two countries. In the time of the new government, the visit of Prime Minister of Japan Mr Shinzo Abe to Myanmar in May 2013 and the visit of President U Thein Sein to Japan in December 2013 had further promoted the bilateral cooperation to a new high.

With the aim of strengthening the bilateral relationship and co-operation in political and security issues, economic relations and development assistance and people-to-people and cultural exchange, of sharing Japan's thoughts on relevant regional issues at an early stage as Myanmar chairs ASEAN through 2014 and of encouraging moves toward peace with ethnic minorities, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Fumio Kishida made an official visit to Myanmar 23 to 26 March 2014.

On March 24, on the occasion of a visit to Myanmar by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Fumio Kishida, signings of Exchange of Notes on the following six Grant Aid projects took place in Nay Pyi Taw in the presence of Minister Mr Kishida and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of

Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin. The total amount to be granted to the projects is up to 7.775 billion yen.

Mr Mikio Numata, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar and Daw Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, signed Exchange of Notes concerning the three Grant Aid projects, for development of infrastructure required for sustainable economic growth and improvement of people's livelihood.

The Project for Installation of Operation Control Centre System and Safety Equipment (Maximum grant amount: 4 billion yen). Of the main railway lines linking the key Myanmar cities of Yangon and Mandalay, this project will install centralized train monitoring system covering the Yangon Railway Station to Pyuntaza Station, electronic interlocking system covering Yangon Railway Station to Pazundaung Station, and rail crossing automatic alarm devices between Togyaunggalay Station and Ywathagyi Station. It is expected that implementation of the project will improve rail transportation capacity and bring about operational safety in this section.

The Project for Improving Loikaw General Hospital in Kayah State (Maximum grant amount: 1.945 billion yen). At Loikaw General Hospital in Kayah State, decrepit

hospital facilities will be reconstructed and medical equipment will be replaced. It is expected that implementation of the project will improve Loikaw General Hospital's medical services and strengthen its functions as a core hospital of the region.

The Food Security Project for Underprivileged Farmers (Maximum grant amount: 230 million yen). Agricultural machinery such as tractors will be deployed at the Agriculture Tractor Stations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Bago, Mandalay and Sagaing Regions. It is expected that implementation of the project will improve the agricultural productivity in these regions and improve the incomes of farmers.

Moreover, for the following three Grant Aid projects, signings of Exchange of Notes took place between Ambassador Numata and Mr Don Scalpelli, Country Director and Representative, WFP Myanmar; Ms Shalini Bahuguna, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Myanmar; Mr Ayaki Ito, Representative a.i., UNHCR Myanmar regarding a cooperative project with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioners for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Programme for Emergency Food Assistance to Displaced Persons in Rakhine, Kachin and Northern Shan State (Maximum grant amount: 1 billion yen). In cooperation with the WFP, food

assistance will be provided to displaced persons in the Rakhine, Kachin and Northern Shan States, which are ethnic minority areas. It is expected that implementation of the programme will improve the nutrition of displaced persons.

The Programme for Emergency Assistance to Displaced Children in Kachin and Rakhine States to be implemented in co-operation with UNICEF (Maximum grant amount: 300 million yen). For displaced women and children in those states, which are ethnic minority areas, this programme aims at providing medical supplies and nutritional supplements and constructing water and hygiene-related facilities etc., in cooperation with UNICEF. It is expected that implementation of the programme will improve the water and hygiene environment and nutrition and health for children.

The Programme for Assistance to Displaced Persons in South-East of Myanmar, Rakhine, Kachin and Northern Shan States to be implemented in cooperation with the UNHCR (Maximum grant amount: 300 million yen). In cooperation with the UNHCR, this programme aims at constructing and repairing shelters and basic infrastructure and providing guidance on operation and coordination of refugee camps, at refugee camps and surrounding areas in southeast

Myanmar, Rakhine, Kachin and Northern Shan States, which are ethnic minority areas. It is expected that implementation of the programme will improve the living environment of displaced persons.

Meanwhile, just as development of infrastructures of crucial for Myanmar's economic development, Japan last year decided to grant a total of ODA worth over 150,000 million yen to Myanmar.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe paid an official visit to Myanmar in May 2013, which was the first visit by a Japanese Prime Minister in 36 years. At the Japan-Myanmar Summit, Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan's intention to implement assistance totaling 91 billion yen (51 billion yen as loans and 50 billion yen as grant aid and technical assistance) to Myanmar. When President U Thein Sein visited Japan and attended the Summit in December 2013, Prime Minister Abe stated that the Government of Japan had decided to provide a total of 63.2 billion yen of ODA loans for four new projects.

As regards debt-relief measures, the way to address Myanmar's arrears with past yen loan (totaling 502.5 billion yen) was announced in April 2012 and the debt-relief measures were carried out in January and May 2013.

In order to support Myanmar's efforts for reforms in various areas

toward its democratization, national reconciliation and sustainable development, Japan will extend economic cooperation focusing on the following areas, while continuously observing the progress of these efforts so that a wide range of the people can enjoy the benefits from the dividend of democratization, national reconciliation and economic reforms. The Government of Japan also encourages Myanmar's reform efforts towards national reconciliation and sustainable development in border areas.

Significance of Myanmar to Japan includes historical friendly relations in which the people of Myanmar are enormously pro-Japanese, geopolitical significance as Myanmar lies between China and India, abundant natural resources and agricultural productivity, for Myanmar has the third largest reserves of natural gas in Southeast Asia, which attracts attention of industry and movement towards democratization and national reconciliation.

The year 2014 serves as the milestone, featured by Myanmar's first Presidency of ASEAN and the 60th Anniversary of Japan-Myanmar diplomatic relations. At such a crucial time, we firmly believe that the visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Fumio Kishida to Myanmar will contribute much toward Myanmar's democratization being initiated through a series of reforms.

OPINION

Leadership

Kyi Mun

Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck prompts the flock to fly and to follow.

-A Chinese Proverb

The following are some of the active **definitions** of LEADERSHIP:

To Guide, to Direct, to Begin, to be Chief, to Influence, to Command, to be the First, to Go Ahead of, to Create a Path, to Show the Way, to Control Actions, and to Cause Progress.

There are some important **characteristics** of LEADERSHIP, such as : Uncompromising Integrity, High Energy. Good at Working Priorities, Courageous, A Committed and Dedicated Hard Worker, Unorthodox and Creative, Goal Orientation, Inspired and Contagious Enthusiasm, Staying Levelheaded, and a Desire to Help Others Grow and Succeed.

