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Gratitude owed to forefathers

Because of the gratitude owed to our forefathers of the successive eras, who lived in unity with high vision, attaching themselves with bonds of amity, with the family spirit — love and friendship, helpfulness, sympathy, mutual reliance, understanding, forgiveness, and cooperation based on common interest — as the foundation, the national races of the Union have been able to live together and join hands for a long time.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From message sent on the occasion of 57th Anniversary Union Day)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Mr Kim Jong Il

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — On the occasion of the birthday of His Excellency Mr Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 14 February 2008, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. — ***MNA***

Four political objectives

* **Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order**
* **National reconsolidation**
* **Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution**
* **Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution**

Four economic objectives

* **Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well**
* **Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system**
* **Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad**
* **The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples**

Four social objectives

* **Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation**
* **Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character**
* **Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit**
* **Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation**

Commander looks into construction tasks in PyinOoLwin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe looked into construction of Pwekauk Dam near Yaythayaukgon village in PyinOoLwin Township on 21 January.

Next, the commander went to Padetha Myothit auto telephone-exchange in Ward 10 where he heard reports on construction of the bus terminal and brokerage houses in PyinOoLwin presented by District PDC Chairman U Min Lwin and gave necessary instructions. Next the commander inspected the auto telephone-exchange.

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Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects Pwekauk Dam in PyinOoLwin Township.— **MNA**

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 14 February, 2008

Opening of bridges brings about regional progress

In a bid to bring about equitable development in all the States and Divisions including border areas, the government is building infrastructures on transport, economic, education and health sectors.

Better and secure transport much contributes towards smooth flow of commodities and regional development. This is why the government has been building a large number of roads and bridges across the nation.

The reinforced U-ru Bridge across U-ru River was inaugurated in Homalin Township in Sagaing Division recently. The bridge is over 1,000 feet long.

The bridge situated on Thetkalkyin-Phaungpyin-Homalin-Hkamti Road is a major one in Sagaing Division. Rice, oil crops, forest products and other natural resources from the upper parts of the division can easily be transported to other areas.

The opening of the bridge helps the development of economic, education and health sectors of Shan, Kachin and Naga nationals living in Sagaing Division and its nearby regions.

With the emergence of roads and bridges there will be more and more trade opportunities in various regions. There is no doubt that opening of bridges has improved the socio-economic life of the national people.

People's Desire

*** Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
*** Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
*** Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
*** Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Cornerstone of historic Eihsaponna Pagoda laid in Mingaladon

A wellwisher donates provisions to a Sayadaw. H

YANGON, 13 Feb— The cornerstone laying ceremony of historic Eihsaponna Pagoda was held in the compound of Amarawadi Monastery on Shwehninsi Road in Kontalapaung model village in Mingaladon Township on 9 February.

The ceremony was organized by Shwethuwun Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanna Sadhiya (MA) and Presiding Sayadaw of Amarawadi Monastery Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Revata.

First, Nwekhwe Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited the Parittas. Donors presented provisions to the Sayadaw followed by sharing of merits gained.

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Nanda NayUparnay Dhammasala building opened

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko unveils the signboard and stone inscriptions of Nanda NayUparnay Dhammasala Building.— MNA

YANGON, 13 Feb—The opening ceremony of Nanda NayUparnay Dhammasala building,at No-5/7 of the 3rd lane of Botahtaung Pagoda Road in Botahtaung Township, was held in front of the building on 10 February.

Patron of Myanmar Gurkha-Hindu Dhamma Organization U Nanda explained purpose of donation.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko made a speech of praise. Later, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Patron of Myanmar Gurkha-Hindu Dhamma Organization U Kuldit and wellwishers U Nanda and Daw Karlarvati cut the ribbon to open the building.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko pressed the button to open the signboard and stone inscriptions of the building and sprinkled scented water on it. The building was built at cost of K 700 million by U Nanda and Daw Karlarvati and family. — *MNA*

UMFCCI meets Korean delegation

YANGON, 13 Feb— Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry General-Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, CEC members and Executives met a five-member Korean delegation led by Professor Mr Hoisook Kim of Department of Education of Chonnam National University, Republic of Korea, at the UMFCCI building on 5 February. They held discussions on conducting Korean language course, testing of Korean language, compilation and distribution of Myanmar-Korea dictionary, production of bio-fertilizer and opportu-nities for providing of educative courses to new generation farmers.—*MNA*

Officials of UMFCCI meeting with Korean guests.— UMFCCI

Mubarak says US troops in Iraq attracting terrorists

CAIRO, 13 Feb — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said on Monday the continued presence of US and other foreign troops in Iraq will attract more terrorist acts in the war-torn country and threaten the security of the whole region.

Mubarak made the remarks on the presidential plane en route to the United Arab Emirates for a visit, the Egyptian official *MENA* news agency reported.

Mubarak warned of maintaining the US presence in Iraq, which has been suffering sectarian conflicts and roadside bombings since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Early last year, US President George W. Bush ordered an extra troops of 30,000 to Iraq to curb sectarian violence and insurgency in the war-torn country.

The Unite States currently has some 160,000 troops in Iraq. A reduction of some 30,000 was expected by July, according to US military commanders in Iraq.

Meanwhile, US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Monday that he would support ordering a pause in troops withdrawal from Iraq after the departure of some 30,000 extra troops by July.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Norway's Embassy in Kabul closed

STOCKHOLM, 13 Feb—The Norwegian Embassy in Afghanistan's capital Kabul remained closed on Monday, after it was first closed on Sunday, following a terrorist threat against the mission, according to reports reaching here from Oslo.

The increased security measures have been taken at the embassy, but it is too early to tell when the embassy will be reopened, Kristin Mel-som, the spokeswoman of Norwegian Foreign Ministry, said to the Norwegian public broadcaster NRK.

MNA/Xinhu

A flower and plant market in Beijing puts on sale the specially dyed roses imported from Holland on 12 Feb, 2008 to give one more option for lovers.
INTERNET

McCain narrowly sweeps Huckabee in capital area primaries

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb— John McCain, the Republican presidential nominee, swept rival Mike Huckabee in Maryland, DC and Virginia primaries Tuesday but the surprisingly close race highlighted his lingering problems among conservatives.

Pre-primary polls had given Arizona Senator McCain a 2-1 advantage over the former Arkansas governor and ordained Baptist minister Huckabee, but the actual vote ended up much closer.

With 90 percent of precincts reporting in Virginia, McCain tallied 50 percent of the vote compared to Huckabee's 41 percent.

McCain

And in Maryland and the District of Columbia, US media announced that McCain was the winner shortly after polls closed at 0230 GMT.

McCain's campaign manager Rick Davis issued a statement congratulating Huckabee's camp on "their strong showing tonight in Virginia" and vowed that McCain would be the Republican nominee for president.— *Internet*

Ship collision at sea causes three Chinese sailors missing

LUANDA, 13 Feb— An oil tanker and a fishing boat collided at high sea, 16 kilometres from the Angolan coast at Namibe, south Angola, leaving three sailors missing, an official of the Namibe Port Administration said on Monday.Antonio Germano, director of the Namibe Port Administration, told reporters that the accident occurred at 3 am (0200 GMT)) Thursday, leaving three Chinese sailors from the fishing boat missing.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Support for Sarkozy hits record low

PARIS, 13 Feb — Nicolas Sarkozy's approval rating has fallen to its lowest level since he was elected President of France nine months ago, two opinion polls showed on Monday.

A monthly IPSOS poll for weekly *Le Point* said support for Sarkozy had fallen 10 points to 39 per cent in February, and a CSA poll for daily *Le Parisien* and television said it had fallen six points in a month to 42 per cent. The surveys did not provide details on respondents' reasons for their answers but previous polls have pinpointed disapproval of his public romance with former model Carla Bruni, whom he married on 2 February, and anger over the cost of living as causes.

The IPSOS poll of 944 people carried out on 8 and 9 February said Sarkozy's approval rating had fallen from 49 per cent a month earlier. The number of respondents who disapproved of Sarkozy rose 9 percentage points to 58 per cent from 49 per cent.

In contrast, the approval rating of Prime Minister Francois Fillon, who has been relatively low-key in his public statements while Sarkozy has taken centre stage, continued to improve. — *MNA/Reuters*

Japan's PM calls Okinawa rape case "unforgivable"

TOKYO, 13 Feb — Japan's Prime Minister on Tuesday denounced the suspected rape of a 14-year-old girl by a US Marine on the southern island of Okinawa, an episode with echoes of a 1995 case that jolted the US-Japan alliance.

