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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

Efforts for nation to be able to stand in dignity among international community is might of national culture

Secretary-1 addresses the dinner in honour of maestros, panel of judges of Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — A dinner was hosted in honour of the panel of judges of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Patron of Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address and presented certificates of honour to the judges.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, members of the panel of partons of the leading committee, deputy ministers, the director-general of

the SPDC Office and departmental heads, departmental officials, national races and guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo arrived at the city hall where he was welcomed by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and members of the committee.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that he was very glad to see all maestros who have been maintaining and promoting Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts healthy and happy.

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are the forefront of maintaining national culture. The gratitude of the maestros who have made energetic efforts for the success of the competitions year after year is enormous.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers a speech at the ceremony to present certificates of honour to panel of judges of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

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It is necessary to thwart the penetration of alien cultures and make a flourishing and ever-lasting own national culture with national outlook.



Frank Lampard

Scolari's vote for World Player goes to Lampard

LONDON, 30 Oct— Chelsea manager Luiz Felipe Scolari has hailed Frank Lampard as his choice for FIFA World Player of the Year award after the midfielder put the Blues on the path for victory at Hull City with a brilliant goal last night.

The Blues, who had lost

at the weekend to Liverpool, beat the high-flying Tigers 3-0 with Nicolas Anelka and Florent Malouda adding to the scoreline after England international Lampard had opened the account with a wonderfully executed left-foot chip from the edge of the box.

“My vote for World Player of the Year is for Frank. Only he could score that goal,” Scolari said in The Sun.

It's one of the best goals I've seen. There's only one player with this quality to score that goal, he said.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve and promote traditional cultural performing arts

Myanmar society has been civilized since time immemorial. Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts portray Myanmar society's social ethics, customs, fine traditions, attitude and attributes.

Now, the government is reviving and promoting the cultural heritage, while safeguarding the national character. At the centre of this noble aim lies the annually organizing of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions.

The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for this year have been organized on a grand scale in Nay Pyi Taw. A total of 2605 contestants took part in singing, dancing, song composing and musical instrument playing competitions in conformity with the essence of Myanmar cultural arts. The contestants played their roles and presented brilliant performances in the competitions, thereby enhancing the Myanmar traditional cultural arts.

Throughout the successive periods, Myanmar maestros, artistes and artists have related views, opinions and etiquettes to the people in a gentle way. Present generation of maestros, artistes and artists are also dutiful in preserving and safeguarding the national prestige and integrity and cultural heritage steadfastly.

Today, alien culture and lifestyle are penetrating variously into way of life of the people. So, artistes have to make sustained efforts for safeguarding and uplifting the traditional cultural heritage and national character.

All artistes are, therefore, duty-bound to work hard to continuously serve the interest of the people through the might of arts, while preserving and promoting Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts.

Managing Director Francis Au Seng Huat of Client Focus Technology Group Co Ltd makes a speech at media conference.—MNA



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

Forestry Ministry honours sports medalists

YANGON, 30 Oct—The Ministry of Forestry honoured its outstanding athletes at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here on 28 October.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an introductory speech.

The minister and heads of department presented gifts to the medal winners.

In 2007-2008 fiscal year, athletes of the ministry won three gold, nine silver and 15 bronze in international sports events, and 47 gold, 42 silver and 50 silver in local sports events.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung extends greetings at the ceremony to honour the outstanding athletes.—FORESTRY

10th Anniversary ICT Exhibition to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall

YANGON, 30 Oct—Under the guidance of Myanmar Computer Federation, organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, the 10th Anniversary ICT Exhibition will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 31st October to 2 November.

Courses such as CICT Diploma in Software Engineering and CICT Diploma in Business IT recognized by Cambridge

of Malaysia from Myanmar Professionals Education, Microsoft Net, Java Programming and Web Design to be jointly

opened by Beacon School of Technology of Singapore and MPEC of Myanmar are on display at the exhibition.—MNA

Media conference on BenQ brand computer & accessories conducted

YANGON, 30 Oct—Client Focus Technology Group Co Ltd and Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd conducted a media conference on BenQ brand new product of computer at Traders Hotel here yesterday.

On the occasion, Managing Director Francis Au Seng Huat of CFTG Co Ltd extended greetings and then Director U Aung Kyaw Moe and Managing Director U Nyan Hline Oo of MTZ Co Ltd explained facts about BenQ brand computer, monitor, digital camera and slight projector.

BenQ brand

computer and accessories consist of laptop computers, LCD monitors, digital cameras and slight projectors. Laptop computer includes entry level laptop, life style laptop and business laptop. There are three kinds of monitors in the LCD monitor which are suitable for Myanmar seasons. A 19-inch advanced HDMI media in LCD jointly use with TV and Video.

BenQ brand digital cameras are easy to be used in various works. The BenQ brand projector makes clearly its image production, and it will be sold at a reasonable price. It gives a

three-year guarantee. BenQ is a famous IT organization in 100 countries. The motto of BenQ is "Bringing Enjoyment and Quality to Life".

BenQ brand laptop computer and LCD monitors are available at Client Focus Technology Group Co Ltd No SB-4 in Aungzeya housing at the corner of Strand Road and Ahlon Street and dial 215247, 513419, 249344 and 374110 and BenQ brand digital camera and projector at Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd No 152 B, Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township, 524569, 723099.—MNA





Congolese tanks and thousands of displaced people stream into Goma in eastern Congo, on 29 Oct, 2008. Thousands of refugees started streaming into the eastern provincial capital of Goma in the afternoon, impeded by army tanks, trucks and jeeps pulling back from the battle front.—INTERNET

Congo soldiers fleeing Goma along with refugees

GOMA (Congo), 30 Oct—Firing wildly, Congolese soldiers commandeered cars, taxis and motorbikes Wednesday in a retreat from advancing rebel fighters, joining tens of thousands of terrified refugees struggling to stay ahead of the violence.

As gunfire crackled in this eastern provincial capital, the Tutsi rebels said they had reached the outskirts of Goma and declared a unilateral cease-fire to prevent panic as the army retreats and residents flee.

Congo said Rwandan troops had crossed the border and attacked its soldiers—raising the specter that neighboring nations will again be drawn into Congo's war. Rwanda's Tutsi-led

government immediately denied the charge, but Congo turned to Angola for help defending its territory.

As the chaos mounted, the US announced its officials were leaving Goma and urged all American citizens to do the same. The State Department said Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer was heading to the capital, Kinshasa, and would arrive Thursday.

"There is a lot of violence," said spokesman Sean McCormack. "This is of deep concern to us."

Thousands of panicked refugees clogged the dirt roads out of Goma, struggling to reach safety.

Internet

Suicide blast inside Afghan government building

KABUL, 30 Oct—A suicide bomber blew himself up inside the Afghan Ministry of Information and Culture on Thursday, killing at least three people, officials and witnesses said. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

The bomber shot two police officers outside the ministry building in the centre of Kabul before entering the large hall inside, where he blew himself up, said Abdul Jabar, a security guard near the ministry building. It was unclear whether the officers died of their injuries.

Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said three militants stormed the building by throwing hand grenades at the guards at the main gate. One carried out the suicide attack and the other two fled, he told *The Associated Press*.

It was impossible to immediately verify the details of Mujahid's claim.

At least three people were killed in the attack, said Ali Shah Ahmadzai, Kabul's deputy police chief. Another 12 people were wounded in the explosion, said Abdul Fahim, the spokesman for the health ministry.

One of the walls of the building collapsed. Glass littered the roads nearby and office equipment was scattered over the area.

Ministry workers were helped out of the building by security personnel and ambulances carried the wounded to hospitals.—*Internet*



Afghans carry an injured woman after a suicide attack in Kabul on 30 Oct, 2008. An explosion in a crowded area outside Afghanistan's information ministry in the heart of the capital on Thursday caused some casualties, residents and a ministry official said.—INTERNET



Syria hardens stance after deadly US raid

DAMASCUS, 30 Oct—Syria threatened Wednesday to cut off security co-operation along the Iraqi border if there are more American raids on Syrian territory, and the US Embassy announced it would close Thursday because of a mass rally called to protest a deadly weekend commando attack.

Thousands were expected to participate in the government-sanctioned protest. Though authorities usually keep Syria under tight control and Americans have generally been welcomed, violence against US and European interests at protests has erupted in the past.

"The US Embassy will be closed on Oct 30th due to past demonstrations which resulted in violence and significant damage to

US facilities and other embassies," the embassy said on its website.

It also said an American school in the Syrian capital would temporarily shut its doors Thursday and warned US citizens in Syria to be vigilant.—*Internet*

A victim of the bomb blast is taken to hospital from the Ganeshguri blast site in the heart of Guwahati city, northeast India on 30, October, 2008.

INTERNET

A policeman inspects a damaged vehicle at the site of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad on 30 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET



Bombs kill at least 33 in India's Assam state

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct — A series of bomb blasts ripped through India's restive northeastern state of Assam today, killing at least 33 people and injuring more than 100.

At least 13 bombs exploded in four towns including Guwahati, Assam's main city, just before midday.

Most of the explosions occurred in busy marketplaces, timed to strike daytime shoppers. One bomb went off a few hundred yards from the offices of Assam's chief minister. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts.

An unprecedented wave of bomb attacks has hit India this year, killing more than 125 people.