For LEADERSHIP evaluation, the following are some of the important criteria : Numerical Skills, Communication, Product Knowledge, Independent Thinking, Leading Change, Ability to Cooperate with Peers, Team Members and Upper Management, Sensitivity to People's Wants and Needs, Getting along with People in General, Team Orientation, Tactfulness, Self-confidence, Respect for Authority, Treating Opposition Fairly, Accepting Criticism, Resolving Conflict, and Attention to Detail.

Some Crucial Qualities of A True Leader

1. A remarkable builder of team spirit.
2. Self-reliant and confident and will teach members to do the same.
3. Creative and not afraid to take risks.
4. Understanding the value of change.
5. Fair, not afraid to challenge, or be challenged.
6. Open to new ideas and perspectives.
7. Possessing a far greater understanding of people.
8. Well organized and adept at setting and working priorities.
9. On a continuing high personal growth curve.
10. In balance in his or her business and personal life.

Profile of a Genuine Leader

- A genuine Leader blazes a trail for others to follow; in doing so, there will be markers along the way.

- Knowing that the organization's future rests on the success of the people on the team, the leader seeks qualities that will light him or her above the timely and into the timeless, thus inviting everyone in the organization to do the same.

Some Leadership Requirements

- Inspiration, Empowerment, Personal Strength and Sensitivity, Recognition and Support, Team Building, Articulate Vision and Values, Innovation and Challenges, Example, and Decisiveness.

The Profile of a Good Leader

- He impresses a warm-hearted and positive spirit.
 - He is a genuine, outgoing, charming leader.
 - He takes upon himself a role as a high priest of modern ethics.
 - He ever loses sight of his values.
 - Under his leadership, the company developed a powerful value-based culture.
 - He is passionate about the quality of leadership.
 - When it comes to prime purposes, he does not waver. He has, indeed, the ability to keep going when the going gets tough.
 - He is a self-regulated leader who has taken upon himself the task of fighting the five battles, viz-
1. The battle for purpose – knowing what he really wants and needs.
 2. The battle for control – planning, executing and adapting, minimizing errors, stress, confusion and inefficiency.
 3. The battle for truth – arriving at the best-shared definitions of reality that will work for him and others.
 4. The battle for identity – finding and protecting the most truthful and effective narratives.
 5. The battle for performance – being able to generate feasible and effective action strategies.

The 22 Vital Traits of Successful Chiefs

- Secure in Self, In Control of Attitude, Tenacious, Continuously Improving, Honest and Ethical, Thinking Before Talking, Original, Publicly Mod-

est, Aware of Style, Gutsy/A Little Wild, Humorous, A Tad Theatrical, Detail Oriented, Good at their Job and Willing to Lead, Fighter for their people, Willing To Admit Mistakes yet are unapologetic, Straightforward, Nice, Inquisitive, Competitive, Flexible, Good Story-tellers.

Leadership means Poetic Guide

Poetic means

P for Persuading,
O for Organizing
E for Enabling
T for Teaching
I for Inspiring
C for Caring

Guide means

G for Goal-driven,
U for Unifying,
I for Imagineering,
D for Directing,
E for Empowering

Leadership Characteristics

- Leaders mobilize all their resources most effectively and achieve their goals.
- Leaders usually get more out of every busy day through self-motivation and time management.
- **What people want in leader** : Integrity, Vision, Competence, Confidence
- **A Few Key Ideas About Leaders** : Leaders are different, Style is contingent, Leaders have to satisfy followers, Leaders transform, Leaders are stewards.
- **Some Leadership Qualities** : Vision, Mission, Values, Insight, Dedication, Strength, Focus, Prudence, Innovativeness, Integrity

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My Personal Attitudes Towards Media (Newspaper-English Version)

As known by all, mass media include radio, television & newspapers. Among them, the last one is my favorite. As a rustic who was brought up in a small town, I was familiar with newspapers only. It was over 50 years ago. Perhaps someone will not believe my saying that radio, in my childhood days, was a rare means of communication in our locality. But I had no access to it, which was nearly always occupied by my elder siblings. Thus the then dailies became my friends. Unbelievably the whole town had only a meager amount of radios. So most of the townspeople relied completely upon those papers so as to know Burma (Myanmar) and the world, one day later than usual. Here I would like to create a folk etymology and call it "a country crier" by

imitating the word "a town crier". Some of my neighbours, or rather my father's colleagues, did not subscribe to dailies, and they came to us. Sometimes those included a few illiterates. Then, my dad made me read them aloud, thus helping a habit of reading newspapers to develop in me.

Kin Mg Oo

When I reached grade 6, I began to study English, I was fascinated by my teacher's excellent teaching. The language greatly interested me, and a wish to read books written in English occurred to me. To fulfill my desire, I borrowed from the school library, English short stories written by Somerset Maugham—the British novelist, which were returned to their former places without turning pages. But, to tell the truth,

I was satisfied with having such a book nearby. I never asked anyone to recommend a highly readable story book, knowing nothing to do so. In fact, English books on the shelves in the library were nearly covered with dust, seemingly waiting for an actual reader. If there were, at that time, onlookers seeing me choose books in the manner of a child prodigy, they might be frowning or smiling at me and my actions. I had never been ashamed of being laughed at. I knew some of my friends called me, in my absence, alliteratively (Boo-Yo=Bo-Yoo) which means Anglophile. Suffice it to say that I was enthusiastic about the language since the very beginning of my middle school life.

At the grade 8, I got a chance to have an access to extracurricular study, that

is, my unfulfilled desire—reading stories & newspapers. Knowing my intense interest, my eldest brother gave me his back issues. I tried my best to read them with the help of a dictionary [U Tun Nyein Eng-Bur Dictionary]. Those reading materials included the then state-run paper "the Working People's Daily" issues [English-Version]. "The Guardian" was its contemporary one. At first, I found it very difficult to peruse them. Very often, I had to read local news in consultation with those which appeared in papers [Myanmar-version—Loke Thar Pyithu Nezin]. Thus, reading English newspapers became an acquired taste for me, before I recognized it. I had mostly acquainted with Saya Tet Toe's writings. Motley Ko Ko, U Thet Tin [lecturer], U Myint Thein, U Chaw, U Than Myint

[Aba], U Ye Dwe, U Mya Thauang were my favorites. I had many other writers who were worth emulating in my life. Some were prolific writers and some wrote only sporadically. I profited a lot from their works: vocabulary accumulation, various writing styles and literary elements. There seems to be an element of hyperbole in such a claim that I, since then, intended to choose media career as a prolific article writer in English one day. But it came to nothing, disappearing like a day-dream.