The Marine, 38-year-old Tyrone Hadnott, based at Camp Courtney on the island, was arrested on Monday on suspicion of raping the schoolgirl when the two were in a car on Sunday.

He has denied raping the girl but acknowledged forcing her to kiss him, an Okinawa police spokesman said.

"It is unforgivable," Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda told a parliamentary panel in his first public comments on the latest incident on Okinawa, host to a huge US military presence.

"It has happened over and over again in the past and I take it as a grave case."

Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba expressed anger over repeated incidents despite frequent promises by US officials to prevent them.

MNA/Reuters

Civic group members protest in front of the headquarters of the US Marines at Kita Nakagusuku village in Japan's southern island of Okinawa. Japanese leaders voiced outrage Tuesday over a US Marine's alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl in the southern island of Okinawa, warning the case will heighten opposition to US troops. — INTERNET

Obama delivers Clinton triple primary blow

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb — Barack Obama Tuesday swept a trio of Washington DC-area nominating contests, carving into White House rival Hillary Clinton's powerbase of white and women voters and sending shockwaves through her faltering campaign.

The surging Democrat coasted to emphatic victories in Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC, to take his win streak over the last week to eight and extend his lead in convention delegates.

Another grim night left Clinton badly needing wins in Texas and Ohio on 4 March to keep her hopes of becoming the first woman president alive.

Presumptive Republican nominee John McCain meanwhile landed his own triple blow of primaries, but faced a tougher-than-expected battle from rival Mike Huckabee in Virginia, reflecting his struggle to win over conservative voters.

Barack Obama

Obama celebrated his wins at a rally in mid-western Wisconsin, which votes on 19 February, and where he hopes to drive another dagger into Clinton's campaign.

"We won the state of Maryland. We won the Commonwealth of Virginia. And though we won in Washington, DC, this movement won't stop until there's change in Washington, DC."

Internet

A plane flies over the No.2 terminal building in Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, east China, Feb. 12, 2008. The No.2 terminal building newly constructed in Pudong International Airport will be put into use in late March. Preparations are all underway. —INTERNET

Nearly 1,000 ducks die in southern Vietnam

HANOI, 13 Feb — Nearly 1,000 ducks in a flock raised by a household in Vietnam's southern Long An Province died from 9 to 11 February, according to local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* on Tuesday.

The ducks raised by Phan Van Phuoc in Tan Tru District were vaccinated against bird flu virus strain H5N1 for three times, but their specimens are being tested for the virus.

Phuoc said the sudden deaths of the ducks, which were laying eggs, caused him to suffer losses of nearly 160 million Vietnamese dong (10,000 US dollars). —*MNA/Xinhua*

Timor-Leste declares state of emergency

JAKARTA, 13 Feb— The Timor-Leste Government on Tuesday declared a 48-hour state of emergency after assassination attempts on the country's leadership that left President Ramos Horta seriously wounded.

In a televised address, Acting President Vicente Gutterres announced the emergency that was actually effective from Monday night.

Parliament Speaker Gutterres was appointed interim president as Horta was in Australia for medical treatment.

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao also said in another televised address the government has imposed an overnight curfew. The motorcade of Gusmao reportedly was ambushed in the coordinated attacks around dawn Monday, but he escaped unhurt.

The assassination attempts were blamed on rebel soldiers led by fugitive renegade leader Alfredo Reinado, who was killed in Monday's shoot-outs at Horta's home. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Afghan governor survives roadside bomb attack

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 12 Feb — The governor of Afghanistan's most important southern province escaped unscathed from a roadside bomb on Monday, but three civilians were wounded in the attack, his office said in a statement.

The Governor of Kandahar Province, Asadullah Khalid, was travelling to open several reconstruction projects in the Shah Wali Kot District, north of the city of Kandahar, when his car was hit by a roadside bomb, the statement said.

Last year saw record violence across Afghanis-tan with more than 6,000 killed, nearly 2,000 of them civilians.

Kandahar is the birthplace of the Taleban and the main city in the volatile south.

MNA/Reuters

***Chinese actors perform Peking opera that based on the story of Shakespeare' s tragedy Hamlet at Theatre Mogador in Paris, France on 11 Feb, 2008.* XINHUA**

Over 20 arrested on children abuse charges in Canada

OTTAWA, 13 Feb — At least 22 people have been arrested on children abuse charges in Canada's Ontario Province during the largest child pornography investigation in the province 's history, police said Tuesday. The suspects were arrested Monday during raids carried out by Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) across the province, OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino told a news conference in Toronto.

Most of the offenders are males, with their ages ranging from 20 to 64. One female has been charged, as has one young offender, he said.

According to a new US study, Canada ranks fourth in the world in on-line child pornography distribution activity, following Bermuda, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

A US task force found that about 45,000 computers across the nation are involved in child porn trading, with about one-third of those in Ontario.

About 30 per cent of those who view such imagery go on to commit sexual offenses against children, according to the US data. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Displaced people unload their belongings off a bus as they arrive in a transit camp in Kisumu, Kenya. More than 1,000 people have died since the dispute over who won 27 December presidential elections sparked violence. —INTERNET

Snow covered General Motor cars sit on a lot at Alaska Sales and Service in Anchorage, Alaska on 12 Feb, 2008. General Motors, who reported a 38.7-billion-dollar loss for 2007, is making a new round of buyout offers to all of its 74,000 US hourly workers.—INTERNET

Thai Govt to stimulate grass-root economy

BANGKOK, 12 Feb— Thailand's new government would spend 110 billion baht (3.33 billion US dollars) in stimulating the economy at the grass-root level through the village fund and the small, medium, and large-size (SML) enterprise fund, said Deputy Prime Minister and Industry Minister Suwit Khunkitti on Monday. Suwit said the government would set aside an additional 80 billion baht (2.42 billion dollars) from the village fund and around 30 billion baht (0.91 billion dollars) from the SML fund to stimulate the grass-roots economy, according to a report by *Thai News Agency*.

The funds would be injected into local communities through the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives and the Government Savings Bank within this year to create more income for people in the rural areas.

Once the grass-root economy has picked up, it would help make the overall economy turn around, he said.

"This government will pay attention to increasing incomes and reducing spending among the people at the grass-roots level. In the past two years, the living of people in rural areas has been ignored. So, it is necessary to revive the village fund and SML projects," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

GM reports record $38.7b annual loss in 2007

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb— General Motors Corp posted on Tuesday the largest annual loss of 38.7 billion US dollars in 2007 largely due to the third quarter non-cash 38.3 billion dollar special charge related to the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets.

GM, the world largest automaker, also posted a fourth-quarter loss of 722 million dollars, compared to net income of 950 million dollars in the year-ago period.

Internet

Malaysia's trade expected to continue to grow

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Feb— Malaysia's trade is expected to continue to grow, in line with the continued global economic expansion in 2008, Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz said here on Tuesday.

Asia, led by China and ASEAN, is expected to continue to be the major contributor to Malaysia's export growth this year, Rafidah said when she announced Malaysia trade performance 2007.

"The projected 10.8 per cent economic growth for China will ensure its position among Malaysia's top five markets in 2008," Rafidah said. "Similarly, the ability of ASEAN to sustain a growth of 6.1 per cent this year would be a major contributory factor to Malaysia's export growth," Rafidah said, adding that ASEAN has consistently accounted for more than a quarter of Malaysia's total exports. Strong export performance is expected in the manufacturing sector, owing to the positive investment trends over the last few years in this sector, Rafidah said. —*MNA/Xinhua*

ECONOMIC NEWS

Cambodian PM predicts higher price of land in 2008

PHNOM PENH, 12 Feb— The land price of Cambodia will increase again in 2008, said Prime Minister Hun Sen on Monday at a school inauguration ceremony in Kampong Thom Province.

"The stable situation of our country will continue to help bring the land price increasing sharply," he was quoted by national television TVK as saying.

"While our country had civil war, nobody wanted to buy land here, but currently, one square metres of land is worth hundreds of US dollars in some places," he said.

Land transfer has become frequent since two years ago in Cambodia, as the country enjoyed political stability and the development projects, especially real estate ones in Phnom Penh, attracted more foreign investors into the country, he added.

Now the most expensive land is widely believed to be along the Tonle Sap River near the Royal Palace in the capital city. The land in port city Sihanoukville is hot too, as it has more and more resorts and business locations. Rural and border land can also change hand easily at handsome prices, if developers open projects nearby, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

A conference goer watches new technolology on show at the Vodafone stand at the 3GSM telecoms industry trade show in Barcelona, on 11 Feb 2008.—INTERNET

WTO says Mexico living quality lags eco growth

GENEVA, 12 Feb—Mexico's per capita income has lagged economic growth and it needs to increase efficiency to boost living standards, a World Trade Organization (WTO) report said on Monday.

