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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

Post-primary school in Ywathagyi Village in Dagon Myothit (South) Township gets new building

YANGON, 3 Sept — A new building for post-primary school was opened in Ywathagyi Village in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

The one-storey steel building, 120 feet long and 30 feet wide, was constructed under the supervision of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association. The newly-opened school is the second one donated by Yangon Division USDA.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win



Lt-Gen Myint Swe views construction of new building of No. 7 BEPS in Yangonthit ward, Thingangyun Township.
MNA

Myint, CEC member of the USDA (Yangon Division in-charge) U Aung Thein

Lin and officials formally opened the building. Next, Lt-Gen Myint

Swe inspected the new building. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the

commander, the CEC member of the USDA (Yangon Division in-

charge) and party inspected construction of No. 4 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, No. 28 and No. 18 BEPSs in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and No. 7 BEPS in Thingangyun Township and viewed the participation of members of the USDA and social organizations in the construction of the building.

During the cyclonic storm, 67 basic education schools in Yangon Division were destroyed. Yangon Division USDA is rebuilding the damaged schools and constructed new buildings for two schools and donating desks.

The new buildings are of steel structure.—MNA

Commander looks into university, hospital, paddy cultivation



YANGON, 3 Sept — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe looked into Hinthada University and Technological University (Hinthada) on 23 August.

In Ahtaung Village of Kyonpyaw Township, the commander inspected self-reliance hospital opened on 25 March 1997.

Afterwards, the commander viewed collective harvesting of the first monsoon paddy of double cropping and ploughing and cultivation of the second monsoon paddy at the field of farmer U Ohn Maung in Kaingchaung Village-tract Yekyi. Later, the commander inspected threshing of paddy with the use of bio mass gasifier. — MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe inspects cultivation of second monsoon paddy in Kaingchaung Village, Yekyi Township.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Endeavour for regional development

The government has laid down plans for equitable development of the regions in the Union and is implementing them, especially, it is building a great deal of education, health, social and economic infrastructures including transport.

Over 60,000 miles of roads and 236 bridges which are 180 feet and above long have been built with the strength of State and the people. As a result, transport and the flow of commodities have become better and smooth. The sales of regional products have increased.

The government is making concerted efforts to seek ways and means for availability of water resources for boosting production in agricultural sector, the base of Myanma economy. Water can be supplied to the cultivation of paddy and double and mixed crops as a total of 214 dams, diversion weirs and sluice gates has been built nationwide.

Moreover, the government is launching national education promotion programmes constantly. Youths can now have opportunity to pursue modern branches of study in their respective regions. Public health care services can be undertaken more after the specialist hospitals, hospitals and dispensaries had been built and more doctors, nurses and health staff were appointed.

Service personnel on their part need to discharge their duties as the State provides all the regions in the Union with basic requirements.

All the service personnel have to endeavour for the successful implementation of regional development projects at different levels with the application of their expertise and experience so that socio-economic life of local people will surely improve.

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

Ambassador U Phae Thann Oo presents credentials to Bangladeshi President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—U Phae Thann Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 August 2008 in Dhaka.

MNA

Broadcasting fertilizer for monsoon paddy in Salingyi

YANGON, 3 Sept — A collective fertilizer broadcasting to monsoon paddy plantations was held at Ngwetha Village in Salingyi Township on 1 September.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe attended the fertilizer broadcasting work.

Next, officials reported to the commander on growing of monsoon paddy in the township in 2008-09. The commander then provided bags of fertilizers to farmers.— MNA

Management Committee for greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon City meets



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint delivers an address at the meeting of management committee for greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon City.—MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept —The Management Committee for greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon City held its meeting at Yangon Command Headquarters this

afternoon.

Chairman of the Management Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered a speech.

He spoke at length on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, cold season crops, vegetables, oil crops, physic nut and maize in four regions for exceeding the targets with the assistance of departments and enterprises, use of modern farm equipment and extended cultivation of oil crops.

Secretary of the Management Committee Managing Director of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise U Kyi Win reported on region-wise cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, cold season crops, vegetables, oil crops and physic nut and arrangements for availability of water.

Next, those in-charge of the zones reported on progress of work and Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council U Hla Soe on transformation of manual farming of mechanized one, use of quality strains, educating the farmers and extended cultivation of oil crops.

Chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and chairmen of support committee reported on implementation of the tasks.

The meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the commander. —MNA

Industry Reporting System Software Application Course No. 1/2008, Financial Refresher Course No. 2/2008 open

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— Organized by Directorate of Industries, Industry Reporting System Software Application Course No. 1/2008 and Financial Refresher Course No. 2/2008 were opened at the ministry here yesterday, attended by Minister for

Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

The minister delivered an opening address.

The four-week courses are being attended by 101 trainees from departments and enterprises under the ministry.—MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung gives speech at opening ceremony of Industry Reporting System Software Application Course No. 1/2008 and Financial Refresher Course No. 2/2008.—INDUSTRY-1



Koike eyes bid as Japan's first woman PM



Japanese politician Yuriko Koike.

TOKYO, 3 Sept—Yuriko Koike emerged Wednesday as a possible contender to be Japan's first female prime minister, with heavyweights in the ailing ruling party urging her to challenge conservative favourite Taro Aso.

Koike, 56, a former television anchorwoman

who has been a defence minister and environment minister, has stayed coy on whether she will contest a party vote on 22 September to replace outgoing Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.

Fukuda, who has faced months of low poll ratings, announced his resignation Monday, plunging Japan's long-dominant ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) into crisis mode.

Liberal Democratic Party General elections must be held by September 2009, but the government is in trouble against an emboldened opposition while the economy, the

world's second biggest, is teetering on the verge of recession.

"I want to consider what we need in general, rather than my own individual situation," Koike told reporters when asked if she would seek the top job. "I'm contacting various people since you can't play a baseball game all by yourself."

Hidenao Nakagawa, the former number two of the party and a backroom fixer, hinted at his support for Koike following their meeting Tuesday, saying: "We have to pick a candidate among reformists."—Internet

Police arrest 300 in anti-Republican rallies

ST PAUL, 3 Sept—Police used tear gas and chemical sprays to disperse hundreds of defiant protestors marching against President George W



Riot police make an arrest during an anti-war and anti-poverty march near the Republican National Convention being held at the Xcel Centre in St Paul, Minnesota.—INTERNET

Bush's policies outside the Republican convention site.

Several arrests were made, bringing to nearly 300 the number of people held in two days of

clashes outside the convention centre in St Paul, Minnesota, police said.

Some of the protestors reportedly tried to scale a security fence around the Excel Energy Centre, forcing police, wearing masks and other riot gear, to fire tear gas on the crowd.

Several demonstrators were seen in television footage hurling back tear gas canisters to scores of policemen guarding the centre, where Republican delegates are set to anoint Senator John McCain as the party's presidential hope.—Internet



A set of 24K gold Chinese-style dishware is shown in Ginza, Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 2 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

'Civilians killed by US troops'

ISLAMABAD, 3 Sept — US soldiers were accused of killing up to 20 civilians—including women and children—in a pre-dawn raid inside Pakistan.

The commandos were alleged to have crossed the border from Afghanistan and launched an assault in a village in Pakistan's South Waziristan region.

A local governor, who is the chief administrator for the tribal belt, said three coalition helicopter gunships and commandos were involved in an "outrageous" attack.

"At least 20 innocent civilians of Pakistan, including women and children, were martyred," Owais Ahmed Ghani said in a statement. Pakistani officials said both the Army and the Foreign Ministry were investigating.

"There was darkness at the time when the Americans came and killed our innocent people," villager Habib Khan Wazir told the AP news agency.

"We would have not allowed them to go back alive if they had come to our village in daylight." Internet

Haitians stranded on roofs in flooded city

SAINT-MARC, 3 Sept—Haitian families scrambled onto rooftops and screamed for help Tuesday in a city flooded by Tropical Storm Hanna, as UN peacekeepers and rescue convoys tried in vain to reach them.

By Tuesday night, Hanna claimed 21 lives in Haiti, including 12 dead in the state containing the cutoff city of Gonaives, said Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste of the country's civil protection office in Port-au-Prince, the capital.

Iris Norsil, 20, managed to flee Gonaives on Haiti's western shore and told *The Associated Press* that people there were isolated by muddy floodwaters as evening fell, seeking refuge on rooftops as wind gusts drove horizontal sheets of rain.—Internet



People walk through flood water from Tropical Storm Hanna, in Savane Desole, close to Gonaives, northern Haiti, on 2 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

Six dead, two wounded in Wash state shooting spree

ALGER, 3 Sept—A terrifying shooting spree that stretched from a small northwest Washington town onto the state's busiest highway left six people dead and at least two more wounded on Tuesday.