I am really a journalist manque. In spite of that, I was blessed to have a chance to devote my previous years to sharing my knowledge on various kinds of writing, viz. formal, informal and newsletter writing, to my students & trainees. Abortive as my ambition was, a burning

desire to see a developed press work still existed in my heart. In answer to a short writing by the chief editor of the NLM in the Perspectives column of 24 March issue, I am itching to write down several of my notes. The CF's acronym, "RFS" is noteworthy for all newsmen. Here let me disclose my opinions and suggestions. Facts and figures are important in a news report, as is the presentation. In news writing process, there are several important facts we should follow. Briefly speaking, we need to avoid using euphemism. Especially reporting news in a chronological order is unacceptable at all. Sentences in a news item should be written in the pattern- subject +verb+object, that is, in the active form as much as we can. Reports must be (See page 10)

Brazilian police backed by troops occupy slum by Rio airport

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 March — Brazilian police backed by troops occupied a massive slum next to Rio de Janeiro's international airport without firing a shot on Sunday to secure one of the city's most violent neighbourhoods long run by drug dealers.

Wrestling control of the area from drug lords was a security priority for authorities because it surrounds the expressway to Galeao airport where tens of thousands of foreigners will land in June for the soccer World Cup.

Marines in armoured cars reinforced the operation that took barely 20 minutes to re-establish police control over the Maré slum complex where 130,000 people live in poverty on the north side of Rio.



Security elements check a structure in the shanty town complex of Mare, north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 30 March, 2014.—XINHUA

Police said they seized guns and 450 kilos of marijuana and arrested two suspected dealers. Residents said most drug traffickers

slipped out the slum ahead of the occupation, which was announced on Friday.

"This is a strategic area for us, a city within

the city. Traffickers have been there for years," Rio de Janeiro state security chief José Beltrame told reporters.

The occupation follows a wave of attacks on police posts in slums that been occupied under Rio's so-called "pacification" programme launched in 2008 to expel drug gangs to make the city safer ahead of the World Cup and the 2016 Olympic games.

The backlash heightened concerns about security and law and order during the global sports events Brazil will host that its political leaders had hoped would showcase the emergence of a modern and prosperous nation.

President Dilma Rousseff agreed to a request from Rio's state governor for federal troops to be deployed in the more notorious slums ringing Rio during the World Cup.

Reuters

Shell blames spills in Nigeria on oil thieves

YENAGOA, (Nigeria) 31 March — The Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) in Nigeria blames the incessant oil spills in the Niger Delta region to the activities of oil thieves. The company's spokesperson Joseph Obari told newsmen in Yenagoa in the Niger Delta state of Bayelsa on Sunday that the oil thieves were responsible for 80 per cent of the spills in the state.

Obari said the Okoridia-Ikarama area of the state was a hotbed of pipeline vandalism, noting that even spills caused by equipment failure were remotely linked to the activities of the thieves. According to him, the oil firm was committed to prompt clean-up and remediation of spill impacted sites within its operational base, not minding the cause of the spill.

"A total of 21 spills have been recorded in the area between 2009 and now," he said, "Of the number, 17 were due to deliberate cutting of pipelines and manifold. The four spills caused by equipment failure occurred at previously clamped sabotage points, already weakened by repeated cuts." "The SPDC oil spill response and remediation team is presently cleaning up the site of a spill that occurred in January 2014 and carrying out remediation at the 2013 spill sites," he said.

Xinhua

Syria accuses rebels of hindering chemical weapons removal

DAMASCUS, 31 March — Syria's Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad on Sunday charged that armed groups are attempting to undermine cooperation between the Syrian government and the joint mission of the UN and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), according to the official SANA news agency.

"The terrorists and the countries that support them are continuing their attempts to hinder the cooperation

between the Syrian government and UN-OPCW joint mission," Mekdad told the joint mission's special coordinator Sigrid Kaag during a meeting held on Sunday in the capital Damascus.

During the meeting, Mekdad discussed with Kaag the recent developments regarding the ongoing process of eradicating Syria's chemical arsenal and the achievements that have been made in that regard, according to SANA.

While stressing his

country's commitment to live up to its pledges about the removal of its chemical weapons, Mekdad charged that some countries are attempting to "politicize" the file of Syria's chemical weapons, pointing to the "information" that has been submitted by Syria to the OPCW regarding the involvement of some countries in supporting the rebels with the aim of hindering the cooperation of the Syrian government and the UN-OPCW mission.

Kaag reportedly hailed the ongoing cooperation between the mission and the Syrian government, stressing that the international community is aware of the size of challenges and the risks, under which the process of eliminating Syria's chemical weapons is carried out.

Last week, the UN-OPCW joint mission said in a statement that more than 53 percent of Syria's chemical weapons had been removed or destroyed.—Xinhua

My Personal Attitudes ...

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simple, correct and concise. I ever learnt that the use of adjective in news writing is different from that of verb. These are several points on journalism I had known. In fact the scope of my knowledge is not wide. I firmly believe that there are many knowledgeable experts who will be able to produce promising new generation of journalists. Moreover, enthusiastic learners can get what they want through internet. Nowadays the bonanza year for the press media in our country is coming in. From now on, youths ought to prepare themselves to vie for a rightful place. I admit myself that the nation's future really belongs to them. They all are ebullient and they have potentials each. Today in building up our

nation, media plays an important role as the fourth estate. Now our press let us have an opportunity to take part in this challenging campaign, working hand in hand with vested interests. With regard to the progress of journalism world, language skill should not be neglected. An able writer needs to be capable of manipulating the language, and must have had fundamental knowledge on writing. As a grammar teacher, I would like newsmen to pay an attention to grammatical rules. Certainly, readers will not argue with errors as a hair-splitter. But we believe that press media's prestige and dignity depend not only upon its stance, its acquirement of people's credibility but also on its accuracy, its standard size, its writing

style and its layout. Especially we should be careful not to write down noticeable errors, just at a glance at a sentence. Once a maiden showed me a recommendation issued by a private school. The very first line read "This is to certify that Mg Mg...or somebody had been completed the English Efficiency Course (Advanced Level)."

Generally, it sounds trivial, but it is an inexcusable one. Grammarians consider dangling participles and split infinitives incorrect, but we accept these kinds of writing today whereas the above-mentioned error is totally different from its original meaning. Editors need to be ready and get ready to correct such an error. While

I am at it, I would like to suggest newspapermen to sustainably motivate themselves to be well-equipped with professional qualifications. An expert, ipso facto, cannot stop their learning. We all are always learners to our last hours. Before my writing comes to an end, let me express in all sincerity the acronym I hold as a motto: GUVIP. G is meant for grammar, U for usage, V for vocabulary, I for idea and P for practice. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions", as the saying is. If we abide by that adage, our esteemed paper will surely become the most reliable newspaper around us, as described under the paper's name at the very front page.