Mexico's per capita income rose at an average rate of 1.7 per cent from 2001 onwards, reaching 8,000 US dollars in 2006, while its gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 2.3 per cent, the WTO said in a review of Mexico's trade policies.

"To raise the growth rate on a sustainable basis, additional reforms are needed to overcome problems such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of competitiveness in the domestic market and the low educational level of the workforce," the report said.

But prudent fiscal management has helped Mexico consolidate its budget —which was in balance in 2005 and 2006 — and cut the public debt to GDP ratio.

Mexico has also successfully kept inflationary expectations around its target of about 3 per cent and the government is also trying to reduce the dependence of public finances on oil revenues, the report said.

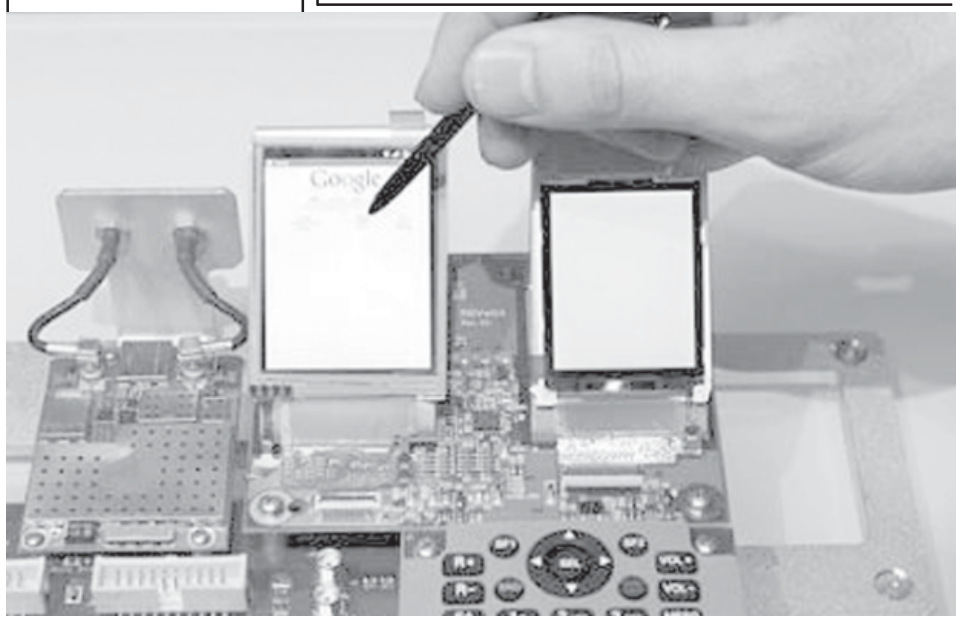
MNA/Reuters

A prototype of the Google Android mobile by Qualcomm is on display at the Mobile World Congress (formerly 3GSM World Congress) in Barcelona, onm 11 Feb, 2008.
INTERNET

Oman energy giant announces new oil discoveries

ABU DHABI, 13 Feb—Omani energy giant Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) has announced new discoveries of oil in the country, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Tuesday.

PDO said that "significant new volumes" of oil had been found at the Budour Northeast oil field in the Birba area of south Oman, which was itself discovered last year. —*MNA/Xinhua*



Whites to become minority in US by 2050

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb — Non-Hispanic Whites will become a minority in the United States by 2050, with immigrants and their children driving 82 per cent of US population growth in coming years, a new study said on Monday.

The US population will grow to 438 million in 2050 from 296 million in 2005 if current population trends continue, the Pew Research Centre study found.

Non-Hispanic Whites would account for 47 per cent of the total in 2050, it concluded.

By that time, one in every five Americans will be a foreign-born immigrant, compared to one in eight in 2005.

"Of the 117 million people added to the population in this period due to the effect of new immigration, 67 million will be the immigrants themselves and 50 million will be their US-born children or grandchildren," the study said.

While the White population, with its lower fertility rate, ages, the Latino population, the nation's largest minority, will triple in size. Latinos will be responsible for 60 per cent of the population growth until 2050.

They will account for 29 per cent of the population, or 128 million in 2050, up from 14 per cent now, the study said.

"The number of Whites will increase, but only by 4 per cent," said D'Vera Cohn, one of the report's authors.— *MNA/Reuters*

***Chinese actresses dance during an activity of the China-UK Women's Cultural Festival in London, Britain, on 11 Feb, 2008. The weeklong China-UK Women's Cultural Festival started on Sunday.*—INTERNET**

Japanese FM vows to strengthen ties with China

MUNICH (Germany), 12 Feb—Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura said Sunday that Japan is committed to further enhancing its relations with China.

A strategic Sino-Japanese partnership based on mutual respect is in the interests of both countries and will contribute to regional stability, Komura told a group of high-profile diplomats at a key security conference in the southern German city of Munich.

Japan should seize the opportunity of a state visit to Japan by Chinese President Hu Jintao in spring to push bilateral relations to a higher level, Komura said.

"China is a key player not only in Asia but in the international community," he said, noting that many global issues, including climate change and the fight against terrorism, can not be effectively addressed without China's involvement.

Komura welcomed China's constructive role in solving the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula within the framework of six-party talks.

The minister also warned that any unilateral attempts to change the status quo across the Taiwan Strait could spell tensions in the region. Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, who visited China in December, has described 2008 as "a very rare opportunity" for the development of Sino-Japanese relations.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits southern Mexico

MEXICO, 12 Feb — A strong earthquake measuring 6.4 magnitude struck the Oaxaca region of southeastern Mexico on Tuesday, officials said.

No victims were reported immediately after the quake in the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, but electric power was cut off in the area and several buildings were evacuated.

The US Geological Survey reported the earthquake struck at 6:50 a m (1250 GMT) 60 kilometres northwest of Tonala, Chiapas state, and measured 6.4 on the moment magnitude scale.—*Internet*

NATO's warning shot kills one in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 Feb — One civilian was killed and another injured by the NATO's warning shot when their car failed to keep safe distance from NATO vehicle on Sunday in western Afghan province of Farah, said a NATO statement released here on Monday.

A unit from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) conducting a convoy in Farah Province took force escalation measures when a civilian car approached their vehicle on Sunday, said the statement. ISAF troops gave the driver measured warning signals including a warning shot fired in the air, to keep the car at a safe distance, it said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Eight killed in clashes in N Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 12 Feb — Two policemen and six Tamil Tiger rebels were killed on Monday in northern Sri Lanka as clashes between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels intensified, defence officials said. Officials from the Media Centre for National Security said two police officers were killed when a police motorcycle was caught in a mine explosion triggered by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels in the Vavuniya District around 7:50 a m (0220 GMT).

In the Mannar District, one police officer was injured at 7:00 a m (0130 GMT) due to a claymore explosion while doing route clearing. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Six killed as jeep falls into ice-covered lake in China's N-E city

CHANGCHUN, 12 Feb — A overloaded jeep fell into a ruptured ice-covered lake, leaving six people dead and one injured Sunday in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province.

The tragedy occurred at about 4:30 pm when a jeep carrying seven people drove on a frozen lake surface of Jingyuetan Park, and suddenly fell from the surface intrigued by the ice rupture.

Six people were dead despite the rescuers' efforts and one was injured. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Autopsies forecast surge in US heart disease

CHICAGO, 12 Feb — Autopsies of adults who died young of unnatural causes show many already had clogged arteries, US and Canadian researchers said on Monday in a study that suggests heart disease may be on the upswing.

The researchers said their findings suggest a four-decade-long trend of declines in heart disease may be about to come to a screeching halt.

They studied autopsy reports from younger people in one Minnesota county who died from accidents, suicide and murder and found most had clogged arteries and more than 8 per cent had significant disease.

"What they observed was a bit shocking," said S Jay Olshansky of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who wrote an editorial on the research, published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

"It is the most definitive evidence I've seen suggesting that today's younger and middle-aged generations may be heading for an increase in their risks of heart disease," he said. — *MNA/Reuters*

A rescuer carries an 80-year-old woman out of Jinlian village in Longnan county, East China's Jiangxi Province, on 3 Feb, 2008. —XINHUA

Commander looks into construction…

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At Doekwin farm, the commander inspected growing of medicinal orchid, propagation process of orchid, making of dry medicinal orchid to be exported and thriving orchid nursery.