The dead included a Skagit County sheriff's deputy and the wounded included a Washington State Patrol trooper who was shot while trying to catch the shooter on Interstate 5, the State Patrol said. A suspect in the shootings, a recently released convict with a history of mental illness, has surrendered.



Washington State Troopers and a Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy lead shooting suspect, Isaac Zamora, 28, to the county jail, on 2 Sept, 2008 in Mount Vernon, Wash, after he led authorities on a high speed chase from Alger, Wash.—INTERNET

State Department of Corrections officials identified the man as Isaac Zamora, 28, who had served a six-month Skagit County jail sentence for

drug possession. Zamora was released 6 Aug and was under community supervision by Corrections officers, spokesman Chad Lewis said.—Internet



A jewellery shop-assistant in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, displays carved jade "mooncakes" on Sunday. The mooncake-shaped jade crafts are expected to sell out before the Mid-autumn Festival which falls on 14 September this year. —INTERNET



Zhangfei Temple in Chongqing. Heritage conservation is well under way at the Three Gorges dam in preparation for the rise of the water level from 156 m to 175 m.—INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China set to raise poverty line

BEIJING, 3 Sept—The government may raise the poverty line to enable more people to get State benefits to meet their needs, officials and experts said Tuesday.

The State Council, or the country’s cabinet, will discuss such a proposal by the end of the year, Renmin University of China professor Wang Sangui said.

Lu Yan, spokeswoman for the council’s Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, confirmed that the

authorities were considering the proposal but declined to give details. The cost of living in China is lower than in many other countries, hence the existing poverty threshold is an income of 1,067 yuan (152 US dollars) a year.

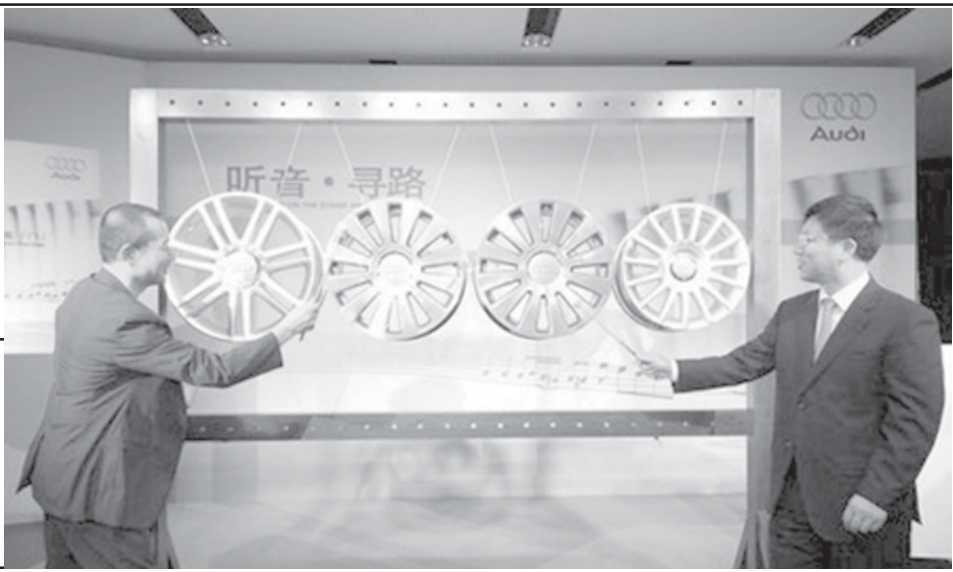
So if the proposed 1,300-yuan-a-year (186 dollars) income (equivalent to 1 dollar a day in other countries) becomes the new threshold, the number of Chinese living in poverty would almost double to 80 million.

About 43 million people

were living below the poverty line in the country’s rural areas in 2007. Their number in urban areas was more than 22 million.

Xinhua

Chinese composer Tan Dun (L) plays music on four steel wheels on 29 August, 2008.
XINHUA



US forces kill six Iraqi security personnel

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept —US troops killed six Iraqi security personnel on Wednesday, Iraqi police said, in what the US military said was a mistake.

Members of the Iraqi police and Army, and a neighbourhood patrol group, fired warning shots in the air when a US boat passed along the Tigris River near their checkpoint close to the town of Tarmiya just north of Baghdad, Iraqi police said.

“The Iraqis fired into the air, not knowing it was a US boat. The US soldiers returned fire and called in air support, and six Iraqis were killed and 10 others injured,” said a police source, who declined to be identified.

The US military said there had been an

exchange of fire between US troops and Iraqi security forces and the Iraqis suffered casualties. The US military confirmed their aircraft had been involved, but gave no casualty figures.

Xinhua



Israeli Paralympic Committee chief expects great Beijing Paralympics

JERUSALEM, 3 Sept—Dani Ben Abu, Chairman of Israeli Paralympic Committee, expressed his belief in an interview with Xinhua Tuesday that the upcoming Beijing Paralympic games will be as great as Beijing Olympics. “The Chinese government did an excellent organization work during the Olympic Games and Chinese

people were so friendly to guests from all around the world, I believe that China will do their best in the Paralympic games, too,” said the chairman. The Israeli delegation for Beijing Paralympics, which left for Beijing this week, comprises 42 athletes and 15 coaches. They will compete in swimming, shooting, table tennis, rowing, tennis, archery, basketball, equestrian, track and field, sailing and cycling.

Four years ago, Israeli players won four gold, four silver and five bronze medals at Athens Paralympic Games.

Xinhua

Zhang Xinyang, 13, carries mattress to his dormitory in Beijing University of Technology in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

China to launch 1st natural disaster monitoring satellite

BEIJING, 3 Sept—China will launch the first of eight satellites to monitor environment and natural disasters from the country’s north Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre this week, according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).

The satellite “Environment 1”, an optical satellite, will be sent into orbit by a Long March 2C carrier. It will monitor most of the country and send back data daily, making up for the country’s earth observation data shortage, said Wu Xiaoqing, vice minister of Environmental Protection, Wednesday’s “China Business News” reports.

“Launch of the satellite will largely enhance our environment monitoring ability,” said Wu, explaining that the present environment monitoring and researching method

was not good enough to cope with the dynamic environment and the occurrence of natural disasters.

The satellite will work as a constellation with seven other satellites yet to be launched. Its observational footprint is 720 km. It is expected to forecast and monitor natural disasters such as flooding, drought, typhoon, landslide and earthquake, said Wu.—Xinhua

Bank of Korea says repeat of financial crisis unlikely

SEOUL, 3 Sept—Bank of Korea (BOK) Governor Lee Seong-tae said although the country’s current economy is undergoing difficulty, South Korea is unlikely to go through another financial crisis, the Korea Herald reported Wednesday.

Lee said at a seminar hosted by the National Assembly’s Economic Policy Forum that downward pressure on the value of the won is likely to continue but it is unlikely to lead to massive capital outflow.

“Because foreign debt and foreign exchange rates are linked, the downward pressure on the won will continue for some time to come,” he said.

“However, because the current difficulties are the result of a slowdown in the global financial market, a withdrawal of funds just from Korea is unlikely to happen.” Lee added.—Xinhua

Three killed in firefighting plane crash

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept—A firefighting plane crashed in Reno in Northern California, killing all three crew members, authorities said on Tuesday.

The plane crashed on Monday after taking off from Reno-Stead Airport, said Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The air tanker had been used to drop retardant on a wildfire in the Hope Valley south of Lake Tahoe in Northern California, according to the Reno Fire Department. The plane crashed after it took off to drop retardant on another fire in California later in the day, the department said.—Xinhua

Manufacturing shrinks in August, construction down

NEW YORK, 3 Sept— For the nation’s lumber companies, automakers, home builders and other manufacturers, the final half of 2008 may be as sluggish as the first.

Slow consumer spending and high gas prices have stalled manufacturing, and even some bright spots are expected to dim.

Exports, which have propped up the sector, may slide as economies overseas slow.

Meanwhile, construction spending is at a seven-year low that has spread from housing to nonresidential projects.

The Institute for Sup-

ply Management said Tuesday its reading for the nation’s manufacturers fell to 49.9 in August from 50 in July, matching economists’ expectations, according to Thomson/IFR. A reading below 50 signals contraction, while a reading above 50 signals growth.

The index has hovered near the 50 “boom-bust” line all year and industry groups say they expect similarly weak growth for the remainder of the year.