(U) Kin Mg Oo residing in Yangon was a former consultant of 5Movies and former training officer of SkyNet. Now he is teaching English.

Mafia-style gang stands trial in central China

XIANNING, 31 March — Trials of 36 members of an alleged mafia-style gang opened on Monday in central China's Hubei Province on charges including murder.

The ring, allegedly led by former mining tycoon Liu Han and his brother Liu Wei in southwest China's Sichuan Province, is the largest mafia-style criminal group to be placed on trial in recent years in the country.

The trial of Liu Han began at 8:31 am at the Xianning Intermediate People's Court.

He was board chairman of the Hanlong Group, the biggest private enterprise in Sichuan. He owned tens of subsidiary companies involved in electricity, energy, finance, mining, real estate and securities.

The Liu brothers and other gang members were charged with about 20 crimes including organizing, leading and participating in a mafia-style gang, homicide, intentional injury, illegal detention, blackmailing, illegally possessing guns and ammunition, collusion in bidding, and defrauding banks of loans, prosecutors said.—Xinhua

One Romanian soldier killed by attack in Afghanistan, five wounded

BUCHAREST, 31 March — Romania's Defence Ministry announced on Sunday that one soldier was killed and five others injured in Afghanistan early on day, in a suicide attack by an explosive-carrying vehicle. According to a release of the ministry, the suicide explosive-carrying vehicle crashed head-on into the battle vehicle in which Claudiu Constantin Vulpoi and his five fellows were riding.

The Romanian troops with the Manoeuvre Battalion dispatched to Zabul province were on a patrolling mission, on three mine-resistant vehicles, on A1 motorway linking Kabul to Kandahar.

He had participated in six other foreign missions in Afghanistan and Claudiu Constantin Vulpoi, 41, had participated in six other foreign missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to the ministry.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Climate change threatens human security: UN report

YOKOHAMA, 31 March — Climate change can indirectly increase the likelihood of violent conflict by exacerbating risk factors such as poverty and economic shocks, a UN scientific body warned on Monday.

After six days of talks through Sunday in Yokohama, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its latest report assessing the impacts of climate change on human and natural systems, options for adaptation and opportunities for the future.

“Climate change over the 21st century is projected to reduce renewable surface water and groundwater resources significantly in most dry subtropical regions, intensifying competition for water,” the IPCC said.

Climate change is also expected to “increase displacement of people,” the panel said. “Some transboundary impacts of climate change, such as changes in sea ice, shared water resources, and pelagic fish stocks, have the potential to increase rivalry among states.”

Some 500 scientists and government representatives from around the world gathered in the Japanese port city to review and make necessary changes to the report prepared by Working Group II.

A Press conference was held on Monday morning to wrap up the influential panel’s plenary session, the first in Japan.

The IPCC’s fifth



A joint Press conference is held in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on 31 March, 2014, after a general meeting of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change closed the previous day. The IPCC released its latest report assessing the impacts of climate change on human and natural systems, options for adaptation and opportunities for the future.

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assessment report will be composed of three working group reports and a synthesis report. The Working Group III part is due out in April after another plenary meeting in Berlin, and the synthesis report will be released in October in Copenhagen.

The IPCC concluded last September in Stockholm, based on findings by Working Group I, that human activity is the dominant cause of global warm-

ing since the mid-20th century. In Yokohama, the IPCC also discussed how impacts and risks related to climate change can be reduced and managed through adaptation and mitigation.

“Projected global temperature increase over the next few decades is similar across emission scenarios (regardless of carbon dioxide emissions),” the panel said. “During this near-term period, risks will

evolve as socioeconomic trends interact with the changing climate.”

“In the second half of the 21st century and beyond, global temperature increase diverges across emission scenarios. For this longer-term, near-term and longer-term adaptation and mitigation, as well as development pathways, will determine the risks of climate change.”

The IPCC also said it expects the likelihood of

severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts to increase depending on the magnitude of global warming.

World leaders have agreed it would be dangerous to allow global temperatures to rise more than 2 C above pre-industrial levels and have set the so-called 2-degree target.

“Some risks of climate change are considerable at 1 or 2 C above preindustrial level. Global climate change risks are high to

very high with global mean temperature increase of 4 C or more above preindustrial levels,” the IPCC said.

Global climate change risks “include severe and widespread impacts on unique and threatened systems, substantial species extinction, large risks to global and regional food security; and the combination of high temperature and humidity compromising normal human activities, including growing food or working outdoors in some areas for parts of the year,” the panel said.

The international community is working to reach a new anti-global warming pact by 2015 to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which is widely seen as ineffective without the participation of the world’s two biggest carbon emitters — China and the United States. The IPCC has released four comprehensive assessment reports since it was formed in 1988 to help policymakers, with the last one in 2007.—Kyodo News



Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, holds a Press conference in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on 31 March, 2014.—Kyodo News

China launches experimental satellite

JIUQUAN, (Gansu), 31 March — China successfully launched an experimental satellite into preset orbit from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in its northwestern gobi desert on Monday

morning. The Shijian-11-06 was boosted by a Long March-2C carrier rocket at 10:58 Beijing Time. The satellite, which was developed by China Spacesat Co Ltd under the China Aerospace

Science and Technology Corporation, will be used to conduct scientific experiments in space.

This was the 189th flight of the Long March rocket series.—Xinhua



A Long March-2C carrier rocket carrying China’s Shijian-11-06 satellite blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Jiuquan, northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 31 March, 2014. China successfully launched the experimental satellite into preset orbit from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in its northwestern gobi desert on Monday morning.—XINHUA

US top court considers patent protections for software

WASHINGTON, 31 March — The US Supreme Court will on Monday delve into the hotly contested question of when software is eligible for patent protection. The nine justices will hear a one-hour oral argument in a case of interest not just to software companies but also to a wide range of businesses that sell products containing computer-implemented features. The ruling, expected by the end of June, will affect companies involved in such industries as healthcare, IT, communications and high-tech engineering.

Google Inc, Dell Inc, Verizon Communications Inc, Microsoft Corp, Hewlett-Packard Co and engine manufacturer Cummins

Inc, are among the companies that have filed legal papers weighing in on the issue.

Companies vary over what kind of eligibility threshold they would prefer. Those that often get sued for patent infringement, such as Google, favor a tighter definition. Those that want to protect their own patents, such as IBM Corp, would prefer that most software be patent eligible.

With the rise of computer-based products, courts have struggled to apply patent law. Some legal experts, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital civil liberties group, say that too many patents are issued by the US Patent and

Trademark Office and courts are too keen to uphold them. In 2011, almost 125,000 software patents were granted by the patent office, up from about 25,000 in 1991, the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) said in an August 2013 report.