The commander also inspected running of micro hydropower turbine that can generate five kilowatts with the use of water from Hsinlan dam.

The commander went to Sericulture Factory of Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise and looked into products and production pro-cess.

Next, the commander inspected construction site of 100,000-gallon capacity water tank. Upon completion of the project, the tank will provide about two million gallons of water to Yadanabon Myothit daily.— *MNA*

Right thinking do arrive at the essential

Having known the essential as the essential and the non-essential as the non-essential, they, nourished on right thinking, do arrive at the essential.

Dhammapada-12

Certificates conferred on monks, nuns

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — A graduation ceremony to confer titles and certificates on Members of Sangha who passed 28th Dhammacariya, Abhidhamma and other examinations was held at Maha Atula Waiyan Monastery in Aungmyaythazan Township on 9 February.

At the ceremony, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a speech, and Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Mayor of Mandalay Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han presented certificates to Members of the Sangha who passed the examinations.

Certificates are conferred on to 422 monks, 35 nuns, five women and four men. —*MNA*

Religious Affairs Minister receives Thai Ambassador

***Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag of Thailand.*— MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag at the minister's office here this morning. They held discussions on religious matters between Myanmar and Thailand. *MNA*

Stationery, cash donated to Monastic Education School

***A Japanese monk donates cash and stationery to Maha Theikpan monastic education school in Thingangyun Township.*— MNA**

YANGON, 13 Feb — A Japanese Buddhist Monk and wellwishers donated stationery and cash to Maha Theikpan Monastic Education School in Thingangyun Township this morning.

The donation ceremony was held at Maha Bodhi Monastery in Yankin Township. Japanese Monk Zu Ei Ho Nakashita and lay-persons donated school uniforms, stationery and K 2.4 million to the school through officials concerned.

The Japanese monk presented a triangular gong as a gift to Sayadaw of Maha Bodhi Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita Bhivamsa. — *MNA*

Best seller award presented, new product developed

YANGON, 12 Feb — The Beauty World Stationery Co Ltd held a ceremony to present the best seller award and launch a new product at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Street here yesterday. Managing Director U Khin Maung Oo of the company made a speech of honour on the occasion. Next, Engineer U Zin Maung Oo explained about Smart Correction Pens to be developed to meet international quality.

Afterwards, officials presented prizes to best sellers for 2007 and dinner was hosted to those present.

The Beauty World Stationery Co Ltd is producing and distributing Boss Reynold Ball Pen, Boss Smart and Glory Gel Pen in addition to Oval Correction Pen. High quality Ball Pen and Correction Pen and Pencils will also be produced and sold out at reasonable prices.—*MNA*

***U Khin Maung Oo of Beauty World Stationery Co Ltd speaks at the introduction of new product.*—MNA**

Deputy Minister attends outstanding award presentation ceremonies in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife paid homage to a Buddha Image at Manaung Sasana Beikman in Ngamyagyi Village, Ngazun Township, on 5 February and donated offertories to the Members of Sangha.

The deputy minister and wife attended the third ceremony to present outstanding award at Basic Education Post-primary School in Kon Le Village. They presented K 100,000 to Ngamyagyi Basic Education High School and K 50,000 and 50 dozens of book to Kon Le Village Basic Education Post-primary School through officials.

They were also present on the fourth outstanding award presenting ceremony at Nat Gyi Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch) and presented 50 dozens of book to the school.

The deputy minister met with local people at Dhamma Yaungchi Sasana Beikman Dhammayon of Maha Zabyu Sirimin Monastery in Kula Village and wellwishers donated K 7.8 million for construction of new school building of Kula Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch). *MNA*

HONOURING THE 61st ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Myanmar people to shape brighter future of the nation together

Tekkatho Myat Thu

WILL REMAIN EVER UNITED
WHOEVER CONSPIRES TO DIVIDE US

Myanmar is a land where various national races have made their homes together in the course of the history, sharing joys and sorrows and upholding Union Spirit.

Administrative systems of world countries are of different kinds such as feudalism, Unitary system, Union system, constitutional monarchy, and dictatorship. Some countries were colonies under alien rule.

Some countries are heavily populous, but they practise Unitary system, for example, the People's Republic of China. More than 20 countries practise Unitary system in the world. And Unions are of two kinds—a Union made up of states of national races, and self-administered states, and a Union made up of states of respective national races, and autonomous regions, for example, the United States of America. Some words such as Union, and United are added to the beginning of the names of some countries. However, their meanings are the same, "Union".

A confederation consists of states with own sovereign powers. The USA, for instance, established in 1776 was originally a confederation composed of 13 states with own sovereignty. Later, it was reconstituted into the United States of America because consolidated strength for security and stability of the nation was not available.

Myanmar also is a Union that comprises states of respective major national races, and divisions (regions) of people of various national races. So, the nation is a land of various national races or a real Union. Some of the principles the National Convention has laid down state powers to exercise sovereignty and rights vested in national races. The principle "no part of the territory of the Union shall ever secede from the Union" will guarantee perpetual existence of the Union. Now, the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution is drafting the constitution based on the principles adopted by the National Convention.

The Union of Myanmar or the land where national brethren are born is a native land of Myanmar people with national prestige or fine traditions, of which they can be proud.

Myanmar is not a nation that has come into existence recently. According to the evidences excavated in Pontaung Ponnya, the life-span of Myanmar or that of the anthropoid primates is more than 40 million years. The stone utensils, stone weapons and wall paintings unearthed or found in the cluster of Pyadalin caves in Ywangan Township, Taunggyi District, and along the bank of the Ayeyawady River indicate that in the beginning of the civilization of man or in the Stone Age, the land saw people who are the ancestors of today's Myanmars.

So, the people can be proud of the fact that Myanmar has seen the dawn of civilization since the Stone Age. And literature, music, painting, sculpture, language and religious faiths have flourished magnificently since Tagaung, Srikestra, Bagan, Innwa, Sagaing, Pinya, Toungoo, Konbaung and Yadanabon periods.

Myanmar has a large number of lands where crops such as paddy, beans and pulses, corn and sesame can be grown. With monsoon, water resources and dams, Myanmar is listed top among the countries where freshwater is abundant.

The nation is rich in land and marine resources. Gold, silver, and precious stones including ruby are abundant. The world's largest ruby, sapphire, pearl, gawkyo and jade are found in Myanmar. About half the area of the nation is covered by forests where valuable hardwood including teak and ironwood grow well. Moreover, it is also rich in oil, gas and coal. Therefore, an express in the National Anthem says **"We love our Union, the heritage of our forefathers. We have to defend the Union. It is our country, our land, and our territory".**

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The Union is home to 100 national races or 56 million national brethren. The history of the Union is, therefore, that of the national races. Shan, Chin, Kayin, Kachin and Mon also live in plain regions together with people of other national races. Similarly, many other national races including Bamar live in hilly regions together with highlanders.

Various national races have guarded the mother country against alien intrusion and driven out the intruders many times. They managed to help the motherland regain independence. The battles launched to repulse the alien invasion (in 1824, 1852 and 1885), and independence struggles of Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA), General Council of Burmese Associations (GCBA), Doh Bamar Asiayon (Our Burma Organization), Pha-Ta-Pa-La (Anti-Fascist and People's Liberation), Anti-Fascist and People's Freedom League (AFPFL), Thirty Comrades, Burma Independence Army, Burma Defence Army and Myanma Tatmadaw (from 1885 to 1948) made history of the nation.

The strength of national unity and Union Spirit played a crucial role in safeguarding independence and in enabling the entire people to enjoy the taste of independence, and in ensuring rapid development of the nation with rich natural resources. Due to the visionary leaders of various national races, Panglong Agreement could be signed on 12 February 1947. King Anawrahta founded the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan Period, King Bayintnaung Kyaw Htin Nawrahta, the Second Myanmar Empire in Toungoo Period, and King Alaung Mintragyi (U Aung Zeya), the Third Myanmar Empire in Konbaung Period. Now, national brethren are doing their bit in the undertakings for all-round development of the Union, while defending the Union for its perpetual existence.

Now, peace has been restored well throughout the Union of Myanmar. Demanding tasks are being carried out for all-round development of the nation in a bid to build a modern and developed nation. Legal experts of various national races, and scholars well-versed in the political, social, and administrative fields are now drafting the State constitution with the detailed basic principles more than 1000 delegates adopted at the National Convention unanimously to enable the people to exercise sovereign powers or to serve national interests independently. Now, the drafting of the constitution is nearing completion.

The people are, therefore, obliged to participate in the implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map till a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation or a prosperous Union is built successfully through the unity of various national races.