Internet



Pakistani soldiers prepare tents for earthquake survivors in Wam on 30 Oct, 2008. Rescuers on 30 Oct struggled to deliver aid to villagers in remote parts of southwest Pakistan after a powerful earthquake destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least 215 people.—INTERNET

China sends officials to handle Sudan hostage crisis

BEIJING ,30 Oct— China sent a team of officials to Sudan on Thursday to seek the release of kidnapped oil workers in the disputed aftermath of rescue efforts after four Chinese hostages were killed.

Officials from the Foreign Ministry, Commerce Ministry and China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC) left Beijing to negotiate with the Sudanese side on all-out efforts *Xinhua* news agency reported. The Foreign Ministry said two were still missing.

Internet



Protesters push against the shields of anti-riot policemen during a rally outside the US embassy in Manila on 30 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Canadian man found guilty in terror trial

OTTAWA ,30 Oct— A Canadian man who admired Osama Bin Laden and who was the first to be charged under a tough new anti-terror law was

found guilty on Wednesday in a trial linked to a plot to carry out bomb attacks in Britain.

Judge Douglas Rutherford of the Ontario

Superior Court ruled that 29-year-old software engineer Momin Khawaja had been involved with a British terrorist group, which he knew was involved in terrorist activity.

Rutherford convicted him of five of seven terrorism offenses, as well as two separate criminal offenses of having worked on a device to activate a bomb detonator and possessing an explosive substance.

Khawaja was tried without a jury.

Internet

Anthrax hoaxes from Calif man still in mail



A package labelled ‘anthrax’ sits on a counter at the photo desk of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on 29 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct—A California man was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of sending hoax letters labelled “anthrax” to scores of media outlets, the *FBI* said Wednesday, warning that

many of the threats may still be in the mail.

Marc M Keyser, 66, sent more than 120 envelopes containing a compact disc that had a packet of sugar labelled “Anthrax Sample” along with

a biohazard symbol, the *FBI* said in a news release. The CD was titled “Anthrax: Shock & Awe Terror.”

Keyser was taken into custody without incident at his home in Sacramento on three counts of sending a hoax letter, the *FBI* said. At least some of the packages had Keyser’s return address on them, said *FBI* agent Steve Dupre.

Keyser is being held at the Sacramento County jail and is expected to make his first court appearance Thursday.

It wasn’t known Wednesday evening whether he had a lawyer.—*Internet*

Pakistani helicopters search for quake survivors

QUETTA,30 Oct—Pakistani army helicopters scoured mountains on Thursday for survivors of a powerful earthquake that struck the previous day killing more than 200 people.

The 6.4 magnitude quake struck the Ziarat valley in the southwestern province of Baluchistan at dawn on Wednesday, levelling about 1,500 mud-walled houses, triggering landslides and leaving nearly 15,000 homeless.

Efforts shifted from rescue to relief as hundreds of injured people were shifted to hospitals. But a senior army official said searches were being conducted in the mountains above the valley for any stranded villagers.

“Along with the relief operation, we’re still looking for survivors and our helicopters are still flying,” said Major-General Saleem Nawaz, commander of the paramilitary Frontier Corps in the

province.

The quake struck just over three years after 73,000 people were killed when a 7.6 magnitude quake hit Pakistan’s northern mountains. Last year, the worst floods on record in Baluchistan killed hundreds.

The epicentre of Wednesday’s quake was in Ziarat district, a picturesque valley and one of the province’s main tourist spots.

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Qantas airliner guided to safety after weather radar fails

SYDNEY ,30 Oct —A Qantas jumbo jet flying from Los Angeles to Australia was guided into New Zealand by another airliner after its weather radar failed over the Pacific Ocean, the airline said Thursday.

The faulty weather radar was discovered on the *Boeing 747-400* flight QF12 carrying nearly 300 passengers a few hours after it left Los Angeles on Monday night, a spokesman said.

“An Air New Zealand flight was a short distance ahead and it provided the Qantas aircraft with information from its own radar system throughout the journey,” he told *AFP*.

New Zealand television reported that the Air New Zealand flight was 35 kilometres (22 miles) away from the Qantas plane when the captain made radio contact asking for assistance.

New Zealand’s *Boeing 747* then flew 1,000 metres (1,100 yards) off the Qantas plane’s port wing, relaying weather updates, and guided it into Auckland Airport on Wednesday morning, *TVNZ* said.

Passengers awoke to sunrise over Auckland and the announcement the flight had been diverted, passenger Sean Lygo told the broadcaster.—*Internet*



A Qantas jumbo jet flying from Los Angeles to Australia was guided into New Zealand by another airliner after its weather radar failed over the Pacific Ocean, the airline said on 30 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET



A South Korean AH-1S Cobra helicopter fires missiles during a drill at an army firing range in Yangpyeong, on 28 Oct.—INTERNET

Chinese premier says multipolar world conducive to peace, development

MOSCOW, 30 Oct—China believes that a multipolar world is in the interest of the world people and is conducive to peace and development across the globe, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Wednesday.

In an interview with Russia's *Itar-Tass* and *Interfax* news agencies, Wen said that people across the world need a peaceful, stable, secure and harmonious environment.

To meet the need, all countries should abide by the UN charter and various

international laws and give full play to the United Nations and other international organizations in their roles of maintaining world order, Wen said.

He stressed that developing countries should have more say in world affairs as they are the majority in the international community.

Russia and China share the same stance in this regard, the Chinese premier said.

As a developing nation, China is still facing many structural problems

during its economic development such as income inequality, regional development discrepancy, and unbalanced development between urban and rural areas, Wen said while being asked about China's role in the world economy.

China, with a huge population of 1.3 billion, is one of the leading countries in the world in terms of total economic output. However, its per capita GDP still lags far behind, Wen said.

Xinhua



Survivors receive medical treatment in the worst-hit Ziarat area in southwestern Pakistan's Balochistan province, on 29 Oct, 2008.
XINHUA

Cambodian Prime Minister to visit Vietnam

HANOI, 30 Oct—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen will pay a two-day official visit to Vietnam from 4 Nov, reported by the local newspaper *Thanh Nien* on Thursday.

The visit is at the invitation of Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, the newspaper quoted the Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as saying.

The Prime Minister will hold talks with Vietnamese officials to discuss measures for promoting bilateral cooperation in all fields in the future, especially in the sectors of economy, trade and investment.

The two sides will also hold discussions on how to speed up the implementation land demarcation and strengthen cooperation between the two countries in the regional and multi-lateral forums.—Xinhua

China to support Sochi in hosting Winter Olympics

SOCHI, 30 Oct—The Chinese government will firmly support Russia's Sochi in its preparation work for the Winter Olympic Games in 2014 and encourage Chinese enterprises to take part in the infrastructural construction, said a senior official here on Wednesday.

Chinese State Councilor Liu Yandong expressed congratulations for the Black Sea resort's successful bidding for the Olympics and appreciated Russia's support to China during the Beijing Olympics in August.

She also hailed the booming China-Russia relations, saying the cooperation between the two countries' regions has great potential.

Sochi is the second leg of Liu's visit to Russia after her stay in Moscow.—Xinhua



Chinese State Councilor Liu Yandong (L) reviews the preparation work for the Winter Olympic Games in 2014 in Sochi, Russia, on 29 Oct, 2008.
XINHUA

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China launches telecom satellite for Venezuela



A Long March 3II rocket carrying a Venezuelan telecommunication satellite blasts off from the launch pad at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 30 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

XICHANG, 30 Oct—China successfully sent a Venezuelan telecommunication satellite into space on the early morning of Thursday. It is China's first contract of manufacture and launching service for a Latin American country.

Carried by a Long March 3II rocket, the satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre located in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The satellite was produced by China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation with an all-up weight of 5,100 kg and an designed longevity of 15 years. The orbiter, named as *Venezuela 1 Telecom Satellite*, is the first telecom satellite of Venezuela which will be used in broadcasting, tele-education and medical service by covering the most regions of South America and the Caribbean region.—Xinhua

HK stocks soar over 5% during early morning session

HONG KONG, 30 Oct—Hong Kong stocks rose 716.03 points, or 5.64 percent to 13,418.10 in the first 20 minutes of Thursday's morning session, tracking gains in regional markets' early trade after a half-point interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve overnight.

Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index opened at 13,280.44 on Thursday, up 578.37 points, or 4.55 percent. South Korean benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) stocks opened more than 7 percent higher Thursday while Tokyo stocks opened higher with the key Nikkei index up 2.42 percent. Wall Street tradings mixed Wednesday after the Fed cut a key interest rate by half a percentage point to 1.0 percent to prevent the economy from slipping into deep recession.—Xinhua



Foreign artists in traditional Chinese costume interact with locals in Nicheng Town of Lingang New City, Nanhai District, during the Shanghai International Arts Festival.
XINHUA

Open source technology casts new perspective on China's development

BEIJING, 30 Oct — A senior official of a world leading IT company said recently that open source technology stands as a significant opportunity for China's development.

Crawford Beveridge, vice president of Sun Microsystems Inc (NASDAQ: JAVA), said that open source software, the source of which can be used, modified and published by public, and other open IT standards are cheaper, more stable and flexible and are new ways to ensure local and sustained growth.

Its characteristic of openness can prompt the creation of indigenous innovative companies, regardless of macroeconomic or other international challenge, Beveridge said.—Xinhua

Industrialists, departments to cooperate and coordinate for industrial development



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence extends greetings at the work coordination meeting of the management committees of the industrial zones.—MNA

YANGON, 30 Oct—The management committees of the Industrial Zones in Yangon Division held a meeting at Yangon Command on Konmyinthath here this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence in his speech said that he often met with entrepreneurs in the industrial zones in Yangon Division and was attending to their needs and so were ministers in charge of the industrial zones concerned, adding that

therefore he believed the functions were going smooth.

He said that the purpose of the meeting was to seek ways to work out the problems of the industrialists. He called for cooperation of industrialists and departments for the industrial development.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-

Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on ongoing measures for industrial development in Yangon Division and programmes for providing assistance.

Chairmen and officials from the industrial zones and entrepreneurs reported on work progress and requirements. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the mayor dealt with the reports and fulfilled their needs.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave concluding remarks.

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prizes to the winners in the dancing contest and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, prizes to the winners in the Kwtseik Contest and the marionette contest.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented first, second and third prizes to U Kyaw Lin of Sagaing Division, U Than Shein of Ayeyawady Division and U Myint Soe of Kayin State in the amateur level (first class) song composing contest, and first, second and third prizes to U Khin Maung Zaw of Bago Division, U Myint Swe of Mandalay Division and U Than Win of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) song composing contest and first, second and third prizes to Maung Htang Lyan Kat of Sagaing Division, Ma Chaw Su of Kayah State and Ma Nang Theingi Win of Mon State in the higher education level song composing contest respectively.

Next, gold medalist U Kyaw Lin of Sagaing Division presented his created song.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented prizes to the winners: U Chan Tha of Mon State who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's harp contest and Maung Wai Phyo Naing of Rakhine State, second respectively; U Thaw Zin Win of Mandalay Division who stood first, U Myo Thant of Ayeyawady Division, second and U Khin Maung Hsan of Mon State, third in the amateur level (second class) men's harp contest respectively; Maung Nay Lin Kyaw of Mandalay Division, who stood first in the higher education level (men's) harp contest, Maung Aung Ko Ko of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Thura of Bago Division, third respectively; Maung Kan Oo Aung of Bago Division and Maung Myo Myint Hset of Yangon Division who stood firsts in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' harp contest and Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division, second; Maung Theik Chit Aung of Mandalay Division who stood first in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' harp contest, Maung Waing La Min of Yangon Division, second and Maung Ye Win Kyaw (a) Shar Lo of Shan State, third respectively; Maung Pyae Thawda Aung of Bago Division who stood first in the (aged 5-10) boys' harp contest,

Maung Ye Htet Aung of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Kyi Win of Ayeyawady Division, third respectively; Daw Tin Nilar Win of Ayeyawady Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's harp contest, Daw Lwin Mar Thein of Taninthayi Division, second and Daw Nanda Aye of Mandalay Division, third respectively; the second prize to Daw Nanda Aye of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (second class) women's harp contest; Ma Khin Moe Hein of Kayin State, who stood first in the amateur level (second class) women's harp contest, Ma Khin Aye Mon of Yangon Division, second and Daw Win Theingi Kyaw, third respectively; Ma Yadana Htay of Mandalay Division who stood first in the higher education level (women's) harp contest, Ma Ei Ei Mon of Yangon Division, second and Ma Yupa Htay of Yangon Division, third respectively; Ma Nang Thiri Khin Khin of Yangon Division who stood first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' contest and Ma Aye Su Kyaw of Mandalay Division, second; Ma Paing Theint Theint Nway of Yangon Division who stood first in the (aged 10-15) girls' harp contest, Ma Khain Zar Mon of Ayeyawady Division, second and Ma Chu Thinza Theint of Taninthayi Division, third respectively; and Ma Mya Kay Thwe Gyawt of Sagaing Division, first, Ma May Aye Aye Chan (a) Kyar Lay Sein of Yangon Division, second and Ma Su Yadana of Mandalay Division, third in (aged 5-10) girls' harp contest respectively.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung presented prizes to the winners in the xylophone contests: U Kaung Thant of Mandalay Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's contest, U Khin Yi (a) Sein Kyaw Thin of Bago Division, second and Pantaya Sein Hla Myaing of Yangon Division, third; U Khaing Myo Kyaw of Mandalay Division, first in the amateur level (second class) men's contest, U Win Tun Oo of Mandalay Division, second and U Min Ko of Yangon Division, third; Maung Myo Thu of Mandalay Division, first in the higher education level men's contest, Maung Lwin Ko Ko Oo of Ayeyawady Division, second and Manug Myo Zaw Hein (a) Myo Zaw Aung of Yangon

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Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung presents prize to Ma Wah Wah Win Shwe, first prize winner in xylophone contest.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein presents prize to Mg Zaw Min Maung, first prize winner in piano contest.—MNA

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Division, third; Maung Kyi Tha Bo of Mandalay Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' contest, Maung Aung Ko Ko of Magway Division, second and Maung Zaw Min (a) Pho La Pyae of Yangon Division, third; Maung Zaw Tint Lin of Taninthayi Division, first in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' contest, Maung Wai Yan Paing of Kachin State, second and Maung Khant Lin of Shan State, third; Maung Hsan Hsint Maung Maung of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' contest, Maung Ye Thu of Mandalay Division and Maung Khant Si Hein of Yangon Division, third; Daw Khin Khin Myint of Rakhin State, first in the amateur level (first class) women's contest, Ma Khaing Zar Win of Yangon Division, second and Pauk Kyaw Ma of Yangon Division, third; Ma Wan Kay Zin of Yangon Division, first in the amateur level (second class) women's contest, Ma Nanda Lin of Mandalay Division, second and Myanmar Pyi Sein of Ayeyawady Division, third; Ma Sein Moe of Bago Division, first in the higher education level women's contest, Ma Chan Myae Thu of Mandalay Division, second and Ma Aye Su Mar of Yangon Division, third; Ma Yadana U of Mandalay Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' contest, Ma Nyein Aye Thu of Mandalay Division, second and Ma Yadana Lin of Yangon Division, third; Ma Khin Bo Bo Han of Mandalay Division, first in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' contest, Ma Zarni Nan Lwin of Yangon Division, second and Ma Zin Mar Phyo of Bago Division, third; and Ma Wah Wah Win Shwe Hlaing of Ayeyawady Division, first in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' contest, Ma Htay Yu Aung (a) Shweyi San Lwin of Sagaing Division, second and Ma Shun Le Wai of Yangon Division, third.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein presented prizes to the winners in the piano contests: U Soe Thein of Bago Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's contest, U Aung Aung of Ayeyawady Division, second and Maung Zaw Min Oo of Yangon Division, third; Maung Thant Zin Htwe of Mandalay Division, jointly with Maung Pa Zaw Hein of Yangon Division, first in the amateur level (second class) men's contest, Maung Ye Min Han of Yangon Division, second and Maung Nay Zin Aung of Mandalay Division and U Aung Ko Thet of Ayeyawady Division, third; Maung Aung Min Thu of Yangon Division, first in the higher education level men's contest, Maung Thet Aung of Ayeyawady Division, second and Maung Nay Min Tun and Maung Aung Kyaw Moe fo Mandalay Division, joint third; Maung Aung Ko Ko Hla of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' contest, Maung Nyi Nyi Phyo Wai of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Par Par Aung of Sagaing Division, third; Maung Zaw Min Maung of Sagaing Division, first in the (aged 10-15) boys' contest, Maung Htein Nan Zawng and Maung Aung Si Min Htet of Yangon Division, joint second and Maung Phone Myint Aung of Kayah State and Maung Thura Myat Min San of Mandalay Division, joint third; Maung Thant Thura Zaw of Yangon Division and Maung Lu Maw Hein of Bago Division, joint first in the (aged 5-10) boys' contest, Manug Lwan Moe Aung of Ayeyawady Division, second and Maung Waing La Min Aung of Yangon Division, third; Daw Khin Swe Mya Kyi of Mandalay Division, first in the amateur level (first class) women's contest, Daw Lwin Mie Tun of Mandalay Division, second and Daw Khin Khaing Khaing Le of Yangon Division, third; Daw Tin Nilar Win of Ayeyawady Division, first in the amateur level (second class) women's contest, Ma Tin Zar Aye Lwin of Bago Division, second and Daw Ohnma Nwe of Shan

State, third; Ma Yin Min Htet of Yangon Division, first in the higher education level women's contest, Ma Chan Myae Thu of Mandalay Division, second and Ma Yadana Htay of Mandalay Division, third; Ma Theint Myet Thwe of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' contest and Ma Nyein Aye Thu of Mandalay Division, second; Ma Yadana U of Mandalay Division, first in the (aged 10-15) girls' contest, Ma Hsu Pyae Son Myint of Yangon Division, second and Ma Wint Wah Oo of Mandalay Division, third; Ma Khin Yin Min Hsu of Yangon Division, first in the (aged 5-10) girls' contest, Ma May Nadi Aung of Yangon Division, second and Ma Khaing Htet Htet Lin of Ayeyawady Division, third.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe gave away prizes to the winners in the music contests: U Than of Bago Division, who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's guitar contest, and U Hla Myint of Yangon Division and U Thein Naing of Mon State, joint second; U Tin Shwe of Mon State, first in the amateur level (second class) men's contest, U Kyaw Myint of Rakhine State, second and U Kyaw Swa Lin of Kachin State, third; Maung Thura of Bago Division, first in the higher education level men's contest, Maung Nyan Wint Htet of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Thant Zin of Ayeyawady Division, third; Maung Phyo Min Zaw of Kachin State, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' contest, Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division, second and Maung Htet Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Division, third; Maung Sithu Tun of Yangon Division, first in the (aged 10-15) boys' contest, Maung Min Htut of Yangon Division, second and Maung Nan Tein Yan Tun of Bago Division, third; Maung Myo Naing Oo of Mandalay Division, first in the (aged 5-10) boys' contest, Maung Saw Sekkya Aung of Yangon Division, second and Maung Thar Htoo San of Bago Division, third; Daw Ohnmar of Ayeyawady Division, first in the amateur level (first class) women's contest, Daw Nway Zin Win of Yangon Division, second and Daw Khaing Khaing Myint of Bago Division, third; Ma Chaw Yu Lin of Bago Division, first in the amateur level (second class) women's contest, Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of Ayeyawady Division, second and Ma Yupa Aung Lwin of Yangon Division, third; Ma Sabei Phyu Thein of Yangon Division, first in the higher education level women's contest, Ma Win Theingi Kyaw of Mandalay Division, second and Ma Hla Hla Win of Mandalay Division, third; Ma Po Ei Kyi Hsan of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' contest, Ma Le Le Win of Yangon Division, second and Ma Phyo Phyo Lin of Bago Division, third; Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division, first in the (aged 10-15) girls' contest, Ma May Aye Aye Chan of Yangon Division, second and Ma Nang Khin May Phyu Han of Shan State, third; Ma Thet Har Wai of Yangon Division, first in the (aged 5-10) girls' contest, Ma Mya Aw Bar Khin of Bago Division, second and Ma Khin Pyae Son Aung of Yangon Division, third.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun also awarded the winners in the mandolin contests: U Kyi Shwe of Yangon Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's contest, U San Htwe of Rakhine State, second and U Maung Maung Lwin (a) Paukkhaung Maung Maung Lay of Yangon Division, third; Maung Tun Naing Oo (a) Maung Phaung of Chin State, first in the amateur level (second class) men's contest, Maung Win Htut of Mon State, second and Maung Aung Naing Win of Rakhine State, third; Maung Naing Lin Aung of Rakhine State, first in the higher education level men's contest, Maung Ko Ko Win of Bago Division, second and Maung Nyan Wint Htet of

Mandalay Division, third; Maung Aung Aung of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' contest, Maung Ye Win Aung of Bago Division, second and Maung Toe Toe of Yangon Division, third; Maung Wunna of Mon State and Maung Htein Lin Aung of Mandalay Division, joint first in the (aged 10-15) boys contest, Maung Pho Thagyan of Yangon Division, second and Muang Sithu Tun of Yangon Division, third; Maung Po Mo Htet Aung of Ayeyawady Division, first in the (aged 5-10) boys' contest, Maung Waing La Min Aung of Yangon Division, second and Maung Hla Phone Htet of Bago Division, third; Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon Division, first in the amateur level (first class) women's contest, Daw Ohnmar of Ayeyawady Division, second and Daw Ohnmar Kyaw of Mandalay Division, third, Ma Phyu Hnin Wai of Bago Division, first in the amateur level (second class) women's contest, Ma Nway Zin Win of Yangon Division, second and Ma Aye Aye Kyaw of Yangon Division, third, Ma Yupa Aung Lwin and Ma Hsu Le Yi Aung of Yangon Division, joint first in the higher education level women's contest; Ma Theint Theint Htwe of Bago Division, first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' contest, Ma Le Le Wni of Yangon Division, second and Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division, third; Ma Hsu Shanda Hlaing of Yangon Division, first in the (aged 10-15) girls' contest, Ma Ye Yi Win of Bago Division, second and Ma Nang Khin May Phyu Han of Shan State, third; Ma Thet Htar Wai of Yangon Division, first in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' contest, Ma Aye Myat Mon of Bago Division, second and Ma Khaing Thin Kyi of Ayeyawady Division, third.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe presents prize to Ma May Myat Tin, first prize winner in guitar competition.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun presents prize to Maung Wunna, first prize winner in mandolin contest.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo honours U Yi Nwe, on behalf of judges.—MNA

Efforts for nation to be able to stand...

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This is why every time one event of cultural performing arts competitions concludes, a grand dinner is hosted to honour and recognize the efforts of maestros. For the development of a nation, efforts need to be made to ensure that the country harmoniously develops not only economically and physically but also culturally and socio-economically.

The Secretary-1 said although science and technology can actually bring about national development, striving for the nation to be able to stand in dignity among the international community is the might of national culture.

So it is necessary to thwart the penetration of alien cultures and make a flourishing and ever-lasting own national culture with national outlook at a time when the nation is trying to develop by strengthening its relations with the international community. As most of the people including artistes have conscientiously safeguarded their own national culture, Myanmar's traditional arts and culture have firmly existed till today.

Therefore, the maestros are to get today's youth to know the essence of preserving their own national culture and inculcate them with the spirit of cherishing their national culture through the might of performing arts.

As Myanmar tradi-

tional cultural performing arts competitions are held with the participation of national contestants from across the country, it can be said that these competitions are a primary source of arts.

By making good use of artistic resources spreading throughout the country, all are to strive for handing down performing arts from generation to generation, for the flourishing of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts in the whole Union, for the entire national people to adore and respect their national culture and for the people to further promote the Union Spirit.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged all the maestros to continue to try to promote the might of cultural performing arts that have been flourishing thanks to the traditional cultural performing arts competitions and national cultural heritage with fine traditions and customs.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented certificates of honour to members of the panel of judges through Daw Tin Tin Mya, Chairperson of the panel of judges for singing contest, U Sein Mar Din, Chairman of the panel of judges for dancing contest, U Maung Maung Latt, Chairman of the panel of judges for song composing contest, U Ye New, Chairman of the panel of judges for music contest,

U Hla Win of Myanmar Radio and Television and U Saw Htar Lon of Kayin State.

On behalf of members of the panels of judges, Daw Nwe Nwe San spoke words of thanks.

With the harp accompaniment by U Thet Wai, Dancer San San Nu (a) San Nilar Win and Singer Daw Myint Myint Kyi entertained those present at the dinner.

Afterwards, gold medalists Maung Myo Thiha Kyaw (a) Paing Paing and Ma Thu Zar Hlaing also entertained those present at the dinner with dances and dancers of Ministry of Culture also entertained with dances with the accompaniment of the orchestra by Aung One Two.

After the dinner, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted the maestros and judges.

MNA

Daw Nwe Nwe San, on behalf of judges, speaks words of thanks.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo honours U Hla Win of MRTV, on behalf of the MCs.—MNA

Energy Minister visits fuel stations in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct – Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi accompanied by officials visited Fuel Station Nos (0612), (0601) and (0611) of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise in

Mandalay on 27 October. The minister gave necessary instructions and looked into the sale of fuel at the stations. Next, the minister and party went to Oil Distribution and Storage Depot

in Mandalay. The minister inspected distribution and storage of fuel and gave instructions on preventive measures against fire. The minister also oversaw condition of bowsers. – MNA



Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi speaks at the meeting.—MNA

Meeting No. 1/2008 of CCDAC, task forces held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — Meeting No. 1/2008 of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and secretaries of task forces held at the headquarters of

Myanmar Police Force here today. Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi addressed the meeting. Joint-Secretary of CCDAC Police Col Kham Aung reported on accomplishment of the resolutions at the Meeting No. 1/2007 of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and secretaries of working groups and meeting No. 1/2007 of CCDAC. Secretaries of the alternative development

programme, livestock breeding task force, medication task force, the tasks force for educating students, the task force raising awareness of danger of narcotic drugs, the task force for rehabilitation, the committee for supervising chemicals and the committee for international relations reported on the measures taken by respective committees. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi.—MNA

Organizing of 16th Performing Arts Competitions reviewed

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct —The Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held a meeting to review the competitions that had successfully concluded recently was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture here this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

Present also were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, members of the leading and work committees the deputy minister, departmental heads, of-



Maj-Gen Wai Lwin makes a speech at the meeting to review the 16th Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

officials of the sub-committees, representatives of States and Divisions, Chairmen of the patron of judges, maestros and guests.

In his address, Maj-Gen Wai Lwin said that the competitions had successfully concluded due to

collaborative efforts of maestros, the ministries concerned, officials and contestants from states and divisions, the rectors and faculty members of the universities on Yezin University Campus. He stressed the need to review

strong and weak points of this year's competitions in order to make preparations for holding the 17th Performing Arts Competitions next year.

Next, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented a

review on medal standing in the 16th Performing Arts Competitions compared with the previous year and explained the arrangements of the Ministry of Culture to provide necessary assistances for the contestants.

Afterwards, those present reported on their respective works and held discussions on general matters.

The commander gave necessary instructions and made concluding remarks. *MNA*



Department of Hydropower Implementation and Colenco Power Engineering Limited of Switzerland hold the signing ceremony for agreement of consulting services.—MNA

HPID, Colenco Power Engineering Ltd signs agreement of consulting services

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — Department of Hydropower Implementation under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 signed an agreement for consulting services for In-house engineering services with Colenco Power Engineering Limited of Switzerland at the minis-

try here yesterday.

Officials concerned of the two sides signed the agreement in the presence of Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min.

Before the agreement was inked, Vice President Mr Jeans Francois Belin of Colenco Power Engineering Limited explained

matters related to the agreement.

The Agreement of Consulting was signed by Department Hydropower Implementation and Colenco Power Engineering Limited of Switzerland to implement hydropower projects in Myanmar.—*MNA*

Pyapon Township Association (Yangon) to hold alms-giving and prize presentation ceremonies

YANGON, 30 Oct — Pyapon Township Association (Yangon) will hold the 14th alms-giving ceremony at Taw-lone monastery, Thamein-

htaw village, Pyapon township at 10 am on 12 November, 2008 and the prize presentation at Pyapon No 1 Basic Education High School at

1 p.m.

Any member of the association will have to attend the ceremonies without fail. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact U Ye Thura Than Hlaing (Tel-250236), U Kyin Aung (Tel-224482), U Khin Oo (Tel-514879), Daw May Lwin (Tel-095153414), U Kyaw Hsan Naing (Tel-095026833) and U Tin Khine (Tel-385930).

MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — A strong earthquake of intensity (6.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (2030) miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory outside of Myanmar (Pakistan) was recorded at (18) hrs, (09) min, (20) sec MST on 29th October 2008, Meteorology and Hydrology Department issued today.—*MNA*

Special fee tickets worth over K 7 million to be distributed to visiting students



YANGON, 30 Oct —As a gesture of hailing the 10th Anniversary ICT Exhibition to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 31 October to 2nd November, M3WI (Myanmar WWW Institute) will distribute special fee tickets worth over K 7 million to visiting students and the people.

M3WI was founded in 2003 and it

is the first ever-IT training school in Myanmar. It is nurturing IT technicians and students. Any one who will buy computer accessories at K 20,000 and above will have to attain special fee tickets at sales centres.

During the exhibition days, four IT companies will sell latest PC, Laptop, 3G Phone, iPod, MP 4 Player, Printer, Scanner and Computer Software at special price. In addition, special fee tickets will be distributed as gifts.

The courses available at M3WI are Web Essentials, Net Application Developer, Professional Server Administrator, System Essentials, Java, Professional Multi-Designer and 3D Animation & Modelling.

Special fee ticket winners may contact and enroll at Myanmar Info Tech on Hline Universities' Campus (Tel-652258, 652288 and 652320) not later than 30 November. — *MNA*

Aquatic world among mountains charms visitors

By A. M. Soe



A farmer rows a boat past floating islands in Inle Lake on 12 October, 2008.—PHOTO BY A.M. SOE

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of the Phaungdaw-U Buddha peregrination and lake-dwellers keep the four Buddha Images on the royal barge and make the Inle Lake region tour for public obeisance.

Intha people who live in the Inle Lake are devout Buddhists and Phaungdaw-U Pagoda, housing five small Buddha images, which are much revered by the lake-dwellers, is one of the famous principal shrines in Myanmar.

Once a year, from late September to mid-October, there is the pagoda festival during which, four of the five Buddha images tour over 22 villages in the lake located 4358 feet above the sea level among the hazy blue mountains.

“We use long boats during Phaung-daw-U Pagoda festival and hold boat races. I do not join my colleagues this year to tow the royal barge because I am under intensive training to participate in leg-rowing boat race.” Zaw Win said. The unique leg-rowing boat race in the lake is also a famous attraction of the region and is held after the pagoda festival.

Phaungdaw-U Pagoda festival draws visitors across the country not only for the homage of Buddha statutes but also for great fun fair and for the fame of unique leg-rowing boat race.

“The meaning of Inle is “four villages in the lake” and the first four villages in the lake are He-ya Ywama, Ywagi, Namp-pan and Naung-taw.

The village of He-ya-Ywama was established about 500 years ago.” Saya Aye, a native of Inle Lake said. The number of villages in the lake has reached over 60 today.

Intha villagers live in stilt houses in 64 villages on Inle Lake. This aquatic world is home to over 120,000 Intha people, who constructed houses on stilts over the surface of the lake and farm floating islands created from mud and reed. The only mode of transportation is by boat.

This aquatic world with floating islands, stilt houses, fishermen, markets, boat traffic, and wildlife is truly an amazing place.

While the Intha men are known for their farming and fishing skills, women are known for their superb silk weaving skills. The Intha people who live in the lake grow fruit and vegetables on floating gardens attached to the lake bottom with bamboo poles. The lake produces rice, tomatoes, sugarcane, maize and sunflower.

They make floating islands by mixing reeds, water hyacinth and mud, dredged from the lakebed, and held together with long bamboo poles driven into the bottom of the lake.

There are over 10,000 acres of tomatoe gardens and they grow tomatoes in monsoon and cold season.

“In an attempt to conserve the natural environmental and value of Inle Lake, farmers are being educated to use fertilizer and insecticides systematically,” said Mya Than Tint of

Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association (BANCA).

Farmers also use reeds dredged from the lakebed to make natural fertilizer for tomatoe plants.

During the visit to Za-yat-gyi Village, north of Phaungdaw U Pagoda, we found the fishing technique of the fishermen. They use a large bamboo cone-shaped framed nets to catch the fish. While paddling on the crystal clear water surface, they have to search water bubbles rising through the reeds on the lake bottom. After placing a large bamboo framed nets on air bubbles, they put a bamboo with

iron fork through the top of the net to frighten the fish.

“When the framed nets are vibrated or shaken, we know that the fish is hooked with the net”, Hla Myint, a fisherman, a father of four said. “We usually catch Nga-hpein, a type of carp, and Telavia and sell them for about K 5000 per viss, he added.

While the fishermen of this region are famous for their leg rowing technique, standing on the stern on one leg and wrapping the other leg around the oar, the silk and lotus weaving skills of women are also famous.

Visitors may observe silk and lotus weaving in the village of Inn-paw-khon, silver and gold smith and sculpture in He-ya Ywama, blacksmith in Hse-khaung, etc .

Several villages are situated on water. He-ya Ywama is the largest village on the Inle Lake and there are some beautiful teak houses built on large wooden piles driven into the lake bed.

Namppan market, the largest one in Inle, is located on eastern bank of the lake and it opens every five days. Visitors can find a real local atmosphere with a variety of produce from the lake.

In the neighborhood lie villages of Pa-O and other hill tribes come to Namppan market held every five days and floating

markets to sell their produce including oranges, garlic, potatoes, dried tea leaves, maize etc. Their colourful costumes also add to the attraction of Inle Lake.

According to U Ngwe, Manager of Golden Island Hotel, the arrival of tourists to the lake reaches its peak in November, and December is the coldest month in Inle, and after the Christmas and the New Year Celebrations, the arrival of tourists ups again.

In an attempt to conserve the unique eco-system of the lake, one of the tourist attractions of Myanmar, the 30-mile radius of Inle Lake greening project is being implemented by the Ministry of Forestry. According to the main functions of the project, efforts are being made to prevent the sedimentation from surrounding streams flowing into the lake, to remove water hyacinths, debris and water weeds from the lake, to limit extension of housing and floating islands and to promote rehabilitation and reforestation in watershed areas.

“We hope that the natural environment of Inle Lake can be conserved with the cooperation of local people, NGOs and ministries concerned,” said Mya Than Tint of BANCA.



A Pa-O woman prepares vegetables as she waits for customers in Namppan Village on 13 October, 2008. — PHOTO BY A.M. SOE.

Boeing sees China new largest plane market outside US by 2028

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct—US aircraft maker Boeing said Wednesday China will become the second largest market for new commercial airplanes after the United States in the next 20 years, as the country's aviation sector continues to grow rapidly.

Boeing anticipated that China will buy 3,710 airplanes before 2028 with a potential market value of 390 billion US dollars, making the world's new largest airplane market outside the United States.

"China will continue to be the fastest-growing aviation centre in the

world, requiring 41 percent of the entire Asia-Pacific region airplane demand," said Randy Tinseth, Boeing commercial airplanes vice president of marketing, in a statement. "This makes China the largest market outside of the United States for new commercial airplanes."

China's passenger and cargo growth is likely to triple its total fleet number to 4,650 airplanes, about as many planes as there are in Europe today, according to the company.

Boeing said it expects single-aisle aircraft will

account for 70 percent of new Chinese purchases and the company's next-generation 737 jetliners will make up the largest category with 2,600 scheduled deliveries.

Meanwhile, China's demand for wide-body planes, such as Boeing 777 and the long-awaited 787 Dreamliner, will count for about 780 plane deliveries.

A strike by about 27,000 machinists working on Boeing's assembly lines have forced the company to delay deliveries of new airplanes to customers in last two months.—*Internet*

Indonesia firm operates 1st power plant fueled by palm oil

JAKARTA, 30 Oct—Indonesian state-owned electricity company Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) has started to operate a power plant fueled by crude palm oil (CPO), the first one in the Asia Pacific region, a newspaper said here Thursday.

The move follows a government regulation mandating the use of biofuel in all sectors.

The firm director Murtaqi Syamsuddin quoted by the *Jakarta Post* saying that the power plant had a capacity of 10 megawatts and was located in Dumai, Riau Province.

"This is a pilot project. The power plant has been operated, but is still at the commissioning stage," Murtaqi said.

The directors said that

the power plant was initially fueled with diesel but was later converted to a crude palm oil (CPO)-fueled power plant by installing converter equipment at the plant.

The converter equipment is provided by Neue Maschinenbau Halberstadt GmbH (NMBH), a global biofuel engines producer based in Germany.—*Internet*



A zoo owner holds a 10-year-old albino python in suburban Manila. Demand among US and European consumers for exotic Asian luxuries such as snakes and coral has nosedived since the onset of the global financial crisis, raising fears of a surge in smuggling.—INTERNET

Twenty-nine miners trapped in northwest China coal mine gas explosion

XI'AN, 30 Oct—Twenty-nine miners are believed to be trapped after a gas explosion at a coal mine in northwest China's Shaanxi Province late on Wednesday.

The blast occurred at around 8 pm at in the shaft

at the Yaotou mine in Chengcheng county, in central Shaanxi, and emergency workers launched a rescue operation shortly after, said a provincial government spokesman.

The blast was reported

to officials shortly after it occurred and the provincial government reported it to the State Administration of Work Safety the same evening, said the spokesman. No further details were yet available, he said.—*Internet*

Superjet-100 targets markets at home and abroad

Preliminary tests have been passed by a new generation of Russian passenger plane, the Sukhoi Superjet-100. The aviation project, costing around \$US 1.4 billion, is to help overhaul Russia's ageing passenger aircraft fleet.

On Friday, the Superjet-100 was put on show after passing its tests with flying colours at Khabarovsk airport. Now the airliner is ready for certification trials, which are expected to be completed by the second half of 2009. Another 500 flight hours are needed before the plane is allowed to carry passengers.

The Sukhoi Superjet is a short-distance airplane. So far, since its maiden flight in May, aviation specialists and

potential clients have been its main passengers. The \$US 1.5 billion dollar Superjet project is the first civil aviation venture of a company well-known for its military airplanes. The armies of 30 countries around the globe are equipped with Sukhoi SU fighter jets.



You can't put a price on a dream

Space tourist Richard Garriott, whose father, Owen, was an American astronaut, says he is thankful to NASA medics, who strengthened his wish to go into space regardless of their ban.

"When I was a teenager, the medical group at NASA told me that my poor eyesight would prevent me from becoming a government astronaut," said Richard Garriott. "At that time it was like being told that I was not eligi-

ble to be a member of the club that everyone I knew was a member of. I reacted to it by deciding, at a young age, that I was going to change the rules and to help advance and bring into existence civilian spacecraft."

Garriott even had an operation to improve his eyesight. However, NASA rules still prevent such people from going into space.

He returned to Earth on 24 October, together with the 17th mission to the International Space Station, where he had spent ten days.

Wallet missing for six decades returned to family

More than 60 years after Mary Ruth Justice's wallet disappeared, her family returned to Georgia College & State University to claim it.

Her niece, Majorie Williams, and nephew, Sterling Justice, went to campus Thursday to get the alligator-skin wallet of their aunt, who died two decades ago.

Construction crews renovating the university's theater found the wallet a few weeks ago on the ledge of a wall in the basement. It contained five black-and-white photographs, a Social Security card and a Georgia state employment card bearing the woman's name.

Campus officials tracked down her family and told them about the wallet, which disappeared in the 1940s.

Justice was born in 1920 in Sparta, but eventually moved to Buffalo, NY, where she died in 1978. She is buried in Milledgeville.



Photo shows sweet potatoes growing on a shelf in an intelligent greenhouse in Xiqing District in Tianjin, north China. The greenhouse is built to show new agricultural technologies, such as soilless culture and drip irrigation etc, as a model of modern sightseeing agriculture.



Paraguayans barbeque beef during an attempt to create the world's biggest barbecue in Mariano Roque Alonso near Asuncion. In the attempt to get the Guinness World Record for the "Biggest barbeque in the World", more than 30,000 people grilled 28,000 kilograms of beef on fires covering an area 60 m wide by 100 m long.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (90309)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (90309) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.10.08 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Pub row erupts after
feces found in ice cream

SYDNEY, 30 Oct— A bitter row has broken out between one of Sydney's largest tourist pubs and a family of five who accused chefs of serving human excrement in their gelato after they complained about noise during a football match.

State government food minister Ian Macdonald confirmed on Wednesday that frozen fecal matter had been found in a serving of chocolate gelato offered to placate pub patron Steve Whyte and his wife Jessica, who became "violently ill" after eating it.—Internet



Adjusting the clocks to summer time on the last Sunday in March increases the risk of myocardial infarction in the following week. In return, putting the clocks back in the autumn reduces the risk, albeit to a lesser extent, according to research in the New England Journal of Medicine.—INTERNET

Extension of Tender Closing Date & Time

Tender Closing Date & Time, 4.11.2008 (Tuesday) (12:00 Noon) of Tender No.2/MR/INDIA(ML)2008-2009 for the Supply of Spare Parts for YDM-4 India Locomotives which was advertised in the New Light of Myanmar (on 2.10.2008 and 3.10.2008), the Mirror (on 4.10.2008 and 5.10.2008), Myanma Ah Lian (on 5.10.2008 and 6.10.2008), is extended to 4.12.2008 (Thursday) (12:00 Noon). For further enquires, please call 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

French try plane technology in artificial heart

LONDON, 30 Oct—In the race to build a better artificial heart, French scientists have turned to technology from satellites and airplanes to create a heart that they say responds better to the human body. So far, the new device, shown at a news conference in Paris on Monday, has only been tested in animals. Its makers hope it might one day help people survive without needing a human heart

transplant.

American companies have already produced artificial hearts, and scientists in Japan and South Korea are also working on versions. But the French artificial heart is the first to be able to determine its patients' needs and respond accordingly. And its maker is a subsidiary of the parent company of Airbus, the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co, or EADS.

"It's the same principle in the airplane as in the body," said Patrick Coulombier, chief operating officer of Carmat, the manufacturer.

Coulombier said the same tiny sensors that measure air pressure and altitude in an airplane or satellite are also in the artificial heart, detecting things like the heart's pumping speed and the pressure on its walls.

Internet



The prototype of a fully implantable artificial heart is seen at the biomedical firm Carmat in Suresnes, west of Paris, on 27 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Doorknobs and TV
remotes are germ hotbeds

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—Someone in your house have the sniffles? Watch out for the refrigerator door handle. The TV remote, too. A new study finds that cold sufferers often leave their germs there, where they can live for two days or longer.

Scientists at the University of Virginia, long known for its virology research, tested surfaces in the homes of people with colds and reported the results Tuesday at the nation's premier conference on infectious diseases. Doctors don't know how often people catch colds from touching germy surfaces as opposed to, say, shaking a sick person's hand, said Dr Birgit Winther, an ear, nose and throat specialist who helped conduct the study. Two years ago, she and other doctors showed that germs survived in hotel rooms a day after guests left, waiting to be picked up by the next person checking in.—Internet

In this on 31 Jan, 2007, file photo, University of Michigan freshman Alicja Sobilo wears a surgical mask at work as part of a study as to whether the use of masks affects the spread of flu or other respiratory illnesses in Ann Arbor, Mich. —INTERNET



Hitachi
reports
quarterly
loss on
higher costs

TOKYO, 30 Oct—Hitachi Ltd reported a quarterly loss of 17.4 billion yen (\$167 million) Thursday amid a global slowdown in export markets and a surge in prices for oil and other raw materials.

The company also slashed its profit forecast for the fiscal year ending March to 15 billion yen (\$146 million) from 40 billion yen. Sales were projected at 10.9 trillion yen (\$105.8 billion), down 3 percent from last year.

For the July-September second quarter, soaring raw materials costs and slack demand hurt Hitachi's automotive systems and semiconductors businesses, the company said. Sales slumped sharply in Europe and the United States.

The loss in the three months ended 30 Sept compared to a net profit of 558 million yen in the same period last year.

Group sales in the quarter fell 1.3 percent to 2.80 trillion yen (\$26.6 billion) from 2.77 trillion the same quarter last year, Hitachi said.—Internet

NASA probe shows Mercury more dynamic than thought

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct —Earth's first nearly full look at Mercury reveals that the tiny lifeless planet took a far greater role in shaping itself than was thought, with volcanoes spewing "mysterious dark blue material."

New images from NASA's Messenger space probe should help settle a decades-old debate about what caused parts of Mercury to be somewhat smoother than it should be. NASA released photos Wednesday, from Messenger's fly-by earlier this month, that gave the answer: Lots of volcanic activity, far more than signs from an earlier probe.

Astronomers used to dismiss Mercury, the planet closest to the sun, as mere "dead rock," little more than a target for cosmic collisions that shaped it, said MIT planetary scientist Maria Zuber.

"Now, it's looking a lot more interesting," said Zuber, who has experiments on the Messenger probe.



This undated handout photo provided by NASA, taken earlier this month by the Messenger space probe, shows a portion of Mercury.

INTERNET

"It's an awful lot of volcanic material."

New images of filled-in craters one the size of the Baltimore-Washington area and filled in with more than a mile deep of cooled lava show that 3.8 to 4 billion years ago, Mercury was more of a volcanic hotspot than the moon ever was, Zuber said.

Internet

Australians charged over attack on 75-year-old blind flamingo

SYDNEY, 30 Oct —Four Australian teenagers were charged Thursday with attacking an almost blind greater flamingo that is believed to be the oldest bird of its kind in the world, police and zoo officials said.

The flamingo's head and beak were injured and it was bleeding from an eye after the attack at Adelaide Zoo that left it in a critical condition, zoo staff said.

"The bird arrived at the zoo in 1933 and was a mature bird at that stage," a spokeswoman for the zoo told AFP. "So although we don't know its exact age it is at least 75 years old — much older than they grow in the wild."

The zoo's website describes the bird as "undoubtedly the oldest flamingo in the world," adding that despite its great



An Adelaide Zoo photo shows the injured almost blind greater flamingo, estimated to be more than 75 years old, which was attacked at the zoo on 29 Oct.—

INTERNET

age its quality of life was very good. Police said four men aged between 17 and 19 were charged with aggravated ill-treatment of an animal and released on bail to appear in court at a

later date.

Several people at the zoo at the time of the attack had spoken about the incident with staff and officers wanted to interview them, a spokesman said.

The elderly bird, described as unafraid of humans, had a habit of coming close to the edge of his enclosure.

Known only as Flamingo One, he was sedated after the attack and was taken to the animal hospital where his condition was reported to be improving.

Internet

Fatalities on the rise in vehicle-animal crashes

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct —Fatalities from vehicle crashes with deer and other animals have more than doubled over the last 15 years, according to a new study by an auto insurance-funded high-way safety group that cites urban sprawl overlapping into deer habitat.

The report by the Highway Loss Data Institute found that 223 people died in animal-vehicle crashes last year, up from 150 in 2000 and 101 in 1993.

Since 1993, Texas had the most deaths from such crashes, with 227, followed by Wisconsin

with 123 and Pennsylvania with 112.

The Highway Loss Data Institute and its sister organization, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, looked at both insurance claims and federal crash data. According to the report, most accidents involving animals are with deer.

"Urban sprawl means suburbia and deer habitat intersect in many parts of the country," said Kim Hazelbaker, the Highway Loss Data Institute's senior vice president.

"If you're driving in areas where deer are

prevalent, the caution flag is out, especially in November."

The study found that insurance claims for crashes with animals is three times higher in November than it is from January to September.

The overall number of animal-vehicle crashes is also on the rise.

The report says that State Farm Insurance Co, the nation's largest car insurer, has estimated 1.2 million claims industry-wide for crashes with animals over a 12-month period ending 30 June of this year. —Internet

New Zealand surgeons cut giant tumor from baby

WELLINGTON, 30 Oct — Doctors removed a tumor from an East Timorese baby that was almost one-third the child's body weight during a life-saving operation in New Zealand, officials said Thursday.

Surgeons cut out the 7.3-pound benign tumor on Sunday from the abdomen of 14-month-old Alex Gonzaga at Wellington Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Trish Lee said.

The boy weighed about 24 pounds before the surgery and is expected to make a full recovery with no long term consequences, Lee said.

Bill Day, president of the Port Nicholson Rotary Club that sponsored the project, said Alex was already eating, moving about and well on the way to recovery.

"He's looking good, he's standing up holding on to mum, smiling and playing with toys, throwing things on the floor, you wouldn't think there was



In this photo released by the Port Nicholson Rotary Club and taken by the Wellington Hospital shows Alex Gonzaga, a 14-month-old East Timorese baby on a operating table as surgeons prepare to remove a tumor almost one-third of his body weight in Wellington, New Zealand, on 26 Oct., 2008.—INTERNET

anything wrong with him," he told *The Associated Press*.

Doctors expect the boy will be ready to go home in about 10 days.

Internet

Elvis ranked top-earning dead celebrity



A live band backs up a virtual Elvis during a memorial concert of Elvis footage in Memphis, Tennessee, on 16 August, 2007.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Elvis Presley may have left the building several decades ago, but his earning power is far from diminished with Forbes.com ranking him

the top-earning dead celebrity for the second year in a row.

Presley pulled in \$52 million in the past year, helped by increased visitors to his Graceland

estate to commemorate the 30th anniversary of his death and new ventures like the Elvis Sirius Satellite Radio show, according to the website.

"While things might be topsy-turvy in the financial markets above ground, it's still a bull market in the boneyard," Forbes.com said. Presley earned more between October 2007 and October 2008 than some of the music industry's biggest living pop stars like Justin Timberlake (\$44 million) and Madonna (\$40 million), Forbes.com said.

Coming in at No 2 with \$33 million in earnings was cartoonist Charles Schulz, who died in 2000 and is best known for his "Peanuts" comic strip, while Australian actor Heath Ledger nabbed third spot. Ledger, 28, died from an accidental prescription drug overdose in January and his last film role was as the Joker in "The Dark Knight."

"With the 'The Dark Knight' grossing \$991 million in box office revenue worldwide, we estimate his earnings at \$20 million," the website said. —Internet



A girl looks at marionettes in downtown Prague, Czech Republic, Sunday, 26 Oct., 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Redknapp hails Spurs' spirit after stunning fightback



Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor (bottom) celebrates scoring a goal against Tottenham Hotspur during their Barclays Premiership football match at The Emirates Stadium in London. INTERNET

LONDON, 30 Oct — Harry Redknapp feels belief has flooded back into Tottenham Hotspur after his new charges earned an unlikely point in a thrilling 4-4 north London derby draw away to Arsenal.

The Spurs manager has only been in his new post five days, yet he has already breathed life back into this previously ailing club, following last Sunday's first league win of the season with this extraordinary draw at the home of their fiercest rivals.

Tottenham looked certain to lose as they trailed 4-2 with one minute of normal time remaining but then came a revival that almost defied belief.

First Jermaine Jenas scored a beautifully-crafted goal before Aaron Lennon reacted fastest to Luka Modric's shot hitting the post for the equaliser.—*Internet*

AFC president urges new era of professionalism



AFC president Mohamed bin Hammam (seen in this file photo) has implored teams in Asia to embrace a new era of professionalism and become commercially viable to ensure the future of football in the region.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Oct — AFC president Mohamed bin Hammam has implored teams in Asia to embrace a new era of professionalism and become commercially viable to ensure the future of football in the region.

The Asian Football Confederation chief made the remarks at the end of the first-ever Asian general managers seminar here designed to enlighten participants on the best practices of club management.

Topics covered included player development, generating revenue, attracting fans and sponsorship and media activities.

"After two days of intensive learning, I believe the participants now understand exactly what professionalism means and how, together, we need to take our continent to the future," Bin Hammam told 150 club managers.—*Internet*

Fergie sets Ronaldo a goal challenge



Manchester United's Portuguese midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo (left) vies with West Ham United's Portuguese forward Luis Boa Morte during the English Premier league football match at Old Trafford, Manchester. —INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 30 Oct — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has challenged Cristiano Ronaldo to repeat last season's remarkable feat of scoring more than 40 goals.

Ronaldo took his tally for the current campaign to five following his first half brace at Old Trafford to inspire United to a comfortable 2-0 win over West Ham on Wednesday.

The Portugal winger struck on 14 and 29 minutes and now Ferguson is backing Ronaldo to continue finding the back of the net as United go in search of another trophy-filled season.

He scored 42 times last season to finish the campaign as the leading scorer in the Premier League and Ferguson sees no reason why he can't do the same again.—*Internet*

Former tennis 1 Federer sees the positives

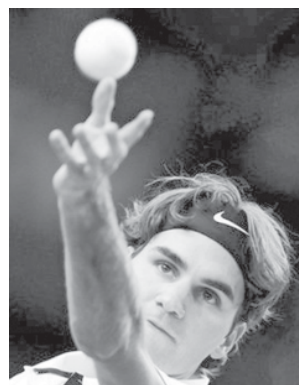
PARIS, 30 Oct — Most players would love to have a 'year to forget' such as the one Roger Federer has experienced in 2008.

Knocked off your perch as world number one after almost five years at the summit, usurped by a young Spaniard nicknamed the 'King of Clay' but seemingly not destined to be master of your all-weather, all surface tennis universe up until a final to surpass all finals at Wimbledon.

Add Rafael Nadal's Olympic success and suddenly the 'Fed Express' looked like he was running out of track.

Losing Wimbledon was "rough," Federer recalled with neat understatement on Wednesday after reaching the third round of the Paris Masters - an event where he has some unfinished business having never won here.

The 27-year-old might have expected to lose the final on the other side of Paris, the French Open at



Roger Federer serves to Swedish Robin Soderling during their ATP Paris Indoor Masters tournament second round match, on 29 Oct.—INTERNET

Roland Garros - albeit in less humiliating circumstances than the 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 mauling which Nadal handed him in June.

Wimbledon was different, however, as the five-time defending champion went down in five titanic sets just as it seemed he had hauled himself right back from the brink. Yet Federer is Federer and if he tacitly accepts he has had a poor season it is only because his standards remain set in the clouds.—*Internet*

Top seed Petrova reaches Quebec WTA quarter-finals

QUEBEC CITY, 30 Oct — Top-seeded Russian Nadia Petrova advanced to the quarter-finals of the 175,000-dollar Bell Challenge WTA tennis tournament Wednesday with a straight-sets win over Varvara Lepchenko.

Petrova, a former world No 3 who is currently ranked 11th in the world, beat the American qualifier 6-2, 6-4 to stay on course for a ninth career title. Petrova, 26, had a slow start to the season, but has picked up steam since August, when she captured her lone title of the year in Cincinnati.

Petrova also has played in two semi-finals and reached the Stuttgart final in the past two months.

She next faces Hungarian Melinda Czink, who defeated 2007 semi-finalist Julie Ditty of the United States 6-1, 6-1.



Top-seeded Russian Nadia Petrova (seen here on 10 October) advanced to the quarter-finals of the 175,000-dollar Bell Challenge WTA tennis tournament on Wednesday with a straight-sets win over Varvara.—INTERNET

American Melanie Oudin, who ousted second-seeded Austrian Sybille Bammer in the first round, kept up her winning ways with a 6-1, 7-6 (7/3) victory over 2006 Quebec runner-up Olga Puchkova of Russia.—*Internet*



Manchester United's Patrice Evra (R) is challenged for the ball by West Ham's David di Michele (L) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester on 29 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Kim to play European tour in 2009

SOTOGRADE, 30 Oct — Anthony Kim has joined the European tour, the latest of a half-dozen US tour players who have decided to take up joint membership in Europe for the 2009 season.

Kim, a 23-year-old American whose two PGA Tour victories propelled him to No 8 in the world ranking, paid the \$3,280 membership fee that makes him eligible for the season-ending \$10 million "Race to Dubai" for the top 60 players and the additional \$10 million bonus pool.

He is scheduled to play the HSBC Champions in Shanghai on 6-9 Nov.

Camilo Villegas of Colombia, who won the final two playoff events in the FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour, also paid his dues to become a European tour member. Also expected to join is Phil Mickelson, while former US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy previously said he would join.—*Internet*

UN votes against US embargo on Cuba for 17th year

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Oct—UN member states voted in record numbers on Wednesday to urge the United States to lift its 46-year-old economic embargo against Cuba, in a non-binding measure adopted for the 17th straight year. The General Assembly passed a resolution entitled “necessity of ending the economic, commercial

and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba” with 185 votes in favour, three against and two abstentions.

The resolution will have no impact on the outgoing administration of US President George W. Bush, who in an October 10 speech called Cuba a “dungeon” and vowed not to lift the

embargo until Havana released political prisoners.

“We will change our policy when the people running Cuba free people of conscience from the prisons. But until then, we won’t change,” he said in Florida, home to many Cuban exiles who oppose the island’s Communist government.

Neither of the candidates standing in next Tuesday’s US presidential election is expected to abolish the embargo. However, while Republican John

McCain supports keeping it, Democrat Barack Obama has backed loosening some parts of it. Voting with the United States against the UN resolution were Israel and the Pacific island state of Palau. Micronesia and the Marshall Islands abstained. The General Assembly has told the United States to lift the embargo every year since 1992. Last year’s resolution was approved by 184-4, with one abstention.

MNA/Reuters

Khamenei says Iranians’ hatred of US deep-rooted

TEHERAN, 30 Oct—Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Wednesday that Iranians’ hatred towards the United States is deep-rooted, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported.

“Due to the numerous plots by the US against Iran during the last 50 years, Iranians’ hatred towards the United States is deep,” Khamenei addressed the students who had gathered on the eve of November 4, the seizure day of the US Embassy in Teheran.

Being called the “nest of spying”, the US Embassy was stormed by Iranian students on November 4, 1979 and its personnel were held hostage for 444 days.

“The discord between Iran and the United States is more than just the difference on political outlooks,” he said, adding that “waking up to the Islamic Revolution, the United States found Iran no more as its major site in the Middle East.”

In the same rhetoric as Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Khamenei reiterated that “the United States will never be able to stop Iranians from soaring up on their way to independence and dignity”.

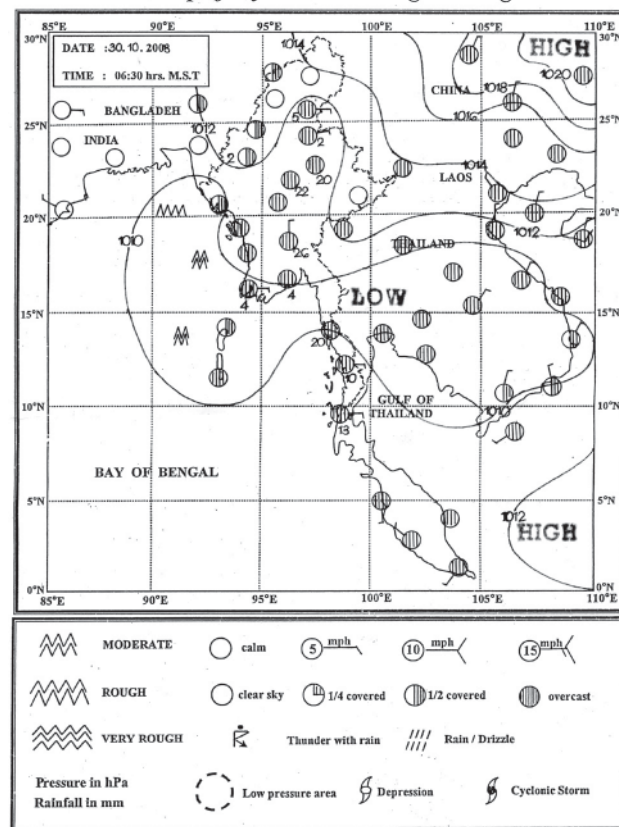
MNA/Xinhua



A picture of an elusive snow leopard on a night-time prow has won the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2008 award.

INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 30 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State and Upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin State and Lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Mon State, isolated heavy falls in Shan State, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (1.02) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapayagone) and Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.51) inch each, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.43) inch, Kayan (4.02) inches, Theinzayat (3.54) inches, Kyeikkami (3.35) inches, Paung (2.36) inches, Taungtwingyi (2.05) inches, Pinlaung (2.01) inches, Meiktila (1.65) inches, Mawlamyine (1.61) inches, Pyinmana (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-10-2008 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 30-10-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-10-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 29-10-2008 was (5.4) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 30-10-2008 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (108.54) inches at Mingaladon, (120.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and (140.47) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 29-10-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31st October 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of atmospheric unsettled conditions in the Andaman Sea and the East Central Bay of Bengal.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 31 October
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

- Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

- “ကုသမနေးတိဘိဘေး” (ရာဇာဓိပတိ၊ သုမောင်၊ ညီရော်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီစိုးမိုး)

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Musical programme

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Musical programme

4:20 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

- Song of national races

4:40 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

4:50 pm

- Songs to uphold national spirit

5:00 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

- Song of yeasty years

5:20 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

- နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:45 pm

- သုဇ္ဈေးသီရာတေးကဗျာ

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနိမ့်တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

8:00 pm

- Local news

17. International news

- Weather report

19. လပတ်မှီးလေဝသနုဇ္ဈလဗေဒ

- ခန့်မှန်းချက်

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၄၂)

Winners awarded in 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The prize presentation ceremony for the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 a.m yesterday, attended by Patron for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, members of the Leading Committee, deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, secretaries of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee, officials of the subcommittees, members of the panel of judges, judges from States and Divisions, team managers, contestants, national races, guests and service personnel of the ministries.

U Hla Win, Daw Lein Maung Pan and Daw Kay Khaing Swe of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MC and read out the agenda of the ceremony.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an address on the occasion and presented prizes to the winners in the

Maha Buddhavamsa Renunciation marionette contest, the Lunge Ahman Moeyan Hsithoh Drama contest and the Bhuridat Drama contest.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Information Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun handed prizes to the winners in the song contest, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, (See page 6)



Chief Justice U Aung Toe awards first prize winner Htan Lyan Kat of Sagaing Division.

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Attorney-General U Aye Maung awards first prize winner Maung Pyai Thawdar Aung of Bago Division. —MNA

Aquatic world among mountains charms visitors

By A.M. Soe



A fisherman at work in Inle Lake on 13 October 2008. Photo By A.M.Soe

I had planned to visit Inle Lake in Shan State to study its unique ecosystem consisting numerous floating gardens, wetlands, canals, villages, floating markets and fishing boats.

Though it can be reached by plane from Yangon, I made up my mind to go there by car to enjoy the scenic beauty of Shan Plateau. I left Yangon for Inle Lake at 1 a.m on 12 October and arrived at Nyaung Shwe in the southern Shan State early morning of the next day. It took only 45 minutes from a jetty in Nyaung Shwe to Phaung-daw U Pagoda in Inle Lake, the second largest natural lake in Myanmar, after Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State.

While taking a boat trip in the lake, I felt that the tranquility of the lake was broken by motor boats providing a network of freight and passenger transport from dawn to dusk.

Shortly after hearing traditional music of Intha nationals, I found a lot of Intha (men) paddling long boats towing a decorated royal barge. Each boat was paddled by over 50 Intha (men) exhibiting their one-leg rowing technique.

Over 30 boats were paddled by Intha men clad in traditional costumes to tow the decorated royal barge where revered statues were kept.

“We (Intha) celebrate the Phaungdaw-U Pagoda festival from late September to mid-October yearly,” Zaw Win, a driver of the motor boat we hired said. It is the greatest event of the celebration

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