Tech companies are especially concerned about litigation brought by so-called “patent trolls,” defined as companies that hold patents only for the purpose of suing other companies that are seeking to develop new products. The resulting litigation stifles innovation, the companies say. Congress is considering legislation aimed at reining in patent trolls.

Reuters

India's ruling Congress Party chief Sonia Gandhi (C) receives a Japi, a traditional head gear, from congress candidate Rani Narah (1st L) during an election rally in Lakhimpur, India's north-eastern state of Assam, on 30 March, 2014. Between 7 April and 12 May, India will hold its 2014 general elections in nine phases.
XINHUA



Cambodia honours two Chinese peacekeepers killed in 1993 blast

KAMPONG CHAM, (Cambodia), 31 March — Cambodia on Monday held a ceremony to honour two Chinese soldiers serving as UN peacekeepers who lost their lives in a blast in the province's Cheung Prey district on 21 May, 1993.

The ceremony was presided over by Gen Sav Sok, undersecretary of state of the Cambodian Ministry of Defence and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Bu Jianguo, and was attended by some 120 Chinese and Cambodian people.

At the event, Cambodian defence officials, Chinese diplomats, representatives of Chinese community in Cambodia, and provincial authorities laid wreaths to commemorate the dead soldiers.

Xinhua

Vietnam's southern HCM City to host Mekong River Commission's 2nd Summit

HO CHI MINH CITY, 31 March — Vietnam's southern economic hub Ho Chi Minh (HCM) City will host the second summit of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) on 2-5 April that focuses on cross border cooperation, according to organizers on Monday.

Themed "Cooperation for Water, Energy and Food Security in Trans-boundary Basins under a Changing Climate", the summit aims to strengthen the commitment of cross-border cooperation in the sustainable development of the Mekong River Basin's water resources, which is a pressing demand along with the need for water, energy, and food resources. The summit will highlight the will and political commitment of leaders from the MRC member countries to enhance regional affiliation in overcoming all challenges for the sustainable development of the Mekong River Basins.

The meeting will also outline priority areas for the MRC in the immediate future, especially in ensuring water, energy, and food security and reducing the impact of climate change.

The leaders are expected to release a joint statement at the end of the event. The Vietnamese delegation, led by Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, will join others from Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and dialogue partners, China and Myanmar, at the event. Representatives from development partners, donors and international organizations will also be attending the summit.—Xinhua

Nationalism takes centre stage in Indonesia's election campaign

JAKARTA, 31 March — Dressed in the style of Indonesia's first leader, even using replica 1950s microphones, presidential hopeful Prabowo Subianto roared to thousands of supporters at a recent rally in the capital: "Indonesia cannot be bought".

It is a nationalistic tone that has been on the rise in campaigns by the major political parties ahead of elections to choose a parliament on 9 April and a new president on 9 July.

The question of whether Indonesia is souring on the foreign money that helped bankroll much of its growth was thrust into the spotlight this year with a new law that aims to boost the country's profits by banning the export of minerals unless they have been processed first.

That threatens the fortunes of some of Indonesia's biggest investors, notably two major US

mining companies with large operations in the country — Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold and Newmont Mining Corp.

To continue exporting, mining firms must now either pay 20-25 percent tax from this year, rising to up to 60 percent by the second half of 2016, or invest hundreds of millions of dollars on new smelters.

The more prickly language, and its occasional echo of the jingoistic rhetoric of founding president Sukarno who famously told the United States in 1964 to "Go to hell with your aid!", comes as record foreign direct investment looks to be peaking.

In part, that reflects investor concern over muddled government policy, barely functioning

infrastructure and a sharp rise in labor costs in the world's fourth most populous country. Approved foreign investment outside the oil, gas and banking sectors last year was around \$22 billion, roughly the same as 2012 in dollar terms.

"In dealing with globalization, Indonesia should have a stronger position ... We should ensure that we are independent, not relying only on foreign investment," said Budiman Sudjatmiko, a member of parliament of the PDI-P party.

Opinion polls suggest that PDI-P, currently in opposition, will win the most seats in parliament and easily grab the presidency with its hugely popular candidate, Jakarta governor Joko "Jokowi" Widodo. He has won national approval for his straight-forward leadership style but has yet to detail any economic policy.—Reuters



Prabowo Subianto (L), presidential candidate from the Great Indonesia Movement (Gerindra) Party, delivers a speech to supporters during a campaign rally at a stadium in Jakarta on 23 March, 2014. —REUTERS

Japan, N Korea talks continue with focus on abduction reinvestigation

BEIJING, 31 March — Senior Japanese and North Korean diplomats continued negotiations on Monday, a day after they appeared to have touched on Pyongyang's past abduction of Japanese nationals and its nuclear and missile programmes.

In the two days of formal talks in Beijing, attention is being focused on whether North Korea, which has no diplomatic relations with Japan, will agree to fulfill its 2008 promise to reinvestigate

the cases of abductees in the 1970s and 1980s.

Observers are watching to see if there will be any change in Pyongyang's oft-repeated position that the abduction issue has been settled. Speaking at a news conference on Monday in Tokyo, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga declined to reveal details of the talks, but said Japan is negotiating the abduction, nuclear and missile issues with North Korea "in line with our country's basic policy."—Kyodo News

School principal kidnapped in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, (Philippines), 31 March — A school principal was kidnapped by suspected members of the rogue group Abu Sayyaf on Monday morning in southern Philippines, police said.

The Basilan provincial police office identified the victim as Benita Lotonio, a principal of Manggal Elementary School in Sumisip town, Basilan Province.

Xinhua



Children participate in a traditional archery contest (Jemparring) at Langenastran Kidul in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 29 March, 2014. —XINHUA

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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
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MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.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.

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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

- (1) No.(1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines Invites to submit the tender for Concentrate and other mixed are in Hpa An, Yangon Branch, Nay Pyi Taw Branch, Lashio Branch, Mandalay Branch and Namtu Branch.
- (2) Tender Closing Date and Time is 6th May, 2014 (16:00)hrs.
- (3) Tender document are available from the Procurement Department, No.(1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No.(19), Nay Pyi Taw and details can be asked to +95-(0)67-409012 and 409383 within the office hours.

Tender Invitation Committee
 No.(1) Mining Enterprise

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

ADB provides 350
mln USD loan
for Indonesian
geothermal plant

MANILA, 31 March — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Monday that it has provided a loan of 350 million US dollars for the construction of a 320-megawatt geothermal power plant in North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Under the loan package for the Sarulla Geothermal Power Development Project, the Manila-based lender said 250 million US dollars will come from its ordinary capital resources while 80 million US dollars will come from the ADB Clean Technology Fund. The remaining 20 million US dollars will be drawn from the Canadian Climate Fund for Private Sector in Asia.