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POEM:

Blooming is the Union

* Our land and history
Be always fine
Signed with Panglong spirit
The historic agreement
To it stands witness
Emergence of new nation.

* Through weal or woe
Goal we pursue together
Ever hands joining
Marching we to future
Together success is achieved
Reaching so near
The golden era.

* Alien-relying traitors
Sinister plots they invent
With intent to flare anarchy
Opportunity they wait
Aided with wicked schemes
Means to bury truth
Rooted in plots is to trouble nation
So crimson is Myanmar blood
Alert with unity
Community and land they love
Safeguard and cherish
Blooming is the Union
Cementing forever is friendship.

* Prosper our land with harmony
History thousand-year long
Strong the Union has been
Beaming with virtues
Truly beyond compare.

(Honouring the 61st Anniversary Union Day)

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

Wellwishers invited to offer alms food

YANGON, 13 Feb —The Religious Affairs Department today announced that the second session of the Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha meeting will be held along with the conferring of religious titles to the Sayadaws and the offering of alms in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill here from 17 to 21 March.

State Ovadacariya monks, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Paradesi Central Working Committee of the Sangha, title recipient monks, invited Tipitaka Kovida monks, and Paccha Samana monks totalling about 996 will grace the ceremony with their presence.

Those wishing to offer alms food and cold drinks to the monks may make donations at the rate of K 2500 for a day's meal of a monk, and may contact Ottarakura Hall on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon (Tel: 660269, 660998, 660149).

MNA

Organic natural fertilizer introduced to market

YANGON, 13 Feb — Natural fertilizer produced by Petchnumfah Co Ltd, Thailand, was introduced at Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd here today.

Super J K A4, Crown, Petchkue brand fertilizers are distributed to Myanmar market by Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd.

Managing Director of Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd Daw Moh Moh Win said those brands can prevent soil degradation and make roots and plants grow more successfully.

It is also cost-effective to use those fertilizer and also controls the underground insects. Moreover, those fertilizers are environmentally-friendly, do not pose risk to human and animal health and improve the soil, she said.

More information is available at Thazin Naing Trading Ltd at No 1,301, Level-13, Olympic Tower, Bo Aung Kyaw Road, Kyauktada Township, Ph 256619, 392534, 245608 and Fax-392534. — *MNA*

Daw Moh Moh Win of Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd introduces organic natural fertilizer.

MNA

Lectures given to matriculation students

***Members of working group for rehabilitation and reintegration of MWAF present gift to a teacher.*— MNA**

YANGON, 12 Feb — The Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation injected encouraging words to the students who are going to sit for the matriculation examination, provided subject-wise knowledge, cash and kind to them at the Training School for the Girls under the Social Welfare Department on Malikha Road in Mayangon Township, here, today.

Deputy Leader of the Working Group Daw Khin Myo Myint made a greeting speech. Afterwards, Leader of the Sub-Working Group for Prevention of Violence against Women Prof Daw Htay Htay gave educative talks on mental and physical needs for the matriculation students.

The Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration then presented K 196,000 and Wellwishers Siri Sudhamma Manijotadhara U Soe Thein and wife Siri Sudhamma Singi Daw Khin Cho Ohn, K 450,000 to the students through officials.

Later, the teachers gave knowledge about the examination.—*MNA*

Poultry Farming Multiplier Course held in Pyay

PYAY, 13 Feb— The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Food and Agriculture Organization jointly conducted the Multiplier Course on Poultry Farming and Bio-Safety at Thirikhataya Yadana City Hall in Pyay Township on 1 February.

Head of Division LBVD for Bago Division (West) Dr Win Myint and Pyay District Head Dr Aung Than Win made opening speechs.

Head of Yangon LBVD Dr Than Oo, reserch officer of Disease Surveillance Department Dr Myint Myint Than, Dr Aung Than Win and Head of Letbadan Township LBVD Dr Win Naing Tun give lectures to 40 trainees at the course that continued till 3 February.

DISTRICT IPRD

Winners of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2008, Qualify Round awarded

***Final Round qualifiers in Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship seen with their awards.*— MGF**

YANGON, 13 Feb — The prize presentation ceremony of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2008, Qualify Round was held at Oriental House in Mandalay on 10 February.

Design and Development Director U Tint Oo of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd presented first prize to Htay Oo of in the putting challenge. Executive U Ko Ko Lay of Myanmar Golf Federation presented longest drive award to Moe Kyaw Kyaw and nearest to the pin award to Dr Tu Jar.

Next, MFF General Secretary U Aung Kyi and Secretary of Mandalay City Development Committee U Maung Pu presented prizes to consolation award winning golfers.

Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Than awarded prizes to Myint Ko who stood first on 138 strokes, Lin The who stood second on 138 strokes, and Myo Tun who stood third on 139 strokes.

Chairman of MCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han awarded Final Round qualifiers Myint Ko, Myo Tun, Aye Min Cho, Lin The and Kyi Lwin.

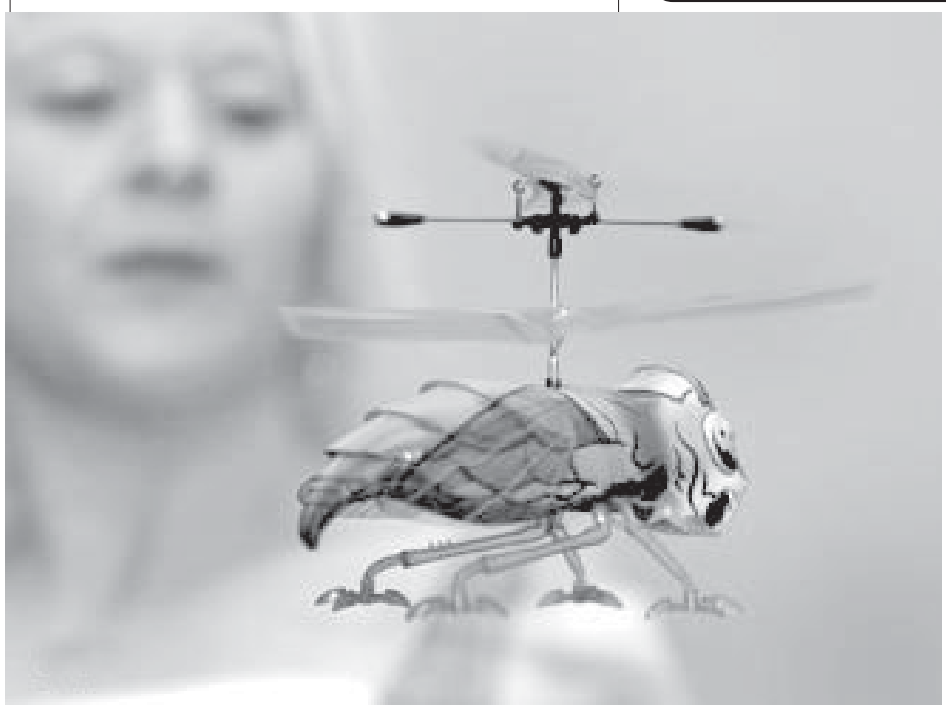
The main sponsor of the tournament was International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, and co-sponsors were Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, Srixon and Alpine. Han Event Management conducted the tournament.

MNA

Images of the Day

Two little girls pose for photos aside straw-made lions in Longsheng Ethnic Minority Autonomous County of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 8 Feb, 2008. Local residents in the county seat celebrated the Spring Festival after the county was hit by heavy snowfalls and ice. INTERNET

A visitor watches a flying bug-shaped micro-chopper at the Toys Fair in Nuremberg, Germany, on 6 Feb. The fair, which is not open to the general public, has booked 2,676 exhibitors from 61 nations and is expected to attract 80,000 professionals including buyers, importers and media people. **Internet**



This undated image provided by Disney Enterprises Inc., shows the Disneyland attraction called 'House of the Future' which opened in 1957 in California. Now, Disneyland is planning to build a new 'House of the Future' — this time in partnership with Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard. The home could feature such things as desks that act like giant touch-pad computer screens, futuristic cell phones and gaming units, etc. —INTERNET

Green meadows provide an unwelcome backdrop as skiers are towed to the top of a slope covered with artificial snow in Ruhpolding, southern Germany, on 12 Feb. Germans might be enjoying the final ski outings of the season as warm weather continues to reduce possibilities for winter sports.—INTERNET

A man flies a kite on a beach on the Baltic coast in northern Germany amid unusually mild spring-like weather. Temperatures on 9 Feb, rose to 13 degrees Celsius (55.4 degrees Fahrenheit). INTERNET

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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UAE to develop Gulf's first CDM project in power sector

ABU DHABI, 12 Feb—A project under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol will be developed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at a power plant in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Monday.