“With the global economy slowing and the rebate boost fading, we look for a mild sagging trend to unfold in the sec-

ond half of the year,” said Sherry Cooper, chief economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The second half of 2008 has started especially slowly for certain sectors.

US auto sales hit a 16-year low in July, and food manufacturers continue to struggle with inflation.

Hormel Foods last month lowered its fiscal-year outlook and Smithfield Foods Inc, the nation’s largest pork producer, swung to a first-quarter loss of \$12.6 million, from a profit of \$54.6 million last year.

Internet



Children play inside bubbles floating in a lake in Thu Le Park in Hanoi, Vietnam, during a holiday, Vietnam Independence Day, Tuesday, 2 Sept 2008.—INTERNET

Russia, Uzbekistan reach agreement on new natural gas pipeline

ALMATY, 3 Sept — Russia and Uzbekistan agreed Tuesday to build a new natural gas pipeline through Uzbekistan to export Turkmen and Uzbek natural gas, said news reaching here Tuesday from Tashkent, the Uzbek capital.

The two countries have agreed on joint construction of the pipeline to meet the challenge of increasing gas export from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, said visiting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin after talks with Uzbek President Islam Karimov.

Relevant documents would hopefully be signed recently and the two countries also agreed on a European gas pricing formula for the purchase of Uzbek gas, Putin said.

Natural gas produced in the central Asia is cur-

rently sent to Russia via a pipeline built in the Soviet era, which has become incapable of handling the increasing demands for gas exporting in the region in recent years, Karimov said.

Internet

Oil falls in Asia on global demand concerns

SINGAPORE, 3 Sept—Oil prices dipped toward \$109 a barrel Wednesday as investors shifted attention to concern over slowing global demand for crude after Hurricane Gustav left oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico region largely undamaged.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery was down 33 cents to \$109.38 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange midday in Singapore.—Internet

GM does not see US sales reviving this year

TALEGAON(India), 3 Sept —General Motors (GM.N) does not expect US sales to revive this year as the credit crunch pressures consumers, with a senior official saying the top priority was to turn around the North American business.

GM, which has lost \$51 billion over the past three years, will continue to invest in emerging markets such as India and China and was on track for full-year profit growth in Asia, officials said.

“The most important thing we can do is to turn around the North American business,” Chief Operating Officer Fritz Henderson told reporters after inaugurating the leading US carmaker’s second plant in India.

The factory in the western Maharashtra state has an annual capacity of 140,000 units.

“We do not have a huge amount of optimism for the rest of the year as the pressure on consumer

continues,” Henderson said.

The troubled carmaker has been under increasing pressure to cut costs and raise capital because of the slump in US auto sales that pushed its first-half sales down 16 percent.

GM last week said it was offering early retirement incentives to about 28 percent of its US salaried work force as part of its effort to reduce payroll expenses and conserve cash.—Internet

Morgan Stanley raising \$10 billion property fund, eyes China

SHANGHAI, 3 Sept— Morgan Stanley (MS.N) is raising \$10 billion for a global property fund and plans to put \$1.5 billion or more of that into China, shrugging off concern about a property market downturn, a banking source said on Wednesday.

The Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund VII Global, the latest in a series of property investment funds, is expected to begin investing worldwide before the end of this year, said the source, who had direct knowledge of the fund.

It will invest at least 10 billion yuan (\$1.46 billion) in China over the next few years, taking a gradual approach while focusing on the largest cities such as Shanghai, where the price for a luxury downtown apart-

ment can exceed \$20 million, said the source.

The retail portion of the fund-raising has been completed with a minimum requirement of \$1 million for individual investors in Asia.

The institutional portion, which requires at least \$10 million for each institutional investor, will

be completed soon, the source added.

“It should not be too difficult for Morgan Stanley to raise funds from retail investors in Asia since, as you know, in China alone the number of millionaires has been growing very fast in recent years,” the source said.—Internet

US government sues Boeing over price inflation

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept — The US government sued Boeing Co on Tuesday, alleging the aerospace manufacturer illegally overcharged Air Force for building a B-1 bomber self-protection system.

The lawsuit, filed in US District Court in Los Angeles, alleges that during 1998 contract negotiations, Boeing exaggerated its contract price and submitted 140 illegally inflated invoices to Air Force, in violation of the federal False Claims Act, according to the US Attorney’s Office.

Boeing failed to disclose that it would out-source the manufacture of most of the components that were to be used for the Towed Decoy System, the lawsuit claims.—Internet



Acrobats of China’s Chongqing Art Troupe perform at the National Theatre in Pretoria, South Africa, on 2 Sept, 2008. The Chongqing Art Troupe staged a performance in Pretoria on 2 Sept, as part of the celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between China and South Africa. —XINHUA

Paralympics chief: China serious about Games

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Clear skies, golden sunshine and the cool autumn weather. The Paralympic Games could not have got a better welcome.

International Paralympic Committee (IPC)



Philip Craven, president of the International Paralympic Committee, answers questions during a Press conference at the Swissotel Beijing, in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Sept, 2008. Craven showed his confidence in the coming 13th Paralympic Games in Beijing. —XINHUA

President Sir Philip Craven agrees. “Isn’t the weather fantastic?” he said Tuesday.

“We had incredible weather in Torino and brilliant weather in Athens, where the temperature was around 25-26 C. We are just moving into (excellent) weather in Beijing,” the 58-year-old Briton said.

The 2006 Winter Paralympics was held in

Torino, Italy, and the 2004 summer version, in Athens. This time, the Paralympics is being held by the Beijing Olympics organizing committee (BOCOG) to present “Two Games with Equal Splendor”.

Craven has been involved in the preparations of the Beijing Olympics as well as the Paralympics since 2002.

Xinhua

American Air flight makes emergency landing

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept — An American Airlines passenger jet forced back to Los Angeles International Airport by a blown tire landed safely about two hours later on Tuesday after flying over the Pacific Ocean to burn off excess fuel.

American Airlines Flight 1586, a *Boeing 737* bound for Toronto with 135 people aboard, blew a left rear tire on its main landing gear, apparently on takeoff from LAX, at about 11 am local time (2 pm EDT), a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said.

Live local television coverage showed the plane touching down on an LAX runway and coming to a safe stop shortly before 1 pm local time.

Internet

Somali pirates hijack French ship

NAIROBI, 3 Sept — Armed Somali pirates have hijacked a French ship in the pirate-infested world’s dangerous waters of Somalia, the ninth such attack this month, a regional maritime official confirmed on Wednesday.

Andrew Mwan-gura, the coordinator of the East Africa Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP) said the vessel is believed to have been carrying tourists along the coastal part of the Horn of Africa nation.

“We received reports early in the morning but we do not have more details about the crew mem-

bers, the name of the vessel and where it was sailing from and to,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone.

“Unconfirmed reports

say the French ship was carrying tourists but we don’t know whether it is a yacht or cruise ship,” Mwangura said.

Internet

Romania to take part in EXPO 2010 in Shanghai

BUCHAREST, 3 Sept— The Romanian government decided at a Wednesday meeting on Wednesday that Romania will take part in the world exposition EXPO 2010 to be held in Shanghai of China.

According to a release, the coordinator of the preparing process was designated the Ministry for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, Trade, Tourism and Liberal Professions.

The government approved to sign, in Bucharest on Sept. 5, the contract on Romania’s participation in this world exposition with the theme of “Better City - Better Life.”—Internet

S Korea’s IT export growth declines in August

SEOUL, 3 Sept— South Korea’s information technology (IT) exports growth fell sharply in August than the previous month, a report by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy showed Wednesday.

According to the report August’s exports grew a mere 0.02 percent to 11.53 billion US dol-

lars, declining from 10.1 percent gain in July.

The figure is the lowest since September 2007 when IT exports fell 0.8 percent.

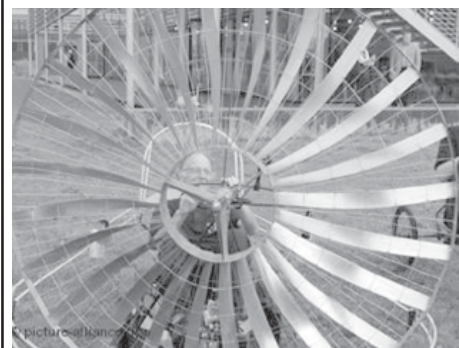
The slumping growth was mainly due to the sharp decline of overseas demand for semiconductors and television sets amid a global economic slowdown, the reports

showed.

The report showed that sales of mobile handsets and flat-panels remained strong. Total exports of mobile equipment in August reached 2.81 billion US dollars, up 21.6 percent from a year ago, while panel exports also gain 16.5 percent posting 2.39 billion US dollars.