The project requires a total loan package of 1.17 billion US dollars. Six commercial banks will also co-finance the loan package while the ADB and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation acted as lead structuring banks.

Proponents of the project are Itochu Corp, Kyushu Electric Power Co, Ormat International, and Medco Power Indonesia.

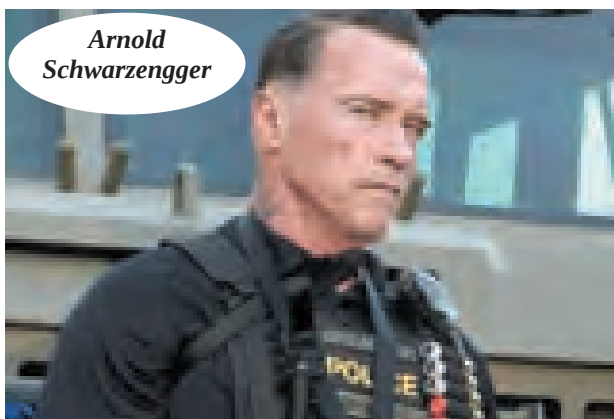
The project will be developed and implemented under a 30-year energy sales contract with Perusahaan Listrik Negara, the national electricity utility company, a 30-year joint operating contract with Pertamina Geothermal Energy, and a 20-year guarantee from Indonesia's Ministry of Finance. The ADB said in a statement that its climate finance capabilities were instrumental in establishing the first commercially-financed, utility-scale geothermal independent power plant in Indonesia in more than a decade.—Xinhua

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Women pick up tea leaves at a Huiming tea base in Jingning She Autonomous county, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 March, 2014. Huiming tea, famous for its unique taste, is a traditional famous tea in Zhejiang.
 XINHUA

Arnold Schwarzenegger defends violence in Sabotage



Arnold Schwarzenegger

LOS ANGELES, 31 March—Hollywood action star Arnold Schwarzenegger has defended the degree of violence in his new film Sabotage. The 66-year-old Terminator star said the video games which

children play are much more violent, reported Entertainment Wise.

“I think violence is political now: ‘maybe if there is no violence in movies, there will be no violence in the world.’ I don’t believe

that. The video games our children play are much, much more violent than anything in this movie,” he said. The actor and former politician, who plays the role of a US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) boss in the movie, was shocked when he was asked to undertake weapon training for the movie.

There was the weapons training and I said, ‘Why do I need weapons training? I mean, I’ve shot more guns than anyone in movie history. I’ve killed more people than anyone so why do we need to go through weapons training?’ he said.—Reuters

Tom Cruise to beat drones in Top Gun 2?



The original movie was released in 1986, when Tom was just 24 years old.

LOS ANGELES, 31 March—Top Gun 2 is still happening, says producer Jerry Bruckheimer, and the plot of the sequel to the 1986 Tom Cruise starrer is modern.

“We’ve been trying to get that movie made for 30 years, and I think we’re getting closer and closer,” huffingtonpost.com quoted

Bruckheimer as saying.

“Don (Simpson, co-producer of Top Gun) and I tried to develop something, we didn’t succeed. (Tom) Cruise took over, and he tried to develop something, and he didn’t succeed. Now, we’re back at it,” he added.

Bruckheimer said that it was Tony Scott, the film’s original director, who was able to crack the story before his death in 2012.

“The concept is, basically, are the pilots obsolete because of drones? Cruise is going to show them that they’re not. They’re here to stay,” Bruckheimer said.

“It’s just getting to the starting phase. Fortunately for Tom, he’s very busy, so you have to find a slot he can fit into and get a budget that Paramount feels they can make the picture,” he added.—PTI

Disney’s ‘Frozen’ becomes top-grossing animated film ever

NEW YORK, 31 March—Disney’s hit film “Frozen” has become the top-grossing animated film in box office history, the studio said on Sunday as the musical topped \$1 billion in global sales.

The film has sold \$398.4 million worth of tickets at domestic (US and Canadian) theaters since opening on 27 November on the eve of the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Foreign box offices have added another \$674 million, for a global total of \$1.072 billion, Disney said.

“Frozen,” inspired by “The Snow Queen” fairytale, is the story of a Scandinavian princess who must reconnect with her sister, the Queen, who has the power of freezing anything into ice with her hands and accidentally sets off a long winter that is destroying their kingdom.

The previous animated-film box office



Kajol was among the guests at the launch of the Hindi trailer of Kochadaiiyaan.

MUMBAI, 31 March—Actress Kajol who attended the Hindi trailer launch

of Kochadaiiyaan here on 30 March said she is Rajinikanth’s biggest fan.

“I am super excited for this. I am Rajinikanth’s biggest fan. He is the original superstar I look up to him. If I get an opportunity to work with him there are no two thoughts about it,” Kajol told reporters at the red carpet of Kochadaiiyaan curtain raiser.

Directed by Soundarya, Kochadaiiyaan features Rajinikanth and Deepika Padukone in the lead.

The trailer was launched by megastar Amitabh Bachchan.

Also present on this occasion were Jaya Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, and Anupam Kher.—PTI

champion was 2010’s “Toy Story 3,” which racked up \$1.063 billion in sales, according to Boxofficemojo.com. Both films were

distributed by Walt Disney Pictures (DIS.N).

“Frozen,” which stayed in the top 10 films on domestic box office

charts for more than three months, also has now become the 10th-largest grossing film in cinema history.—Reuters



Actress Kristen Bell accepts the award for favourite animated movie for “Frozen” at the 27th Annual Kids’ Choice Awards in Los Angeles, California on 29 March, 2014.

REUTERS

Gwyneth Paltrow, Chris Martin to live together post split?

LOS ANGELES, 31 March—Actress Gwyneth Paltrow and singer Chris Martin, who recently announced their split, are reportedly planning to live together in their Malibu property here.

The couple, who were married for 11 years, splashed out on a \$14 million beach house shortly before confirming their split and sources say they will share the property, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

According to the New York Post newspaper, the house includes “two totally separate” living spaces so they are both able to stay close to their children Apple, 9, and Moses, 7.

There were rumours that the Coldplay frontman would live alone in the property because it was bought by a special trust.

“For this property, a new trust was created. It is called Magical Kingdom Land (trust), which signalled something definitely changed between the pair.