The project to be developed by Abu Dhabi Future Company (Masdar) for Emirates CMS Power Company's Taweela A2 Power Plant in Abu Dhabi is the first project of its kind in the power sector in the Gulf region.

It aims at increasing energy efficiency and reducing emissions of carbon dioxide at Taweela A2 Power Plant, through the recovery and utilization of waste heat in the desalination process.

"We consider this project an important milestone in driving the CDM and the progress to achieve a low-carbon culture in the power sector in Abu Dhabi and the region," said Sam Nader, Director of Masdar's Carbon Management Unit.

The CDM, a project-based mechanism governed and audited by the United Nations, provides financial incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries by turning emission reductions into tradable assets or carbon credits.

Launched in April 2006 by the government of Abu Dhabi Emirate, Masdar is mandated to promote commercialization of renewable and sustainable energy technologies.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany slashes credit guarantees for Iran exports

BERLIN, 12 Feb—The German Government halved the volume of new export credit guarantees for trade with Iran last year, the Economy Ministry said on Monday, in a sign Berlin is increasing pressure on Tehran over its nuclear programme.

The value of new export guarantees approved by the government in 2007 fell to 503.4 million euros (732.7 million US dollars), from 1.16 billion in 2006, a ministry official said.

German firms receive the guarantees for exporting goods to markets considered risky.

The total volume of the so-called Hermes export guarantees fell to 5.2 billion euros last year, from 5.6 billion in 2006.— *MNA/Reuters*

Climate warming threatens Antarctic king penguins

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb—King penguins that feed on fish and squid at the northern edges of Antarctica are threatened by global warming, which is cutting down on their food supply, researchers reported on Monday.

King penguins, the second-largest species after emperor penguins, are at the top of the food chain in their sub-Antarctic environment, thriving on small fish and squid rather than the tiny krill and other crustaceans that sea mammals favour.

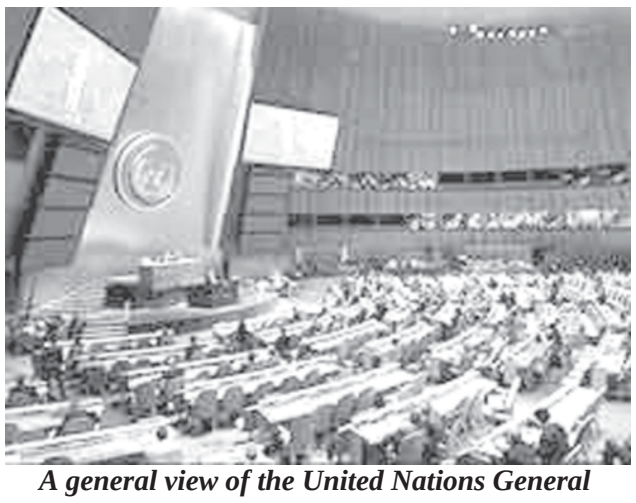
This makes king penguins good indicators of changes in their ecosystem, scientists said in research published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.*

Scientists at the CNRS Institut Pluridisciplinaire Hubert Curien in Strasbourg, France, studied king penguins on Possession Island in the southern Indian Ocean over nine years.

The researchers found that high sea surface temperatures in the area where the King penguins spent the winters cut the amount of available marine prey, which in turn cut the survival rate of adult king penguins.

MNA/Reuters

UN hosts post-Bali ministerial session on climate change



A general view of the United Nations General Assembly meeting about climate change at UN headquarters in New York.—INTERNET

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Feb — Developing and rich nations on Tuesday urged speedy UN-led action to seal a new global pact to reverse climate change by late 2009, with special attention to the needs of vulnerable countries.

Representatives of 117 countries and regional organizations attended a ministerial session of the General Assembly to take stock after last December's Bali conference in Indonesia.

The Bali conference yielded an action plan that set a late 2009 deadline for a landmark new treaty to cut global-warming greenhouse gases once the current Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

"The Bali Action Plan ... reflects a common understanding that no country is immune to climate change," Indonesian Environment Minister Rachmat Witoelar told the gathering. He stressed that while rich nations should take the lead in implementing the plan, its success requires broad partici-pation around the globe.—*Internet*

Visitors look at a lantern modelled as the God of Fortune at a lantern exhibition in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 11 Feb, 2008. Picture taken on 11 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

Six killed in suicide attack in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 12 Feb— At least six were killed Monday in a suicide attack in Pakistan's tribal area of North Waziristan, according to local Press reports.

Witnesses were quoted as saying that the attack against members of an anti-Taleban tribal "lashkar" or armed group, in Pakistan's tribal region, also left 13 others injured.

The local authorities have confirmed the attack.

A bomber exploded his explosive-laden car in an attempt to kill Nisar Ali, a candidate of the National Assembly from North Waziristan, who was talking with members of the "lashkar", they said.

Ali, who belongs to the nationalist group Awami National Party (ANP), survived the attack, the witnesses said.

Some TV channels put the death toll at 8.

Members of the "lashkar" came under attack around 2:30 pm local time (0930 GMT), as they left the small town of Edak near Mir Ali, a major town in North Waziristan, in a caravan of five vehicles.

MNA/Xinhua

Fossil from Liaoning flies into evolutionary history

BEIJING, 13 Feb— It is a small, toothless creature with unexpectedly curved toes. But it has excited scientists, who have welcomed their new find. And the sparrow-sized piece in the puzzle of ancient life, called pterodactyl, is from Liaoning province.

The latest fossil find by international researchers, led by paleontologist Wang Xiaolin of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, has been reported in this week's online edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

This is an exciting find because it's "the smallest pterosaur, which lived in trees, the smallest toothless pterosaur and the smallest Cretaceous pterosaur found in the world," Wang told *China Daily* yesterday.

At a Press conference held in Rio de Janeiro to announce the discovery, Alexander W A Kellner, of the National Museum of the Brazilian city's Federal University, said: "We have this really amazing creature showing us a very new, very interesting side of the evolutionary history of those animals. We would never have thought of it."

"We just had one side of the story of pterosaur evolution," Kellner said.

Internet

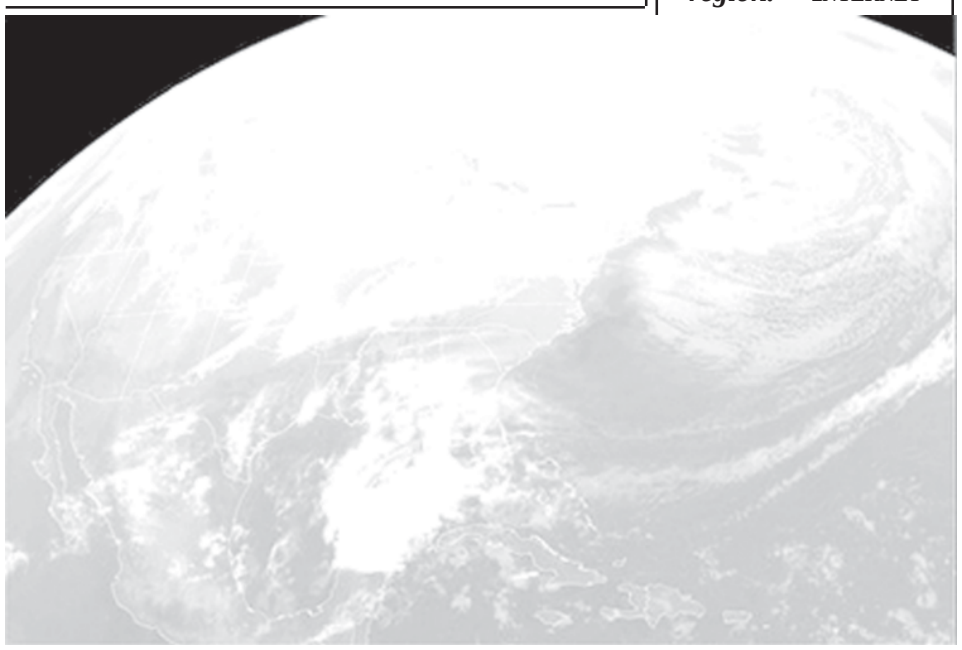
New test detects early stage ovarian cancer with 99% accuracy

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb — Researchers at Yale School of Medicine have developed a blood test with enough sensitivity and specificity to detect early stage ovarian cancer with 99 percent accuracy.