Internet

NEWSALBUM



German inventor Gustav Winkler introduced the answer to bikers’ prayers on Friday, 8 Aug. The scientist presented a two-metre (6.6-foot) wheel that helps cyclists move by using headwinds to turn a turbine that pushes the bike forward. The wheel, which is mounted on the front of a bike, is an improvement on a version of the first-ever headwind bike that Winkler developed in 1992.

Japan police fooled by life-sized doll

Police were trying to determine Tuesday whether they were the victim of a hoax after the body they thought they found at a seaside resort was actually a life-sized doll.

Investigators found what seemed like a body wrapped in a sleeping bag in a forest in Izu City, a seaside resort in central Japan, after an anonymous caller reported seeing it, a Shizuoka prefecture spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity, citing department policy.

Record 70,000 girls dance for Swaziland’s King

Tens of thousands of virgin maidens danced Monday for Swaziland’s King Mswati III in a traditional reed dance at Ludzidzini palace outside the capital Mbabane, the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported.

The final day of the annual dance attracted a record 70,000 girls, some of them as young as six years of age.

The girls — dressed in colourful Swazi regalia —

came from all corners of the mountain kingdom in a display of pride in their culture and virtue.

The ceremony has a more serious mission — to draw attention to AIDS and encourage abstinence among young women, in a small southern African nation ravaged by AIDS and poverty, according to the SAPA report.

Man gulps 11.5 pounds, wins Ohio Chili Contest

A man nicknamed “Humble Bob” stuffed himself with 11.5 pounds of a local specialty called chili-spaghetti in only about 10 minutes to claim victory in a holiday eating contest.

Bob Shoudt won \$2,500 at the inaugural Skyline Chili Spaghetti eat-off Monday at Kings Island amusement park. “Humble Bob” dashed to an early lead, sucking down more than two pounds in less than a minute.

Shoudt, of Philadelphia, is ranked No 5 by the International Federation of Competitive Eating. He did so well at vacuuming up the pasta mixture Monday that he narrowly beat the federation’s top-ranked competitive eater, Joey Chestnut. Chestnut won this year’s hot dog-eating contest at New York’s Coney Island with 59 dogs in 10 minutes.



Drinkers invite croc into Australia pub

Drinkers at an Outback watering hole found a crocodile at the door — and brought it inside for their session.

The saltwater croc in question was just 24 inches long and more a curiosity than a threat to drinkers at the Noonamah Tavern though the species can grow to more than 16 feet.

Barmaid Sarah Sparre said Thursday that three patrons spotted the saltwater crocodile outside the pub, grabbed it and brought it inside.

“You could say we were a bit surprised,” Sparre said. “He was pretty complacent, easygoing. But we weren’t going to test him out.”

The three men taped up its mouth, took some photos of them holding it, then put it in a box near the bar.

Sparre said the croc may have escaped from a farm for the animals that was several miles away.

An Aboriginal busker is seen performing on a didgeridoo for tourists in Sydney. Australian girls were warned Wednesday that playing the Australian Aboriginal didgeridoo could lead to infertility as a consequence of messing with “men’s business”.

NFE and I

Hla Myatt Soe (MERB)

“E” stands for Education. Similarly, FE stands for Formal Education, NFE for Non-Formal Education, IFE for In-Formal Education, CE for Continuing Education, IE for Inclusive Education etc, etc.

In such a way education is differently defined. However Names differ as Aims differ the Intention to educate oneself and then others is the same.

Why? The Education itself is Revealing, not Concealing. Who looks for it will surely find it. And who tries to learn harder than others will surely earn more than others. It is the labour that honours the doer. It is common to all doers. It is said, “Learning is the Eye of Mind”. In my opinion “To have a Proper Exposure is an Honour”.

To the best of my knowledge here follows some paragraphs about my once shining little exposure relating to NFE. It was the day... (15-1-1998), on which I was delegated as one of the representatives to attend the “Technical Working Group Meeting on COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS” in Chiang Rai, Thailand, along with the Superior Dr. Than Than Zin, Assistant Director, DBE, Myanmar. Without her sincere regard I would not be able to participate so smoothly and successfully. It was my very first experience.

The following is an excerpt of which appeared as our “Plan of Action” in the Final Report of TWG Meeting.

- **Project Title**

Developing Community Learning Centres in the Dry Zone.

- **Background**

The project intends to develop three CLCs in Tharzi Township of the Dry Zone. Tharzi Township has been selected for the following reasons:

1. It lies on the border of the dry zone and hilly regions,
2. It has moderate weather (not too hot, not too cold/dry),
3. It has easy access to implement activities of CLCs,
4. some NFE activities such as adult literacy programme has been introduced since 1997 and
5. It could be a model for both hilly regions and dry zone to expand the development of CLCs.

- **Objectives**

1. To establish model centre from CLCs in hilly region and dry zone.
2. To provide activities for the empowerment of people in Tharzi Township.

- **Beneficiaries**

All members of community including children, youth and adults.

- **Institution Working with the CLC**

Under the leadership of township level EFA committee CLCs will be working with:

1. Department of Basic Education (DBE) to support the basic education for children in the community.
2. Myanmar Education Research Bureau (MERB) to get support for adult literacy programmes.
3. Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Labour, Trade for vocational training programmes.
4. Local authorities, heads of villages/wards.
5. Local NGOs, private sectors (eg. Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red-Cross Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association etc.)

- **Activities**

CLCs will provide NFE equivalency programmes for out—of-school children, adult literacy programmes for adult illiterates (semi-neo), different vocational training such as farming, food preservation, food processing, home industry, trading agricultural products in different seasons for unemployed youths.

Promoters of CLCs will be organized to get support and services from respective departments and organizations through township EFA committee.

- **Partnership Networking at Local Level**

Township level EFA committee consists of representatives from each department or organization as mentioned above. Through the EFA township committee meetings and workshops all members could coordinate and cooperate in implementing CLCs activities.

The EFA township committee has been already linked with district, state, division and national EFA committee.

- **Follow-up Activities and Possible Expansion**

When the CLCs have been established and are implementing the programmes, township EFA committee will supervise for sustainable development. Township committee will assess the weakness and strength of programme activities and make necessary changes in order to improve programmes. It will also report the state/division EFA committee and national committee for further

supports and advice for the process of expanding CLCs in the region.

- **Budget**

The expenses of CLCs would be supported by local government authority, contributions of NGOs, private enterprises, local community, international organizations and donor agencies.

So much so was the excerpt. From this very first experience I realize that ‘Experience or Knowledge in Youth is Wisdom in Age’. And we must keep learning and creating ideas i.e. keep the Time abreast with Life Long Learning (LLL). It is ‘The Geratest Beauty in the World’. Even little drop of water, little grain of sand, makes the mighty ‘Ocean’ and the pleasant ‘Land’.

It may be advisable that “Yesterday is for the Old, Tomorrow is for the Young, for Us is Today”. Never try to delay. ‘Delay means Defeat’. So, Let us try to maintain ‘Good Habit of learning and Imparting to Others’.

To observe such good habit wouldn’t it be necessary to “Go to the learners; live with them; Learn from them; Discuss with them; and Share with them” without any obligation.

“Honesty and Frankness make one vulnerable, but be honest and Frank anyway.” Be conscious “What we spent years Building may be destroyed overnight, but Build anyway.” “The gift to Truth excels all other gifts.”

Before conclusion, I wish to express the words of thanks to:-*Saya U Myat Naing*, the then ERO and the immediate Head of NFE section; *Sayagyi U Tin Nyo*, the Chairman of Myanmar Education Research Bureau; *Saya U Myint Han*, SERO; *Saya Dr. Mehm Hla Aung Gyi* (Ph.D), ERO, and *Saya U San Maung*, ERO of MERB for their confidence and trustworthiness in me, I esteem most, and their decision as the consequence to let me have the above mentioned expoure which I neither expect nor dream of.

Now, please let me conclude in this way... In our country, Myanmar, we have public shows called ‘*Zat-Pwe*’. When it started, two or more ministers (in Myanmar we called them ‘*Wunmin*’) appeared before the curtain. One starts asking: “*Wunmin!* What is the easiest thing in the world to do?”

The other replies: “*Wunmin!* To give advice”.

Then he asks another question: “What is the most difficult thing in the world to do?”

“Oh, *Wunmin!* The thing to be done”.