Everything else they have owned together, including homes in London and New York, was bought under Orchard House LLC. It appears that the trust used was different to the firm that Gwyneth is known to be associated with,” said a source.

Reuters



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GENERAL

Chelsea, Juve, Bayern falter as Liverpool go top

LONDON, 31 March — The leaders in England, Italy, and Germany all dropped points as Chelsea suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at Crystal Palace, Juventus lost 2-0 to Napoli and Bayern Munich drew 3-3 with Hoffenheim.

Chelsea were overtaken by Liverpool, who thrashed Tottenham Hotspur 4-0, while Juve's lead at the top of Serie A was cut to 11 points and German champions Bayern's 19-game winning streak was ended by Hoffenheim.

Atletico Madrid, 2-1 winners at Athletic Bilbao, stayed on course for a surprise La Liga title triumph as Spain's top three all won and Paris St Germain increased their advantage in Ligue 1 to 13 points with a 1-0 win at Nice.

ENGLAND

Liverpool moved top of the Premier League table for the first time since Christmas with a 4-0 drubbing of Tottenham as their main title challengers all dropped points.

Chelsea suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at lowly Crystal Palace while Arsenal drew 1-1 with Manchester City, leaving Liverpool two points clear at the summit with six games left.

Jose Mourinho's Chelsea are second with City in third, four points behind Liverpool but with two games in hand.

Arsenal are fourth, three points adrift of City and four ahead of Everton who won 3-1 at Fulham to keep their top-four aspirations alive.

Liverpool, seeking their first English title since 1990, overpowered Spurs thanks to an own goal by Younes Kaboul and strikes by Luis Suarez, Philippe Coutinho and Jordan Henderson.

SPAIN

Atletico Madrid moved a step closer to an unlikely title triumph when they battled back from a goal down to secure a 2-1 victory at fourth-placed Athletic Bilbao as the top three all won



Liverpool's players celebrate after their English Premier League soccer match against Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 30 March, 2014.—REUTERS

on Saturday.

Atletico's hard-fought victory at the San Mames, through goals from Diego Costa and Koke, maintained their one-point lead over champions Barcelona, who won 1-0 at Espanyol thanks to a Lionel Messi penalty.

Atletico have 76 points with seven games left with Barca, who host the Madrid club in the Champions League quarter-final first leg on Tuesday, on 75.

Third-placed Real Madrid, who have 73 points, avoided a third successive defeat when La Liga top scorer Cristiano Ronaldo netted his 28th goal of the campaign and Gareth Bale struck twice in a 5-0 stroll at home to city neighbours Rayo Vallecano.

GERMANY

Champions Bayern Munich's 19-game Bundesliga winning streak ended with a 3-3 home draw with Hoffenheim.

Peru striker Claudio Pizarro, given a rare start, responded by scoring twice and Xherdan Shaqiri was also on target as Bayern led 3-1 at halftime after Anthony Modeste had put Hoffenheim ahead. The visitors hit back, however, with second-half goals from Sejad Salihovic and Roberto Firmino.

Marco Reus scored a hat-trick to give second-placed Borussia Dortmund a 3-2 win at VfB Stuttgart after they had

trailed 2-0.

The defeat left Stuttgart in 16th place, the relegation playoff spot, ahead of Hamburg SV on goal difference. Hamburg, the Bundesliga's only ever-present club, were beaten 3-1 at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

ITALY

Juventus's Serie A lead was cut to 11 points after they suffered a 2-0 defeat at Napoli where Jose Callejon and substitute Dries Mertens scored the goals.

Earlier, second-placed AS Roma did their part by winning by the same score at lowly Sassuolo with goals from Mattia Destro and Michel Bastos.

Juventus, still firmly on course for a third successive title, have 81 points from 31 games and Roma are on 70 with a game in hand.

Third-placed Napoli, on 64, are in the Champions League playoff spot.

FRANCE

Paris St Germain geared up for their Champions League clash against Chelsea with an industrious 1-0 win at Nice that sent them 13 points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

Their nearest rivals Monaco had their slim title hopes all but extinguished by lowly Evian Thonon Gaillard after a surprise 1-0 away defeat.

Lille, six points further adrift in third, won 1-0 at home to En Avant Guingamp.

PORTUGAL

Benfica stayed on course for their first league title since 2010 with a 1-0 win at Sporting Braga.

Brazilian Lima scored the only goal in the 13th minute as the Eagles chalked up an eighth successive league win despite a late penalty miss from forward Rodrigo.

Benfica, who have 64 points, are seven clear of Sporting who beat Vitoria Guimaraes 1-0 with a Marcos Rojo goal early in the second half.

GREECE

PAOK Salonica came from behind to beat Kalloni 2-1 on Sunday thanks to a late goal from 18-year-old Efthimis Koulouris which keeps them in the driving seat for Greece's second Champions League place ahead of the Super League playoffs.

The win moved second-placed PAOK to 66 points with two matches to play before the playoffs begin, while Atromitos and Panathinaikos lie in third and fourth place respectively on 63 points after they shared the spoils in a 0-0 draw on Saturday.

Champions Olympiakos Piraeus, who have already wrapped up a 41st league title, returned to winning ways after a 2-1 midweek defeat by Asteras Tripolis with a 1-0 home success against bottom club Aris Salonica.—Reuters

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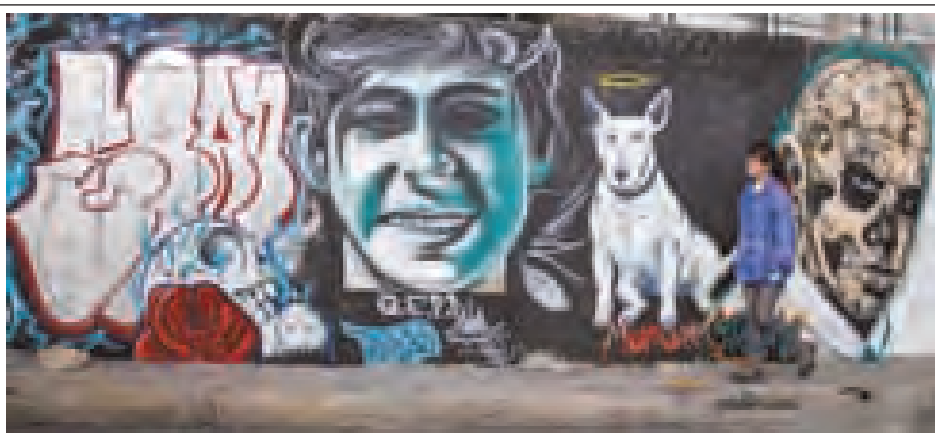
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Premier League Standing Table

Pos	Clubs	P	W	D	L	Point
1	Liverpool	32	22	5	5	71
2	Chelsea	32	21	6	5	69
3	Manchester City	30	21	4	5	67
4	Arsenal	32	19	7	6	64
5	Everton	31	17	9	5	60
6	Tottenham	32	17	5	10	56
7	Manchester Utd	32	16	6	10	54
8	Southampton	32	13	9	10	48
9	Newcastle	32	14	4	14	46
10	Stoke City	32	10	10	12	40
11	West Ham	31	9	7	15	34
12	Aston Villa	31	9	7	15	34
13	Swansea	32	8	9	15	33
14	Hull City	32	9	6	17	33
15	Norwich	32	8	8	16	32
16	Crystal Palace	31	9	4	18	31
17	West Brom	31	5	14	12	29
18	Cardiff City	32	6	8	18	26
19	Sunderland	29	6	7	16	25
20	Fulham	32	7	3	22	24



A resident walks in front of a graffiti mural in Bogota city, Colombia, on 30 March, 2014. Hundreds of graffiti artists gathered on Sunday to paint again the walls of the 26 street, after the police removed the graffiti due to an alleged measure of Bogota's acting mayor Rafael Pardo, according to local media.

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Djokovic beats Nadal for fourth Miami title

MIAMI, 31 March—Novak Djokovic tamed world number one Rafa Nadal 6-3, 6-3 to claim his fourth Sony Open title on Sunday, denying the Spaniard a maiden win on the Miami hardcourts.

The win was the second straight Masters series title for the second ranked Serb, who defeated Roger Federer in the BNP Paribas Open two weeks ago in Indian Wells.

“That was a great confidence boost for me that I carried on in this week, and this tournament has been perfect from the beginning to the end,” said Djokovic, after hoisting his 43rd career title.

“The matches that I have played I played really well, and I elevated my game as the tournament progressed. “The best performance of the tournament came in the right moment on Sunday against the biggest rival.”

The world’s top ranked players added another line to what has grown into one of tennis’s great rivalries with the Spaniard holding a 22-18 edge.

But the Miami title continues to be one of the few to elude Nadal, who has now finished runner-up four times at Crandon Park, twice beaten in the final by Djokovic.

“Miami is the same level as Indian Wells, same level as Cincinnati, Toronto, Monte Carlo, Rome, Madrid,” said Nadal when asked to explain his inability to hoist the Miami trophy.

“The quality of the tournament is Masters 1000 that I won 26, so I cannot have a mental block on that.

“No, no frustration. That’s tennis. That’s the sport.” Both Nadal and Djokovic were well-rested after receiving walkovers into the final after opponents withdrew from the semi-finals, giving the tournament a mouth-watering championship matchup. The contest featured everything one would expect except from a matchup between the

world’s best with a title on the line, Nadal and Djokovic trading thundering groundstrokes right from the first point. But on this day, a confident Djokovic, his game firing on all cylinders, kept Nadal on the defensive ending the drama quickly by winning all the big points.

“I played a few games and a few points with right way, with right intensity,” said Nadal. “But for the rest, easy to analyze. The opponent was better than me. That’s it.” “He was better than me in everything.

“I feel that I didn’t move as well as I do normally. I feel that he was having too much success with every shot.”

Hingis returns to winner’s circle in Miami

Martina Hingis made a winning return when the Swiss player and German partner Sabine Lisicki claimed the Sony Open doubles title on Sunday with a 4-6, 6-4 (10-5) over Russian duo Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina.

Martina Hingis

The title was Hingis’s first since winning the doubles in Doha in 2007. Since retiring that year, Hingis, a former-world number one, has flirted with a doubles comebacks.

Last year the winner of five singles and nine doubles grand slam career titles attempted a return with Daniela Hantuchova but found little success, winning just three-of-five matches and falling in the first round of the US Open.

Hingis launched a second comeback this season, losing in the first round of Indian Wells, but looked right at home on the Miami hardcourts, returning to the winner’s circle at an event she won twice (1998-99).—Reuters



Novak Djokovic



Faltering United face ultimate challenge in Bayern

MANCHESTER, 31 March — Manchester United, comprehensively outplayed by local rivals Liverpool and Manchester City at Old Trafford recently, face an even tougher challenge when holders Bayern Munich come calling in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Languishing seventh in the Premier League after a dismal first season under manager David Moyes, United are huge underdogs to get through the two-legged quarter-final against the Bundesliga champions.

Moyes will take little comfort from results at the weekend when Bayern’s 19-match league winning streak ended in a 3-3 home draw with Hoffenheim after surrendering a 3-1 lead while United thrashed Aston Villa 4-1 in the Premier League.

United are a far cry from the team who commanded unreserved respect around Europe during Alex Ferguson’s heyday but their home form in the Champions League this season has been good, in marked

contrast to their woeful Premier League record at Old Trafford.

The English champions have won their first four home matches in the competition, something they last did in the 2007-08 campaign when they made it six out of six and went on to lift the trophy for the third time in Moscow.

But Bayern, managed by Pep Guardiola who outfoxed United in the 2009 and 2011 finals as Barcelona coach, have won their last seven Champions League away games. They also beat United on the away goals rule when the teams met at the same stage in 2010.

“We cannot allow Manchester United’s current position in the Premier League to affect our mindset for this game,” Bayern captain Philipp Lahm told uefa.com.

“We will travel to Manchester in order to play attacking football and score goals. I don’t think it matters if you play the away leg first. Last year we played at home first a lot of the time and still managed to win the trophy.

“The most important thing for us will be to score goals in the away leg,” added Lahm, whose side

overcame Arsenal on the basis of their away results in the last-16 this season and last.

Moyes can take heart from his team’s recovery in their last-16 tie against Olympiakos Piraeus when they won 3-0 at Old Trafford thanks to a Robin van Persie hat-trick after losing the away leg 2-0.

Van Persie will miss both games against Bayern through injury but Wayne Rooney is enjoying a prolific run, the England striker’s two goals against Villa taking his tally to five this month and 15 in the league this season.

Moyes does not see playing the first leg at home as a disadvantage.

“The way the game’s going now with counter-attacking football and a different approach by teams away from home (means it is not so important),” he said.

The tie brings together two teams who have lifted the European Cup eight times between them and they met in the 1999 final in Barcelona when United snatched an extraordinary 2-1 victory from the jaws of defeat with two stoppage-time goals.

The defeat rankled with Bayern for years but they have beaten United every time they have met since and it would be a huge surprise if the German team fail to make the semi-finals.

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Manchester United’s manager David Moyes reacts after their English Premier League soccer match against Aston Villa at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 29 March, 2014.—REUTERS