Results of this new study are published Tuesday in journal *Clinical Cancer Research*. "The ability to recognize almost 100 percent of new tumours will have a major impact on the high death rates of this cancer," said lead researcher Gil Mor.

Ovarian cancer is usually not diagnosed until its advanced stages and has come to be known as the "silent killer."

"This (test) is the most sensitive and specific test currently available," said Mor. "Previous tests recognized 15 to 20 percent of new tumours. Proteins from the tumours were the only biomarkers used to test for ovarian cancer. That is okay when you have big masses of tumours, but it is not applicable in very early phases of the tumour. Testing the proteins produced by the body in response to the presence of the tumour as well as the proteins the tumours produce, helped us to create a unique picture that can detect early ovarian cancer." In their clinical trial, the research team chose 150 ovarian cancer patients and 350 healthy controls.—*Internet*



This NOAA satellite image taken, on 12 Feb, 2008 at 1:15 am EST shows cloud cover across the mid-Mississippi and Ohio Valleys where freezing rain and snow continue to plague the region. —INTERNET

Most of districts in Bangladesh affected by bird flu

DHAKA, 12 Feb — The bird flu which is spreading fast in Bangladesh recently has so far affected 40 out of the total 64 districts of the country, leading English newspaper The *Independent* reported Tuesday.

According to latest statistics, 560,000 poultry birds of 228 poultry farms in 40 districts have been culled across the country since the detection of the bird flu in Bangladesh in March last year.

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SPORTS

England head UEFA's fair play league

BERNE (Switzerland), 13 Feb — England are top of UEFA's fair play rankings and could benefit from an additional UEFA Cup spot next season, European soccer's governing body said on Tuesday.

England lead Norway and Germany at the top of the table and will secure an extra place in the UEFA Cup's first qualifying round if they remain first when the final standings are calculated at the end of April.

The fair play rankings are based on the performances of national teams and clubs competing in European competition and involve criteria such as crowd behaviour, positive play and an avoidance of yellow and red cards.

UEFA said two other qualifying spots would be allocated on a lottery basis between all the associations who finish with an average fair play ranking of at least eight points. —*MNA/Reuters*

Ottawa Senators' Cory Stillman, middle, fights to stay in front of the net against Buffalo Sabres" defensemen Jaroslav Spacek, left, of the Czech Republic, as Ryan Miller, keeps his eye on the puck during second period NHL hockey action in Ottawa on 12 Feb, 2008. This is Stillman's first game with the Senators after being traded from the Carolina Hurricanes.—INTERNET

Senderos, Adebayor put Arsenal 5 points clear

LONDON, 13 Feb — Arsenal opened a five-point gap at the top of the Premier League after taking advantage of the weekend wobbles of their title rivals by beating Blackburn Rovers 2-0 at the Emirates Stadium on Monday.

A Philippe Senderos header after four minutes and a cool finish in injury time by Emmanuel Adebayor, who has now scored in nine consecutive games, were a fair reward for Arsenal's dominance against a side who had lost only two of their previous 12 away games.

With 12 matches remaining Arsenal have 63 points to the 58 of Manchester United, who lost 2-1 at home to Manchester City on Sunday. Chelsea are three points further back on 55 after their goalless draw with fifth-placed Liverpool (44).

Blackburn, who went into the game hard-hit by injuries and suspensions, remain ninth.

Arsenal went ahead when Eduardo Da Silva swung in a corner and Switzerland captain Senderos rose unchallenged to head firmly home. Blackburn keeper Brad Friedel saved well with his legs from Mathieu Flamini after 26 minutes as Arsenal looked comfortably in control, though Benni McCarthy could have levelled when he glanced a header wide after 40.

Arsenal looked re-energized after halftime and the tireless Alexander Hleb hit a post within four minutes while Friedel saved three times from Adebayor.

MNA/Reuters

Argentina's Estudiantes de la Plata's Ezequiel Maggiolo, right, fights for the ball with Ecuador's Deportivo Cuenca's Arlin Ayovi during a Copa Libertadores soccer game in Cuenca, Ecuador, on 12 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

First win for Murray since Doha title

MARSEILLE (France), 13 Feb — Andy Murray won his first match since capturing the Qatar Open title last month when he beat Dutch qualifier Jesse Huta Galung 6-4, 6-4 at the Marseille Open on Tuesday.

The British number one went through to the second round with victory over the world number 190 Huta Galung, who was once his flatmate while they were at a tennis academy in Spain.

After starting the year well with the Doha victory, Murray was knocked out in the first round of the Australian Open and then a knee injury forced him to pull out of Britain's Davis Cup tie with Argentina. "The first set was very average but the second was much better," said Murray.

"It comes and goes with my knee. There is pain with some movements but I have to live with that. I would love to have a strong knee but it's not the case." —*MNA/Reuters*

Sao Paulo's Carlos Alberto sinks Santos

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Feb — Carlos Alberto scored the winning goal against his old club on Sunday as Sao Paulo marched to a 3-2 win over Santos in Brazil's biggest state championship.

Ponte Preta moved to top spot in the Sao Paulo Championship standings on 19 points with a 1-0 win over Rio Preto.

Sao Paulo climbed into the top four, occupying a qualifying slot for the semi-final stage of the championship for the first time since it got under way a month ago.

Santos, the 2007 state champions, are languishing near the relegation zone with eight points from eight games.

The visitors survived early Sao Paulo pressure and took the lead when a defensive slip allowed Kleber Pereira a free run on goal.

Fabio Santos headed the equalizer and then Juninho took advantage of a poorly positioned wall to put Sao Paulo ahead.

Rodrigo Souto headed a Santos equalizer from a looping cross by Alemao, but sustained a head injury in the process.

Carlos Alberto's deflected effort gave Sao Paulo the points.

Santos were incensed when a penalty appeal was waved away after Miranda appeared to handle. —*MNA/Reuters*

Pfister to stay on as Cameroon coach

JOHANNESBURG, 13 Feb — Cameroon coach Otto Pfister has confirmed he will remain with the Indomitable Lions and is focusing on qualification for the 2010 World Cup finals.

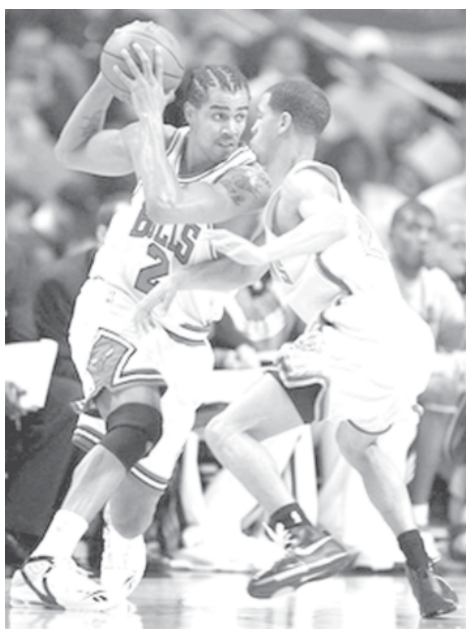
The 70-year-old German had hinted at quitting after Cameroon's 1-0 loss to Egypt in Sunday's African Nations Cup final in Ghana.

However, he confirmed to German football magazine Kicker (www.kicker.de) that he would be staying.

"I am going on holiday for three weeks and then we go on. We have friendly matches in the next month and then the World Cup qualifiers begin at the end of May," Pfister said.

The final defeat to Egypt was the second losing Nations Cup final for Pfister, who was also beaten in 1992 when Ghana lost on penalties to the Ivory Coast in Senegal.

"I have to accept it, I cannot change it. Life goes on," he said. "The whole team was really down after the loss but after two, three hours everyone was laughing again." —*MNA/Reuters*



Chicago Bulls' Thabo Sefolosha, left, of Switzerland, keeps the ball away from New Orleans' Jannero Pargo during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, on 12 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

AEK Athens sack Spanish coach Serra Ferrer

ATHENS, 13 Feb — AEK Athens have sacked Spanish coach Lorenzo Serra Ferrer, according to Greek media reports on Tuesday.

His assistant Nikos Kostenoglou has been put in temporary charge for Wednesday's UEFA Cup third round first leg tie at home to Spanish club Getafe, said the reports.

Serra Ferrer, former coach of Real Betis, took over at AEK in 2006.

The Athens club have slipped to third in the Super League after losing their last two games. AEK have 42 points from 20 matches, two points behind Olympiakos Piraeus and four adrift of leaders Panathinaikos.