May I leave you with this abrupt conclusion which may be a little food for “headache” but not for “thought”.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation for storm survivors

YANGON, 3 Sept—The four Islamic religious organizations, the entrepreneurs supplying committee and individual donors made donations of cash and kind to storm victims at the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yankin Township, here, yesterday.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of

the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony. The donors presented the donations including farm implements worth K 71.7 million for construction of houses, trust funds for orphanages, and repairing of monasteries, mosques, Churches and Hindu temples.

Financial Subcommittee Chairman Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein

Swe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko accepted the donations. The Islamic religious organizations and entrepreneurs had donated K 460 million and their donations amounted to K 513.7 million including today's donation.—MNA

USDA Secretary-General overviews regional development tasks



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo meeting with farmers of Thazi Township.—A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association accompanied by departmental officials and members of USDA viewed tapping of underground water with the use of bio-gasifier at the paddy plantation of Farmer U Bo Dan at Magyipinpu village in Meiktila Township on 30 August.

With the aim of boosting agricultural production, arrangements are being made for tapping of underground water with the use of bio-gasifier by Division/District/Township Agricultural Coordination Committee and local authorities concerned in cooperation with USDA members and local people at Meiktila

and Thazi townships.

Next, the secretary-general looked into sinking tube wells being carried out by Water Resource Utilization Department and fulfilled the requirements.

At Nyaungkaing village in Meiktila Township, the secretary-general met with farmers and gave instructions on sinking tube wells for production of paddy and long cotton staple and use of bio-gasifier.

Next, the secretary-general and officials inspected sinking tube well for cultivation of paddy and long staple cotton at Kondaung village in Thazi Township.

They inspected generating of power by two-three kilowatts-generator installed at canal No 18 of Kinda Dam near

Kandaw village in Wundwin Township and supply of electricity to the village.

Plans are under way to install home-made generators at the dam for generating electricity.

MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

I&P Minister visits district, township offices

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept —Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin met with employees of Kayan Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Kayan Township on 1 September.

Next, the minister arrived at Thongwa Township Immigration and National Registration

Office and inspected documentary files. He called for proper keeping of documentary files and prevention measure against fire. At the office of Pyapon District Immigration and National Registration Department, he met with employees of the department in the districts and fulfilled the needs.

On 30 August, the minister went to Maubin District Immigration and National Registration Department and met with staff of the department in the district.

The minister called for making effort to reissue lost citizenship scrutiny cards of storm victims as soon as possible and fulfilled the needs.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin meets with staff from townships of Pyapon District Immigration and National Registration Department.

I & P

Best slogan winner for MARS mosquito coil awarded



YANGON, 3 Sept—A ceremony to announce the best slogan for MARS mosquito coil and present prizes to winners was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Marketing Manager Daw Ohnma Khin presents cash award K 150,000 to Maung Moe Kyaw for best slogan for MARS.—MNA

Marketing Manager Daw Ohnma Khin awarded prize money K 150,000 to Maung Moe Kyaw of Ahlon Township for best slogan for MARS. Next, Business Development Manager U Kaung Myat explained the choice of best slogan for MARS and then winner Maung Moe Kyaw spoke words of thanks.

A total of over 300 participants took part in the slogan contest and the best one out of 1500 slogans was chosen.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister meets Malaysian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met Chairman Mr Tan Sri Fumihiko Konishi of Texchem Resources BHD and party of Malaysia at the ministry here at 1:30 pm yesterday.

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Minister U Aung Thaung meets Mr Tan Sri Fumihiko Konishi of Texchem Resources BHD of Malaysia.—INDUSTRY-1



With noble mind

- In serving public interest
- Do not deviate from own way
- Because of slanders
- Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hinthay Sayadaw)

CAD & CAM Basic Course No. 8/2008 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Organized by Ministry of Industry-2, Computer Aided Design (CAD) & Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) Basic Course No. 8/2008 was opened at the ministry here yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, departmental heads, officials and trainees.

At the ceremony, the Deputy Minister made an

opening speech. The minister, the deputy minister and officials viewed learning of trainees.

The one-month course is being attended by 20 trainees.

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Opening ceremony of Computer Aided Design (CAD) & Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) basic course in progress.

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Minister looks into fire stations

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspected maintenance of fire engines at fire stations in Nay Pyi Taw, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and staff quarters yesterday. After that, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe left necessary instructions.

MNA



TCG Chairman meets UNHCR Regional Coordinator



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu meets with Mr Ramond Hall, Regional Coordinator for South-East Asia of UNHCR.—MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept—Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu met with Mr Ramond Hall, Regional Coordinator for South-East Asia of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 3.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion was Bhairaja Panday, Representative of UNHCR in Myanmar.

MNA

Educative talks on Ethics on 6 September

YANGON, 3 Sept—Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will conduct educative talks on Ethics at the federation in Insein Township on 6 September.

Writer Nandar Thein Zan will give talks on ethics sponsored by Toyo Battery.

MNA

Earthquake news

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.6 Richer Scale with its epicenter (Myanmar-China Border Region) about 600 miles Northeast of Kaba Aye Seismological observation was recorded at 12 hrs 59 min 33 sec MST on 3 September 2008.

MNA

Annual meetings of township USDAs held

YANGON, 3 Sept—CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended and addressed the annual meeting of Kamayut Township USDA for 2008 at Kamayut No. 5 Basic Education High School on 31 August.

Township Secretary U Myo Aung accepted K 1 million presented by the CEC Member. Next, the CEC Member accepted K 2.9 million donated by Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, Yangon West District Electrical Engineer's Office and companies.

Afterwards, he presented gifts to delegates to wards who had won prizes for excellent performance and scholarships and medals to distinction winners. District Secretary U Myo Win also handed scholarships and medals to distinction winners.



USDA CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint donates K 1 million to Insein Township USDA.—EP-2

The CEC Member also attended the annual meeting of Insein Township USDA for 2008 and made a speech on the occasion and presented K 1 million for the township association through township secretary U Tint Lwin.

Next, township

secretary U Tint Lwin accepted K 100,000 each donated by Yangon North District Electrical Engineer's Office, the Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, Township Electrical Engineer's Office, companies and

wellwishers.

Afterwards, the CEC Member presented scholarships and medals to distinction winners who had passed the matriculation examination for 2007-2008 academic year.

MNA

Basic Organizational Course No. 19 of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township USDA held

YANGON, 3 Sept—CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended Basic Organizational Course No. 19 at the Office of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township here on 1 September and made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Secretary of the Township USDA U Khin Maung Win presented 1200 membership applications to the CEC member.

After that, the CEC member presented K 100,000, the Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and the Industrial Zone Committee K 50,000 each

and Entrepreneur U Than Zaw K 100,000 to officials.

On arrival at No. 4 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, the CEC member looked into a new one-storey school building being constructed by Yangon City Development Committee.

In meeting with students at the Dagon Myothit (East) Township USDA Office, the CEC member presented exercise books and K 100,000.

Afterwards, he met with the executives of the Township USDA at the same venue and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts construction materials worth 2,959,101.63 baht donated by International Business Manager Mr Pramod Pandey of Mahaphant Group of Thailand.—SOCIAL WELFARE

Construction materials for storm victims

YANGON, 3 Sept—International Business Manager Mr Pramod Pandey of Mahaphant Group of Thailand and Director U Win Aung and Director Daw Aye Aye Thwe and party of Twjs Co Ltd donated construction materials worth 2,959,101.63 baht

to the storm victims at the Fire Services Department near the Tooth Relic Pagoda in Mayangon Township, here, yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepted the donations.

The supplies were 1440 boxes of Shera brand 6mm thick 8' x 4' ceiling sheets, 10,590 boxes of Shera brand 4mm thick 2' x 2' ceiling sheets, 13,320 boxes of wood-alternative wall decoration sheets, and 2979 boxes of 7200 Trilon brick tiles and accessories.—MNA



Seminar on the Role of the Copyright System in Promotion of Publishing Industry in progress at Parkroyal Hotel.—MNA

Seminar on copyright system concludes

YANGON, 3 Sept—The Seminar on the Role of the Copyright System on Promotion of Publishing Industry, jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and World Intellectual Property Organization, continued for the last day at Parkroyal Hotel, here, this morning.

Resource persons presented their papers and answered the queries raised by the participants.

During the three-day seminar, local and foreign

resource persons presented their papers and held discussions on protection of intellectual property rights and related rights, the role of the copyright system and

related rights in giving educative talks through publishing industry, and management of the intellectual property rights and related rights.

MNA

Business Strategies & Dashboards talks on 6 Sept

YANGON, 3 Sept — Educative talk on Business Strategies and Dashboards will be held at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Office in Lanmadaw Township on 6

September.

It will be jointly conducted by UMFCCI and Billa Co Ltd, and Rector U Maw Than (Retd) of Institute of Economics will give talks. Those interested may attend the talks.—MNA

Rubber farming booming in Shan State (North)

Kyaw Kyaw (Bhamo)

The pilot establishment of rubber farms in Shan State (North) has showed successful. The project was launched with the aim of regional greening, sustainable economic growth of national race entrepreneurs, and creating job opportunities.

In an interview, Manager U Win Hlaing Oo of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise (Northern Shan State Branch) said to Kyemon Daily that

is located north of 17 degree north latitude and stands at an altitude between 1800 to 5000 feet. It has an annual average rainfall of 50 to 60 inches. On average, the number of rainy days in the region is about 90 to 100 in a year. So, the region has favourable location and climate to grow rubber on a commercial scale. Therefore, local authorities and rubber farmers were briefed on the findings of research done by the

special rubber farming zone reclaiming areas along Lashio-Mongyaw-Mongkyet Road from 2006-2007 to 2010. Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise designated the 700-acre plantation of Shan Yoma Peace Co in the zone as the model one. It will render assistance to help other plantations in the region meet the standard of the model plantation. It is now providing technical assistance to KDA Peace Group and Ngwe Hnin Hmon Co to implement



Workers tapping rubber latex.



Workers at work in a thriving rubber farm.

launched its rubber farming in 1996, and the acreage of rubber plantations increased to 18,983 in 2003. However, the number of the acreage fell to 4438 due to lack of agricultural experience and methods, insufficient use of quality strains, and cold waves that took place in 1993. So, the poor harvest made the rubber farmers disheartened.

Shan State (North)

agriculturalists along with a boom in the rubber trade in the international and local markets. The region restored its rubber farming in 2004. The acreage of local rubber farms has surged to over 40,000, as a result.

Due to regional development and vast knowledge, local national race entrepreneurs are engaged in rubber farming extensively. Now, plans are under way to establish a 10,000-acre

the 4000-acre rubber farm project for 2008-2009. It is pursuing the target of putting 4000 acres in Moneyin region, Namtu Township, under rubber, and will provide agricultural methods to national race farmers, groups and companies.

In the meantime, it is trying its best to meet the regional demand of rubber saplings in a year. It is making efforts to produce an adequate number of seedlings in

Muse District in a year, getting seeds of BPM-24 strain from Mudon and Thanbyuzayat. So far, it has nurtured more than 60,000 seedlings.

Now, Myanmar agriculturalists are reaping the rewards of their hard work and vast experience that some farmers from China purchased Myanmar rubber saplings. About 30,000 rubber saplings from Muse District fetched about K 30 million.

Being a large plateau,

Shan State (North) still has over 500,000 acres of virgin and vacant lands that can be put under rubber, with the potential for becoming the largest rubber producing state when the targeted acreage of rubber for the whole country is met. As the fruit of giving educative talks, local farmers who engage in the slash and burning farming have come to launch mixed-cropping pattern among the rubber trees. So, they will soon do well in their businesses

and will become successful rubber farmers. In addition, the boom in the nursery and trade of rubber seedlings and saplings created job opportunities for local people.

In conclusion, he expressed his opinion that Shan State would soon enjoy economic growth with a large number of commercial-scale lush and green rubber plantations.

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Rubber trees seen in a rubber farm.

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ရက်စွဲ၊ ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် စက်တင်ဘာလ ၂ ရက် ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ပစ္စည်းများကိုဌာနအရောက်ကျပ်ငွေဖြင့် ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသဖြင့် ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါကြောင်း ဖိတ်ခေါ်ပါသည်-

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- (ခ) ဘတ္တရီအရွယ်စုံ ၁၀၇၆ လုံး
- (ဂ) စက်ဆီ၊ ချောဆီများ 1 Lot
- (ဃ) ဆီဆေး ၃၅၀၀ ဂါလံ
- (င) အချက်ပြမီးပွိုင့်သုံးလျှပ်စစ်ပစ္စည်း 1 Lot

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Please contact Mr. Adi Kuntarto for additional information.

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Company proposal must be submitted on 14th September 2008. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Economists: China's economy still in shape

BEIJING, 3 Sept—It's too soon for government measures to spur the economy, with momentum likely to remain strong despite the recent slowdown, economists said. The economy has grown at an average 10.8 percent over the past five years, making it the fastest growing economy in the world. But a tight monetary policy and the worse-than-expected global slowdown has put the brakes on growth after it peaked at 11.9 percent in the second quarter last year.

The country's GDP growth slowed to 10.8 percent in the second quarter, compared with 11.9 percent for 2007. Meanwhile, external demand, a key driver of China's economic expansion, is likely to dry up further in the months ahead. Some analysts have warned there is risk of

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Crude oil tumbles to 5-month low as Hurricane Gustav threat eases

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Crude oil tumbled to a five-month low Tuesday as traders shifted their concern from Hurricane Gustav to dampening global demand.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery dropped 5.75 dollars to settle at 109.71 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Price plunged 10 dollars to hit 105.46 dollars a barrel in the early morning trading, the lowest point since 4 April.

As Hurricane Gustav appeared to leave the Gulf of Mexico and producers prepared to restart oil production, traders now focus more on the slowing global economic growth, speculating the world market demand for crude would continue to fall.

Internet

Chilean copper mining giant seeks joint venture with Chinese company

SANTIAGO, 3 Sept—The Chilean state-owned copper firm Nacional del Cobre (Codelco) is seeking a joint venture with Chinese company MinMetals to explore minerals in African and Asian countries.

Local media quoted sources from Codelco as saying on Tuesday that the joint venture will be one of the major steps between the two companies to cement cooperation and seek mutual benefits. Coldec, the world's largest copper producer, produces one third of the mine output in Chile.—Internet



This undated photo released by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources shows part of Giant City State Park near Makanda, Ill. in Southern Illinois.

INTERNET

Study: stressed mothers may raise fat children

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Millions of poor children in the United States may be getting fat before age 10 because their mothers are stressed out and the youngsters seek escape in unhealthy comfort food, researchers said on Tuesday.

The stress is rooted in poverty and can be

Mexican police discovered an air-conditioned drug-smuggling tunnel less than 60 metres (65 yards) from the US border in northwest Mexico, state police said Tuesday.

INTERNET

brought on by money woes, work loads, insufficient health insurance and other factors, said Craig Gundersen of the University of Illinois, who led the study.

“People will eat in response to feeling stress,” he said in a telephone interview, and in this case children may be eating more in response to stress-related trouble at home.

The findings show there is a need for a firm social safety net for poor families with protections such as food stamps; better financial education to help people better manage money; and adequate

health insurance coverage, he said.

Gundersen and colleagues at Iowa State University and Michigan State University looked at data on 841 children in families living below the poverty line who were part of a government nutrition survey conducted from 1999 to 2002.

“We found that the cumulative stress experienced by the child’s mother is an important determinant of child overweight,” the research team reported in a study published in the September issue of *Pediatrics*.—*Internet*



“Early” blast-off tipped for spacewalk mission

BEIJING, 3 Sept—The planned launch date of *Shenzhou VII*, China’s third manned spacecraft, may be brought forward from next month to sometime this month, Hong Kong’s *Wen Wei Po* newspaper said.

A source reportedly told the paper the launch date will be between 17 Sept, the closing day of the Beijing Paralympics, and 1 Oct, China’s National Day. “Now it is fairly certain it will be before National Day, because the best launch window for *Shenzhou VII* will be before 1 Oct,” the news-paper quoted the source as saying.

But an officer with the General Armament Department of the People’s Liberation Army, which oversees the *Shenzhou* programme, told *China Daily* the report was “not

reliable”.

The spacecraft will lift off from the Jiuquan rocket launch site in northwestern Gansu province with three

astronauts. Two of them will enter the orbital module, with one expected to become the first Chinese spacewalker.—*Internet*

In Switzerland: diamond made of ashes of dead

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Diamonds really are forever. Algordanza, a small company based in the mountainous southeast of Switzerland, uses the

ashes of dead people to make diamonds as a permanent memento for their nearest and dearest.

And with prices starting at less than 5,000 euros

(7,488 US dollars), the jewels are not solely the preserve of the jetset.

“Some people find it helpful to go to the cemetery and grieve, and they leave their grief in the cemetery,” said Algordanza Chairman Veit Brimer. “There are some people who, for whatever reason, do not want to have this farewell.

“Astonishingly these are mainly Christian people. They say: ‘Why should I say goodbye? I’ll see my husband in 15 years in heaven anyway’,” Brimer said.—*Internet*



Photo shows a grain of yellow diamond which was made by LifeGem company of the US using human bone ash.—XINHUA

Brazil begins production in pre-salt layer oil field

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva Tuesday attended a ceremony marking the first oil production in the pre-salt layer field in southeast Brazil.

The production began with a Long-Duration Test (LDT) of about six months to one year to observe the operation in the Jubarte field off the coast of

southeastern Espirito Santo state.

Petrobras, the state oil firm, will spend about 50 million reais (31.25 million US dollars) to adjust the P-34 Platform, which is expected to extract 18,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day from the Jubarte pre-salt layer field.

The Jubarte field has a salt layer of only 200

metres and while the Tupi field, the largest ever oil field discovered recently, has a salt layer of over two km. Guilherme Estrella, Petrobras’s Exploitation and Production Director, said the company hoped to gain practical experience for exploitation at pre-salt layer oil fields through production at the P-34 Platform.

Internet

China’s coastal areas face further flooding

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Typhoons and heavy rainstorms are forecast to hit coastal areas over the next month, which could lead to further flooding of the Hanjiang and Jialing rivers, both tributaries of the Yangtze, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said yesterday.

Four to five rounds of typhoons may emerge in the West Pacific Ocean and South China Sea, with two likely to hit coastal cities, the *Xinhua News Agency* quoted the agency as saying. Meanwhile, the National Meteorological Centre said yesterday that heavy rains will hit the Huaihe, Yellow and

Yangtze rivers over the next three days, *Xinhua* reported.

Regional governments have been alerted to the danger and have been told to make sure local people stay well away from high-risk areas, the flood headquarters said.

Ships and fishing boats have been advised to stay in harbour, it said.

Since the start of this summer’s wet season, six rounds of typhoons have led to the flooding of several major waterways, including the Pearl and Nenjiang rivers and Taihu, Dongting and Poyang lakes, the flood agency said.

Smoking riskier to women’s hearts than men’s

MUNICH, 3 Sept—Women typically get heart disease much later than men, but not if they smoke, researchers said Tuesday. In fact, women who smoke have heart attacks more than a dozen years earlier than women who don’t smoke, Norwegian doctors reported in a study presented to the European Society of Cardio-

logy. For men, the gap is not so dramatic; male smokers have heart attacks about six years earlier than men who don’t smoke.

“This is not a minor difference,” said Dr Silvia Priori, a cardiologist at the Scientific Institute in Pavia, Italy. “Women need to realize they are losing much more than men when they smoke,” she said. Priori was not connected to the research.

Internet

Between the start of June and the end of last month, floods nationwide killed 436 people, damaged more than 6.6 million hectares of cropland and demolished 370,000 houses, a *Xinhua* report claimed.

Internet



Wearing clothes made of plastic storage cards, pop diva Jolin Tsai promotes a convenience store on Monday, 1 September, 2008.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Germany's Ballack out of opening World Cup qualifiers



Germany captain
Michael Ballack

FRANKFURT, 3 Sept — Germany captain Michael Ballack has pulled out of forthcoming World Cup qualifiers against Liechtenstein and Finland, the German football federation said on Tuesday.

Ballack's bruised and inflamed left foot means he will have to miss the 6 September clash against Liechtenstein and the

game in Finland four days later, the federation added.

The German federation had earlier said Ballack would be out of the first match but that there had been no decision on the Helsinki fixture.

However Loew, speaking at Oliver Kahn's farewell match in Munich, said: "Michael will not be playing against Finland," Loew said. "Because he must have a break of eight or nine days."

The absence of Ballack, who has played 87 times for his country and scored 38 goals, is not a surprise however as German coach Joachim Loew said at the weekend the star midfielder was a serious doubt for the matches.

Internet

Federer, Djokovic survive five set scares at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Four-time defending champion Roger Federer and 2007 runner-up Novak Djokovic survived five-set scares from stubborn fourth-round opponents Tuesday at the 20.6 million dollar US Open.

Federer, whose 12 Grand Slam titles are two shy of Pete Sampras's all-time record, extended his US Open win streak to 31 matches by beating Russian Igor Andreev 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

An ailing Djokovic had to dig equally deep while playing through a sore right hip to defeat Spain's Tommy Robredo 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

"Novak got a tough one too," Federer said. "You always wish for three sets but honestly those five-setters are fun."

Internet

We'd pay 135 million pounds for Cristiano Ronaldo say City owners

LONDON, 3 Sept — Manchester City's new billionaire Arab owners say they are willing to pay 135 million pounds (210 million dollars) to land Cristiano Ronaldo from the Red side of the city. "Ronaldo has said he wants to play for the biggest club in the world, so we will see in January if he is serious," the *Guardian* newspaper quoted Dr Sulaiman Al-Fahim, of City's new owners, the Abu Dhabi United Group, as saying on their website.

According to the report Tuesday, Al-Fahim also wants to track down other major stars, including Arsenal striker Thierry Henry and Valencia's David Villa as City, one of England's perennial under-achievers in recent decades, head for the footballing stratosphere.

Internet



Manchester City's new billionaire Arab owners say they are willing to pay 135 million pounds (210 million dollars) to land Cristiano Ronaldo, pictured in June 2008, from the Red side of the city.—INTERNET

Newcastle want Keegan to continue as manager

NEWCASTLE, 3 Sept — Newcastle United denied Tuesday that manager Kevin Keegan had been sacked and said the English Premier League club want him to remain in his job.



Newcastle United denied Tuesday that manager Kevin Keegan, pictured in April 2008, had been sacked and said the English Premier League club want him to remain in his job.—INTERNET

"For the avoidance of doubt the club has not sacked Kevin Keegan as manager," the English Premier League club said in a statement, adding it hoped he would stay on "to play an instrumental role as manager of the club."

Media reports had claimed both that Keegan, 57, had been dismissed, and that he had resigned in the wake of meetings held following the club's failure to make any major signings before Monday's closure of the transfer window.

Internet

Oliver Kahn bids adieu

MUNICH, 3 Sept — Former Bayern Munich and Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn bowed out of the game on Tuesday after 20 years as a professional, his testimonial at Bayern's Allianz-Arena finishing 1-1 between Bayern and a German select XI.

Kahn, 39, made 557 appearances in the Bundesliga for Dortmund and Bayern and bade farewell, having Monday insisted that "there aren't many things I miss" about the game. Kahn played the match for Bayern, with whom he won eight league titles as well as the Champions League in 2001.

He was also voted player of the tournament at the 2002 World Cup, where he helped Die Mannschaft reach the final only for a mistake to give Brazil the opening goal in a 2-0 win for the South Americans.—Internet



Oliver Kahn waves after the football match between the German national team and Bayern Munich to mark the end of Oliver Kahn's football career at the Allianz Arena in the southern German city of Munich. Kahn bowed out of the game on Tuesday after 20 years as a professional, his testimonial at Bayern's Allianz-Arena finishing 1-1 between Bayern and a German select XI.—INTERNET

Inter Milan's teenage star Balotelli can be great, says Lippi

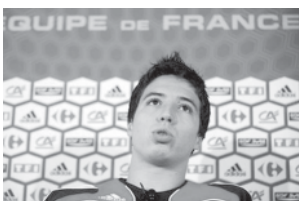
ROME, 3 Sept — Inter Milan's teenage forward Mario Balotelli is an Italy star of the future according to national team coach Marcello Lippi. Lippi, the man who guided Italy to World Cup glory in 2006, is preparing his squad for their first two World Cup 2010 qualifiers, in Cyprus on Saturday and then at home to Georgia on 10 September.

And although he didn't call up the 18 year-old Ghana-born player to his squad, he believes that Balotelli has a bright future ahead of him.—Internet



Inter Milan's teenage forward Mario Balotelli, pictured in May 2008, is an Italy star of the future according to national team coach Marcello Lippi.—INTERNET

Nasri hungry for French World Cup resurgence



French midfielder
Samir Nasri

PARIS, 3 Sept — Arsenal star Samir Nasri will do anything to banish memories of France's disastrous European Championships - even if it means missing the Muslim celebration of ramadan.

The young midfielder has earmarked this weekend's World Cup qualifier against Austria as the perfect time to show that France is still a top force in international football. "People often say to me that the Euro was a bad experience, but I don't see it like that," Nasri told reporters at the team's training camp on Tuesday.

"When you experience failure as a young person you try not to reproduce the same errors," he said.

Internet

Ochoa: LPGA English-only rule 'a little drastic'

MEXICO CITY, 3 Sept — Lorena Ochoa of Mexico says a new LPGA Tour policy requiring players to be effective in English starting in 2009 is a "little drastic."

Ochoa, the No 1 player in women's golf, says golfers are better judged by their performance.

She was asked at a charity event in her hometown of Guadalajara on Tuesday if she thought the new policy discriminated against international players.

"That is a very strong word. I wouldn't want to use it," said Ochoa, who speaks English. "But I do think it is a little drastic."

Internet



LPGA Tour player Lorena Ochoa of Mexico, right, greets children during a charity event at an elementary school in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 2 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Australia name unknowns for Davis Cup tie with Chile

SYDNEY, 3 Sept — Australia face a tough challenge as they try to win their way back into the Davis Cup World Group later this month against Chile with a team of virtual unknowns.

Australian Davis Cup captain John Fitzgerald on Wednesday named a six-man squad for the 19-21 September clash in Santiago — but missing was former world number one Lleyton Hewitt, who recently underwent season-ending hip surgery. In his absence, world number 87 Chris Guccione will be leading a weak Australian Davis Cup team on clay against a Chilean team led by Olympic silver medallist and 11th-ranked Fernando Gonzalez.—Internet

Bush in low-key role at McCain convention

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept — President George W Bush tried on Tuesday to rally support for John McCain as the Republican presidential nominee, even as their party's convention relegated the unpopular Bush to an eight-minute satellite message. "He is ready to lead this nation," Bush said in excerpts of a speech to be broadcast from the White House to Republican delegates in St Paul, Minnesota.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuela rivals US in Central America, Caribbean

CARACAS, 3 Sept — Venezuela's socialist President Hugo Chavez has won over some of the United States' closest allies in the Caribbean and Central America with oil credits and aid that match similar efforts by Washington.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in food aid and billions in low-interest loans to buy Venezuelan oil put Chavez neck-and-neck with the United States as a major financier in a region that US officials once called their backyard.

Chavez, who has clashed with the White House on everything from free trade to fighting drugs, is now a top benefactor even to Washington allies who welcome his aid offers to offset rising energy and food import bills.

With oil prices expected to stay high, analysts say Chavez's influence will grow in a

region that was once a Cold War battlefield and remains impoverished.

"The economic relationship with Venezuela now appears to be central to the region's short-and medium-term stability," said Anthony Bryan, a senior associate at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies think-tank in Washington.

MNA/Reuters

Nigerian security forces arrest US filmmaker

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 3 Sept — Authorities in Nigeria have charged a US journalist working on a documentary in the oil-producing Niger Delta with spying after he was arrested for filming the Army, a media watchdog said on Tuesday.

Andrew Berends, a freelance journalist, was arrested on Sunday for filming a deployment by a joint military taskforce which patrols the region, military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa said.

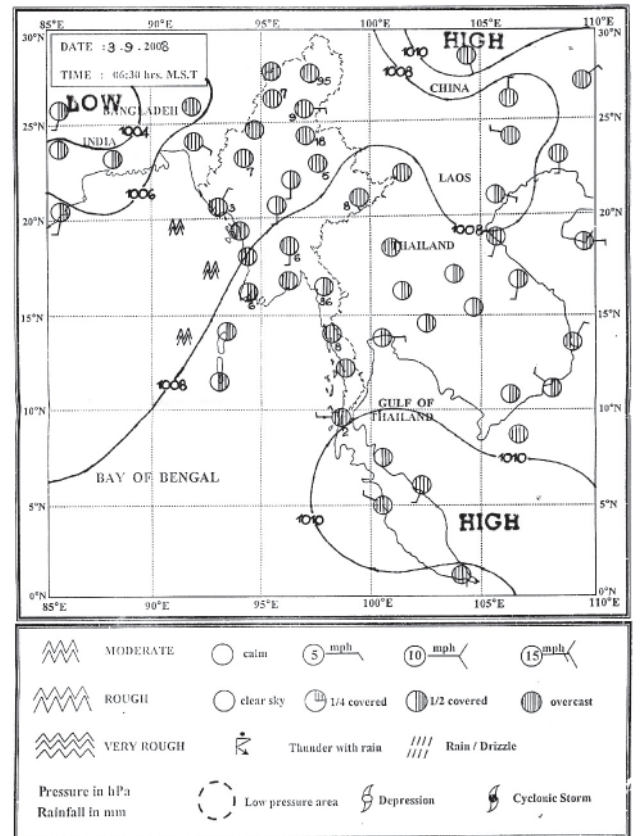
"He was handed over to the State Security Services for professional investigation, to simply ascertain his mission and why he intruded into an operational area, snapped video shots of troops and their deployment without clearance," Musa said.

He did not confirm any charge against Berends.

MNA/Reuters

A fire burns in the five-star Atlantis hotel, which was set to open later this month and currently has no guests in it, on the man-made Palm Island in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tuesday, 2 Sept, 2008. Firefighters have been battling flames in the lobby of the five-star hotel on the artificial island which was built in the shape of a palm tree, but the cause of the fire is not yet known.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 3 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (3.78) inches, Katha (3.35) inches, Machanbaw (1.81) inches, Bhamo (1.65) inches, Sittway (1.53) inches, and Heho and Mawlamyine (1.41) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 2-9-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 3-9-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-9-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 2-9-2008 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-9-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (80.87) inches at Mingaladon, (91.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South-west at (13:30) hours MST on 2-9-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday,
4 September
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:10 am

- Dance variety

8:15 am

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8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial songs

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

- Songs of national races

4:35 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirits

4:45 pm

- Musical programme

5:00 pm

- “နတ်လူသာသနာစေတီ” (ဓေတ်သစ်၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ သတိုးဇော) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သော်ကိုကိုရွှေ)

5:25 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:30 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

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6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

6:45 pm

- Musical programme

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

- Local news

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

- ★ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ★ BBC lying
- ★ VOA deceiving
- ★ RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Minister looks into production process of Natural Pozzolan Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by officials concerned, arrived at Natural Pozzolan Factory near Ngayantgon Village, about two miles from Popa, Mandalay Division on 1 September.

At the briefing hall of the factory, factory manager U Kyi Tun reported on completion of new

Natural Pozzolan Factory that can produce 500 tons per day, production by performance test, availability and storage of raw materials and production of finished goods. After hearing the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions.

After that, the minister looked into performance test by computer system, generating of ball mill and installation of ma-

chines in the factory and stressed the need for operating the machines systematically.

Afterwards, the minister observed storage and packing of finished goods. The minister gave instructions on running the factory at full capacity, supervising quality control, minimizing wastage sanitation of factory environs and safety, and fulfilled the needs.—MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Natural Pozzolan Factory, near Ngayantgon Village in Popa, Mandalay Division.

MNA

‘Autonomous’ helicopters teach themselves to fly



Computer Science Professor Andrew Ng (center) and his graduate students Pieter Abbeel (left) and Adam Coates have developed an artificial intelligence system that enables these helicopters to perform difficult aerobatic stunts on their own. The “autonomous” helicopters teach themselves to fly by watching the maneuvers of a radio control helicopter flown by a human pilot. (Credit: Image courtesy of Stanford University).—INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 3 Sept—Stanford computer scientists have developed an artificial intelligence system that enables robotic helicopters to teach themselves to fly difficult stunts

by watching other helicopters perform the same maneuvers.

The result is an autonomous helicopter that can perform a complete airshow of complex tricks

on its own.

The stunts are “by far the most difficult aerobatic maneuvers flown by any computer controlled helicopter,” said Andrew Ng, the professor

directing the research of graduate students Pieter Abbeel, Adam Coates, Timothy Hunter and Morgan Quigley.

The dazzling airshow is an important demonstration of “apprenticeship learning,” in which robots learn by observing an expert, rather than by having software engineers peck away at their keyboards in an attempt to write instructions from scratch.

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It may be advisable that “Yesterday is for the Old, Tomorrow is for the Young, for Us is Today”. Never try to delay. ‘Delay means Defeat’. So, Let us try to maintain ‘Good Habit of Learning and Imparting to Others’.

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HLA MYATT SOE (MERB)

Apple launches 3G iPhone



Photo shows new Apple 3G iPhone at Telcel Center in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata Vodafone Essar and larger rival Bharti Airtel will start selling the device starting Friday. Apple Inc has issued a software update for the latest iPhone to help fix connection problems that led to a flurry of online complaints from customers, a European mobile service provider said on Tuesday as Credit Suisse reported strong US sales of the device. One of the key attractions of the latest iPhone is its faster, third-generation (3G) Web connections when compared with the first iPhone that was launched in mid-2007.

XINHUA