AEK have yet to confirm Serra Ferrer's dismissal. —*MNA/Reuters*

Nuremberg appoint von Heesen as coach

BERLIN, 13 Feb — Bundesliga strugglers Nuremberg appointed Thomas von Heesen as their coach on Tuesday, on a contract running until 2009.

Nuremberg, German Cup winners last season, fired Hans Meyer on Monday after the club slipped to third from bottom in the Bundesliga table.

"I'm going to give everything I've got from the first moment," Von Heesen said at a news conference after his appointment was made official. "It's a big challenge but I'm taking it on with relish." —*MNA/Reuters*

Scientists, Interpol lift lid on fake malaria drugs

LONDON, 13 Feb — Scientists and police have exposed a major Asian trade in life-threatening fake malaria drugs, resulting in the seizure of hundreds of thousands of tablets and the arrest of a dealer in southern China.

Details of the unique collaboration, made public on Tuesday, highlight the growing threat posed by the trade in counterfeit medicines and the difficulty of tracing the suppliers.

The problem is acute in Southeast Asia, where researchers have identified counterfeit versions of the malaria drug artesunate as a problem since 1998.

An investigation coordinated by Interpol, with input from international researchers, found as many as half of the malaria tablets sampled in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

They were disguised with authentic-looking packaging, including 16 different types of fake holograms.

Artesunate forms an essential part of artemisinin-based combination therapy, recommended as the mainstay of malaria treatment by the World Health Organization (WHO) since 2001.

Most of the counterfeits examined contained no active drug and some had potentially toxic ingredients, including banned pharmaceuticals and even the raw material for making ecstasy.

MNA/Reuters

CPP to continue coalition with FUNCINPEC if wins election

PHNOM PENH, 13 Feb — The Cambodian People's Party (CPP) will again establish coalition government with the co-ruling FUNCINPEC Party if it wins the general election in July and FUNCINPEC has some seats in the National Assembly, said Prime Minister Hun Sen Monday.

"If CPP wins the majority of votes for the general election in July, we will continue to create coalition government with FUNCINPEC, because the achievements of economic growth and stability of our country in the last decade came from our partnership," he told a school inauguration ceremony in Kampong Thom Province.

"I believe that FUNCINPEC will win some seats in the National Assembly during the election (which is a prerequisite for the coalition)," he said.

However, he said, if FUNCINPEC can not find even one single seat, CPP can still establish the government alone upon it winning of the majority of votes.

"CPP will lead the government alone without negotiating with other parties, but we can provide some positions for FUNCINPEC officials like under-secretary of state," he said.

If CPP loses the general election, it will become opposition party without any bargain, he added. FUNCINPEC recently encountered its crisis worst ever, as it had poor records during the 1 April commune councils election and a number of its senior officials defected to CPP or other parties in the past months.

CPP and FUNCINPEC has co-governed the kingdom since 1993. During the last general election in 2003, CPP won 73 seats at the National Assembly, FUNCINPEC 26 and the opposition Sam Rainsy Party 24.

MNA/Xinhua

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 14 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓဇမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓဇအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. Dance of national races

8:05 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
7. အကပဒေသာ

8:25 am
8. မံဆောင်းတံတား(ချင်းပြည်နယ်)

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Let's Go

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ–တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရူပဗေဒ)

5:15 pm
6. Cute little dancers

5:30 pm
7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

5:45 pm
8. Musical programme

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ် ဆိုကြမယ်

6:45 pm
12. မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓမဏ္ဍိမ၏ အနှိုင်းမဲ့ရတနာ

6:55 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇောတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း" (အပိုင်း – ၈)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇောတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း–၂၆)(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာဟွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
19. The next day's programme

Three killed, boy's arms severed in Tokyo

TOKYO, 13 Feb — Three people were found apparently stabbed to death and a fourth with his arms severed in a house in northeast Tokyo on Monday, *Kyodo News* agency said.

A woman in her eighties and two men were found dead in the house in Adachi Ward, *Kyodo* said. A teenage boy also found there was taken to hospital with severe injuries, including both arms being severed, the report said.

"My father did this to me," police quoted the boy as saying, *Kyodo News* agency said.

Tokyo police and fire fighters declined to comment on the report.

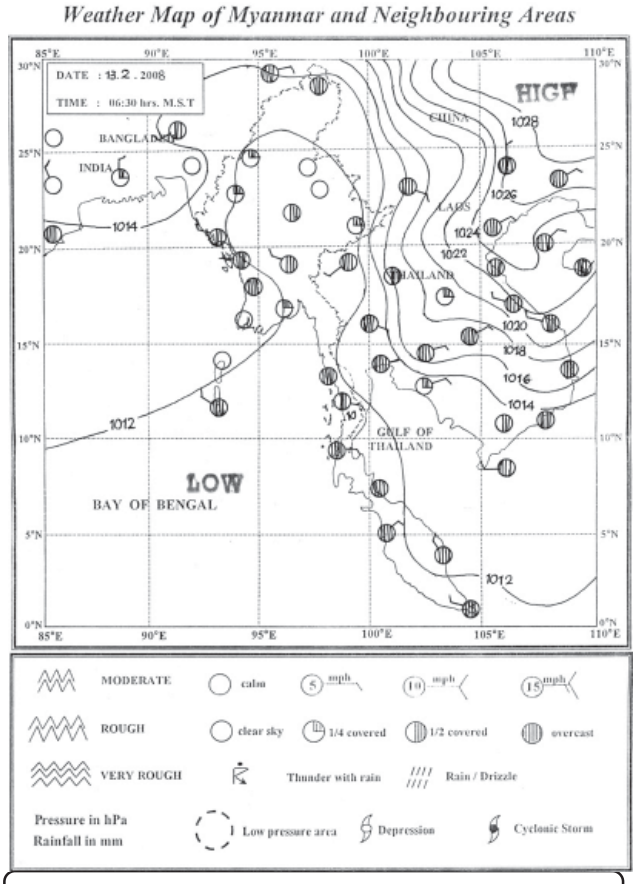
MNA/Reuters

Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 14 February
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Wake up with you
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Spice of your life
8:50 am National news/ Slogan
9:00 am Music
- That's the way I like it
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Run to me
1:30 pm News/ Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Outsider
-You're the star
9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
-Myanma Traditional Football
Chinlone or Coreball
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Radio in the digital age
9:30 pm Songs of your choice
-Always on my mind
-When you say nothing at all
-Island in the stream
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 13 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Southern Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (7ºC) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (4ºC) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3ºC) to (4ºC) above February average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5ºC) above February average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1ºC) and Loilem (4ºC). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-2-2008 was 94ºF. Minimum temperature on 13-2-2008 was 65ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-2-2008 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 12-2-2008 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-2-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-2-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 14-2-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (0%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

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People's Desire

☆ We favour stability.

☆ We favour peace.

☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

Minister looks into Myaungchaung Bridge on Gangaw-Kalay road

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials concerned of Public Works inspected progress in building roads and bridges along Gangaw-Kalay road in Kalay District on 12 February.

After the inspections, the minister gave instructions on the requirements of the projects and looked into progress in building approach bridge of Gangaw side with the use of heavy machinery.

Myaungchaung Bridge is of reinforced concrete type and 185 feet long. Its motor road is 10 feet and 10 inches wide and can withstand 20-ton loads. Now, approach structures on the banks of Kalay and Gangaw are under construction.

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*An executive of Apple displays the company's new laptop "Macbook Air" during its launch in India at a function in Mumbai on 12 Feb, 2008. "Macbook Air", which is priced from INR 96,100 (around 2,450 US dollars), is the world's thinnest notebook, according to an Apple press release.—*XINHUA

INSIDE

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Myanmar people to shape brighter future of the nation together

Myanmar has a large number of lands where crops such as paddy, beans and pulses, corn and sesame can be grown. With monsoon, water resources and dams, Myanmar is listed top among the countries where freshwater is abundant.

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Blooming is the Union

* Our land and history
Be always fine
Signed with Panglong spirit
The historic agreement
To it stands witness
Emergence of new nation.

Objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

* To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation

* To realize the seven-step Road Map of the State joining hands with the people

* Joining hands with the people and based on Union Spirit to crush internal and external destructive elements sabotaging stability and development of the State

* To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

Weather Forecast for (14-2-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:
Partly cloudy.
Yangon and neighbouring area:
Generally fair weather.
Mandalay and neighbouring area:
Partly cloudy.

Significant Night Temperatures (13-2-2008)

Haka	(-1ºC)
Loilem	(4ºC)

☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation

☆ BBC lying
VOA deceiving
RFA setting up hostilities

☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers