Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Mexican President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Felipe Calderon, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2007. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein congratulates Mr Viktor Zubkov

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Viktor Zubkov, on his appointment as Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on 14 September 2007. — MNA

Myanmar crown AFF Women’s Championship

YANGON, 15 Sept — Myanmar Women’s National Team beat Thai Women’s National Team 5-2 in the final match of the 3rd AFF Women’s Championship at Youth Training Centre, here, this evening. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the third place match, the final match and the prize presentation ceremony of the Championship.

Also present at the prize presentation ceremony were Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of the commander, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, members of the MOC and their wives, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of the Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, Ambassadors and Charges d’Affaires as of ASEAN member countries to Myanmar, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials.

In the third place match that commenced at 3 pm, Vietnamese Women’s Team routed Malaysian Women’s Team 6-0.

The final match opened with singing the national anthems of Myanmar and Thailand. In the match, both Myanmar and Thai teams could not score any goal till the final whistle. In the extra time, Myanmar scored the opening goal, and Thai women’s

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
**Extend export of quality species of fish and prawn**

Today, human consumption of fish and prawn is on the increase owing to its high nutrition content and being healthy food. If compared with other kinds of meat, fish is easier to cook, and fish demand is getting higher as a result.

In Myanmar, Taninthayi, Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions are largest producers of marine products such as fish and prawn. Other states and divisions also breed fish and prawn from small scale to commercial scale based on the existence of dams, creeks and lakes in the regions concerned.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is rendering technical assistance to the fishery entrepreneurs for encouraging extensive production of fish and prawn, satisfying local demand, and exporting the fish surplus.

Apart from accelerating the fishery industry, the Ministry is engaged in coastal and offshore fishery.

Taninthayi Division produces more marine products than any other state or division. Such sea products as fish, prawn, crab, lobster are fast-growing species with good taste, so, they are in high demand. Other states and divisions also breed fish and prawn from small scale to commercial scale based on the existence of dams, creeks and lakes in the regions concerned.

National fishery entrepreneurs are, therefore, urged to extend the breeding of quality species of fish and prawn to meet local demand and to export more marine products.

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**Foreign Minister felicitates Mexican counterpart**

**YANGON, 15 Sept —** Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2007.

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**Mayangon Township USDA holds Annual General Meeting**

**YANGON, 15 Sept —** The annual general meeting of Mayangon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Kyakwaw Youth Training Centre in the township this evening, with an address by CEC member of the USDA Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Next, accompanied by officials, the minister went to the office of Myanmar Banks Association and inspected the warehouse. Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar and Rector U Kan Zaw of Yangon Institute of Economics reported on preparations for opening the training courses. Later, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the lecture halls and language lab.

A diploma course on banking will be opened soon at the office of Myanmar Banks Association.

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**F & R Minister inspects arrangements for opening training courses**

**YANGON, 15 Sept —** Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun visited the customs warehouse at Yangon International Airport this morning. After hearing the reports presented by departmental officials, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the warehouse.

Next, accompanied by officials, the minister went to the office of Myanmar Banks Association and inspected the arrangements being made for conducting courses on banking services. Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar and Rector U Kan Zaw of Yangon Institute of Economics presented prizes to outstanding students who had passed the matriculation examination.

The minister presented a set of computer and books worth K 50,000 to Township USDA Secretary Daw Khin Than Nwe.

The minister and Secretary U Aye Myint accepted donations. Wellwishers from Bayintnaung Brokerage donated K 200,000 for maintenance of No 25 BEPS in Mayangon Township.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at meeting on opening of Banking Service Diploma Course. — MNA

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**CEC member Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addresses Annual General Meeting 2007 of Mayangon Township USDA. — MNA**
2008 Beijing Olympic Games to widely use solar energy

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Solar power will be widely applied during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, according to a senior government official.

Li Zhonghai, senior official with the China Association for Standardization and member of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), said about 90 per cent of all the hot water used in the Olympic village will be solar heated and 90 to 90 per cent of street lights around the Olympic venues will also be solar powered.

About 40 million Chinese households, or 150 million Chinese people, now use solar energy in their daily lives.

According to the People’s Daily, China is the world’s biggest user of solar water heating. Following the implementation of the Renewable Energy Law in 2006, China’s solar heating market is valued at tens of billions of yuan and has provided hundreds of thousand jobs, said the newspaper.

Thailand to ban reporting on domestic violence

BANGKOK, 14 Sept— The Domestic-Violence Victim Protection Act of Thailand is going to bar media from reporting on domestic violence cases after they reach the hands of police investigators.

Suwit Khantaborj, who heads the Social Development and Human Security Ministry’s Office of Women’s Affairs and Family Development, said the ban on news reports was intended to keep families from falling apart.

He was quoted by local news group The Nation as saying that news coverage sometimes stood between family members who could have otherwise reconciled. According to Suwit, the act will take effect on 13 November.

British TV chef’s brother jailed in Bali for heroin

DENPASAR, 14 Sept — An Indonesian court sentenced the brother of British celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay to 10 months in prison on Thursday for heroin possession on the resort island of Bali.

Ronald Ramsay was arrested in February after entering a supermarket in Bali’s main tourist strip, Kuta. Police said they seized 100 milligrams of heroin from him.

A panel of judges found Ramsay guilty of heroin possession and sentenced Ramsay to 10 months in jail and a five-million-rupee (531.6-US-dollar) fine, head judge Wayan Merta said in a district court hearing in Bali’s capital, Denpasar. Ramsay has already spent six months in prison, which means he has another four months to serve in Denpasar’s Kerobokan Prison.

Ramsay frowned and shook his head when the verdict was announced. Through his interpreter he later told the hearing that he would “think about the verdict for a week” before deciding whether to file an appeal. The defendant’s brother, Gordon Ramsay, is known as the bad boy of celebrity chefs, and his cooking programme “Kitchen Nightmares” is shown on British and American television.

UAE’s Thuraya considers launching back-up satellite

ABU DHABI, 14 Sept — Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is considering launching a back-up satellite to support its Thuraya-2 and Thuraya-3 satellites, local newspaper Khaleej Times reported on Thursday.

Thuraya is considering “a back-up satellite depending on the success of Thuraya-3,” the company’s CEO Yousuf Al Sayed was quoted as saying. “Currently we are in discussions with a number of manufacturers, but have not yet decided on one,” he added.

According to Sayed, the Thuraya-3 satellite is scheduled to be launched on 28 October from the Pacific Ocean by the US-based Sea Launch Company. Following the launch of Thuraya-3, the company expects to start commercial services in Asia Pacific Region before the end of this year. The satellite is part of the company’s plans to expand coverage to many countries, including China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia.

The Burj tower in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, still under construction, is seen in 17 Aug, 2007 file photo. The Burj will become the world’s tallest building by next year. The Burj Dubai surpassed Canada’s Toronto-based CN Tower on 13 Sept, 2007, which at 555.3 metres (1,822 feet), had been the world’s tallest free-standing structure since 1976, the developers said in a press release. — INTERNET
Malaysia looks at tougher rules to save coastal birds

KOALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysia vowed on Tuesday to toughen environmental rules for coastal development projects after a study showed a drop in bird numbers following reclamation that destroyed their homes in mangroves and wetlands.

Farms, homes and industry have sprung up along Malaysia’s coasts, depriving migratory birds of key winter homes, leading to a 22-per-cent fall in the number of shorebirds recorded in the two decades to 2006, a conservation group, Wetlands International said.

Malaysia will tighten environmental regulations to avoid similar future mistakes, Environment Minister Azmi Khalid said.

“Of course, wetlands, people have turned that into prawn farms, fish farms, without regard,” he said at a function in the Malaysian capital.

“But today we are aware, my god, we have done the wrong thing. So now governments are very aware of this. All approval are now being looked at very seriously by all state governments.”

The state of Malaysia’s vanishing wetlands mirrored the situation with its 189 river basins, just half of which were still intact, while another 5 per cent were too polluted for even a fish to survive, Azmi said.

“In the process of development we have overlooked these issues,” he added. MNA/Reuters

More nurses demanded in Bangladesh

DUBAI, 14 Sept — Poor ratio between doctors and nurses in Bangladesh is impeding the country’s health services, local newspaper The Independent reported Thursday.

There should be at least three nurses posted against a doctor, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) standard. But in Bangladesh, there are 43,000 registered doctors against 21,000 nurses,” Health Ministry official Khandaker M Shefayet Ullah was quoted as saying.

“The role of nurses in health services is very important. The health system will collapse without nurses and paramedics,” Shefayer said.

According to an estimate, there is only one nurse per eight hospital beds in Bangladesh that severely deprivies the patients from proper health care.

“It should be one nurse per four patients,” said Shahjahan Hawlader, general secretary of Bangladesh Nurses Association (BNA).

“In some special cases, as in intensive care units, the ratio should be one nurse for one patient,” he added. MNA/Xinhua

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Russia’s Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov (Middle) holds a bouquet of flowers after being confirmed in the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, in Moscow on 14 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Iraqi al-Qaeda issues video of US pilot killed in crash

DUBAI, 14 Sept — An al-Qaeda-led group in Iraq released a video Thursday to reject the policies of President George W Bush and issued a video apparently showing the remains of a US pilot killed in a crash last year.

The video posted on the Internet by the media arm of the Islamic State in Iraq showed the body of a dead man in a flight suit wearing a parachute harness and lying in an open area.

“Our people of America, Iraq has taken many of your soldiers and Bush is the cause of this,” said an off-camera insurgent on the video, which also included footage of Iraqi civilians said to have been killed in a US airstrike.

The video also showed an Air Force ID card bearing the name of Troy Gilbert, a US pilot whose plane crashed in November 2006. Originally listed as missing, he was declared dead based on human remains found at the site of the crash, according to a US military website.

“It is your President (who is responsible). The one who deceived you regarding the war in Iraq. And his deception continues,” the insurgent said on the video, issued shortly before a major speech by Bush on Iraq policies.

MNA/Reuters

Paper says Russia developing top-secret submarine

MOSCOW, 14 Sept — Russia could be developing a top-secret new type of submarine capable of patrolling underwater longer than existing diesel-powered submarines, a Russian newspaper said on Wednesday.

The project — codenamed 20120 — came to light when details were inadvertently posted on the Internet site of a provincial town, Kommersant newspaper reported. The posting has now been taken down and the Navy denied any knowledge of the project.

Russia is boosting military spending to back up its increasingly assertive foreign policy. That has allowed it to resume work developing new hardware that was shelved because of a lack of cash after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Earlier this year, Russia launched the Yuri Dolgoruky nuclear submarine, its first new-generation submarine since the end of Soviet rule. Kommersant said the specifications for the 20120 and the secrecy around it suggested it contained technology that was radically different from any submarines in service. — MNA/Reuters

San Diego Zoo veterinarians examine a four-pound (1.8-kg) Giant Panda cub at the San Diego Zoo’s Giant Panda Research Station on 13 Sept, 2007. Zoo veterinarians confirmed on Thursday that the panda cub is a girl. Following Chinese tradition, she will receive her name after she is 100 days old. — INTERNET

Earthquake affected residents get medical attention in Lais, Indonesia. Rescue workers in Indonesia rushed aid across Sumatra on Friday after massive earthquakes killed 14 people there and shocks frightened thousands of survivors into camping outdoors. — INTERNET

Moscow, 19 May — A Russian spacecraft carrying a brave pair of astronauts and a toilet was launched on Wednesday, 18 years after the last space toilet was retired aboard the Soyuz spacecraft.
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Backgrounder: World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention

Kobe (JAPAN), 15 Sept — Over 3,000 ethnic Chinese entrepreneurs from around the world gathered Saturday in Kobe, Japan to attend the 9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC).

The biennial convention, held at Kobe on 15-16 Sept and Osaka on the 17th, is aimed at promoting exchanges among global ethnic Chinese as well as those between Chinese and the people of the host country. The WCEC was first held 1991 in Singapore. Since then, it has been held in Hong Kong, China, Bangkok, Thailand, Vancouver, Canada, Melbourne, Australia, Nanjing, China, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Seoul, Republic of Korea, promoting local as well as regional and national economy of the host countries.

Till now, the Nanjing WCEC was of the largest scale, with 4,700 people from over 70 countries and regions attending the convention in 2001.

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Kuala Lumpur, 14 Sept — Malaysia is expected to receive more funds in the next five years to carry out various environmental conservation programmes and activities in the Borneo Island.

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Aid, cash pledged for Indonesia quake victims

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept — Aid agencies have pledged cash and rushed teams to assess damage and help the injured after a major earthquake and a series of powerful aftershocks shook Indonesia’s Sumatra Island.

US-based Catholic Relief Services said it has committed an initial 50,000 US dollars to the earthquake recovery effort.

“We are concerned about the vulnerability in rural villages, where the houses are modest and less equipped to withstand massive impact,” he added. Australia pledged 50,000 Australia dollars (42,000 US dollars) in emergency aid on Thursday through the Indonesian chapter of the International Red Cross. “This assistance will help in early impact assessments and to support deployment of Indonesian emergency medical teams and transport critical relief items to the affected areas,” said Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

“Australia is in constant contact with the Government of Indonesia and stands ready to provide further assistance if requested,” Downer said in a statement.

Children in central Nepal given vaccines in fear of polio

KATHMANDU, 14 Sept — Eighty-five children in central Nepal were administered polio drops after a child was found with polio syndrome, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Thursday.

According to the District Public Health Office (DPHO) of Nuwakot District, some 30 kilometres north of capital Kathmandu, a two-year-old boy of Okharpauwa Village Development Committee (VDC) was found with symptoms of polio. The doctors, after suspecting polio, sent the boy to Kanti Children’s Hospital in the capital city.

In order to prevent the spread of polio in the area, other children were administered with polio drops to control the disease, DPHO added.

Nepali Department of Health (DH) had resumed immunization campaign against polio from 2006 after a few cases of the disease were detected in some areas in Indo-Nepal border areas.

The campaign was stopped in Nepal from 2000-2004 as no polio patients were seen in the country.

Giuliani slams Hillary over Iraq war criticism

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Republican US presidential front-runner Rudy Giuliani bought a full-page advertisement in The New York Times on Friday accusing the leading Democrat, Senator Hillary Clinton, of “spewing political venom” for comments she made in the debate over the Iraq war.

The unusual and vituperative advertisement followed a week of partisan exchanges over President George W. Bush’s policy of maintaining high levels of US troops in Iraq, based on an assessment by the US commander General David Petraeus.

Clinton, who has called for early withdrawal of US troops, said during a Senate hearing with Petraeus on Tuesday that his report outlining progress in the war required “a willing suspension of disbelief”.

Giuliani, who built his reputation as a former mayor of New York where he was tough on crime and praised for his leadership after the September 11 attacks, has backed Bush’s policy of vigorously prosecuting the war.

In the advertisement he declared: “These times call for statesmanship, not politicians spewing political venom.”
Myanmar Railways providing rail transportation services at reasonable fares

On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw took up State duties and then laid down the four major tasks, one of which was to ensure secure and smooth transport. Despite the practice of the market-oriented economic system, it is now spending and subsidising huge State funds in the social, health, education and transport sectors for well-being of the people.

Fuel prices have gone up again, but they are not expensive if compared with that in many other countries and many other countries, as evidenced by Notification No 2/2007 dated 8 September 2007 released by the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council.

Now, the MR operates 191 circular train runs every day especially in rush hours with the train tickets charging 10 kyats and 20 kyats for the comfort and convenience of Yangonites including student and staff commuters, thus winning the reliance and trust of local commuters.

For the transportation of circular train commuters, the MR has set up a check point each in Kyimyindaing, Insein, Danyingon, Ma-hlwagon and Thingangyun stations and MR officials and staff check the condition of the passengers and they get on board the trains four times a day— at 9 am, 1 pm, 5 pm and 9 pm. Travelling by train costs less, but ensures security and convenience. Therefore, the people have relied on rail transportation in successive periods.

The transport charges for 10 viss (about 36 lbs) are rated at only 10 kyats, and children have to pay a fixed price of only five kyats for the ticket. In the rush hours between 8 am and 10 am and between 4 pm and 6 pm, loads that take large space and heavy loads are not allowed on board circular trains.

The Tatmadaw government since 1988 has been constructing transport facilities throughout the nation. As a result, the length of railroads rose to 3048.86 miles, up from 1976.35 miles in 1988.

During the same period, the number of stations has increased from 487 to 806, and that of bridges, large and small, from 5650 to 9700. Smooth transportation is an indicator of economic growth as well as progress in the education, social and health sectors and prevalence of law and order. In addition, it fosters the relations, unity and Union spirit of national races.

The express and postal trains ply between destinations across the nation at reasonable fares. With a view to ensuring swift commodity flow and smooth transportation of the people of the regions of different directions with Nay Pyi Taw as the centre, the MR launched No 107 Up train and No 108 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Bagan, and No 101 Up train and No 102 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Kyaukpyaung on 18 May 2006. Besides, No 109 Up train and No 110 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Pi were put into commission on 25 May 2006.

And due to the launch of many other train schedules, Dawes in the southern part of the nation is easily accessible by train from Myitkyina in the northern part of the nation.

In a day, the MR operates 40 express runs, 22 postal train runs, 64 passenger train and wagon train runs, 72 short-trip train runs and 191 circular train runs at reasonable fares round the clock.

The MR is now expediting many railway projects, and as a result the people enjoy smooth transport, and commodity flow becomes swifter with rapid regional development, thereby helping strengthen the unity among national races.

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team could equalize. On the penalty shoot-out, Myanmar scored four goals, while Thai team kicked once. Hence, Myanmar clinched the title by winning a 5-2 victory over Thai team.

Thai women’s team had to be content with the second prize due to the fact that players of the Thai team could not compete with Myanmar players in harmonious efforts and sporting spirit. Myanmar women’s team played the match firing on all cylinders and won the cheers of spectators.

Myanmar team that had blanked out Thai team 1-0 in the group match was able to score the leading goal in today’s match. At 2nd minute of the first extra time when Khin Moe Wai shot the leading goal for Myanmar, the packed spectators cheered up the Myanmar team with a thunderous applause. However, Thai team took an equalizer at the 15th minute of the first extra time. Till the final whistle, both teams could not score any more goal. On the penalty shoot-outs, Myanmar players kicked four goals and Thai team, once. As a result, Myanmar women’s team gets the chance to lift the championship trophy with a 5-2 result in the 3rd AFF Women’s Championship.

Myanmar team was included in the group (B), and the team beat Singapore 3-0, Laos 7-0 and Thai team 1-0. Hence, Myanmar stood first on the standing table with nine points and three wins. As a result, Myanmar sailed to the semifinal. In competing the first semifinal match, Myanmar stunned Malaysian team with a 5-0 result. In five matches from the group to the final, Myanmar scored 17 goals without penalty shoot-outs and gave only one conceding goal. Enjoying the tumultuous applause of the spectators, Myanmar players unitedly participated in the final match with sporting spirit.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Vice-President of AFF Mr Ravy Khek presented prizes to referees who discharged duties in the final match. AFF Vice-President Pangiran Haji Mafusin Matasan gave the fairplay award to Vietnamese Women’s Team. President of MFF U Zaw Zaw handed individual trophies to players of third prize winning Vietnamese team. MOC Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented individual trophies to second prize winning Thai women’s team. Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win awarded individual trophies and championship trophy to first prize winning Myanmar Women’s Team. —MNA
OUR LAND, OUR CUP

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents championship cup to Myanmar Team Captain San San Maw. — NLM

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The Ministry of Health is undertaking functions on nutrition development, vaccination, control of diseases, maternal and child health, environmental sanitation, school health activities and health education activities. In the process, it is striving together with other ministries for producing and distributing of wholesome and healthy foods and it has laid down the Myanmar Food and Nutrition Programme for 2006-2010, he noted.

At the same time, the Ministry of Health is also co-operating with NGOs and social organizations for successful realization of its objectives, he disclosed.

He said that significant progress has been

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects sluice gate of Yezin Dam.—MNA

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The commander presented video documents on systematic methods for growing sugarcane to departmental officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing explained the arrangements to distribute quality strains for extended cultivation of Hsinshweli sugarcane. He stressed the need for supply of water and participation of agricultural staff into educational activities. He called on local battalions and ministries to set up 10-acre model plantation and arrangements for extended cultivation of sugarcane.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party looked into thriving 10-acre model plantation, progress of plant propagation of quality sugarcane strains in Lamine plantation and cultivation of 100-acre plantation, and presented gifts to servicemen and their families.

A total of 20,000-ton of Hsinshweli sugarcane will be produced in Nay Pyi Taw Command this cultivation season. Arrangements are being made to disseminate agricultural technology and to distribute quality sugarcane strains.—MNA

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Study clears mobile phones of short-term risks

LONDON, 15 Sept — Mobile phones do not pose short-term health risks, but it remains too soon to say whether they can cause brain cancer or whether children face greater risks than adults, British scientists said on Wednesday.

Publishing the largest UK investigation into possible health problems from mobile technology, scientists said the six-year programme found no evidence that short-term mobile phone use affected brain function or could cause brain cancer.

But Professor Lawrie Challis, chairman of the 8.8 million pound (17.90 million US dollars) Mobile Telecommunications and Health Research (MTHR) Programme, said studies so far had included few participants who had used cell phones for 10 years or longer.

“We cannot rule out the possibility at this stage that cancer could appear in a few years’ time,” he told a news conference. “Most cancers take 10 years to appear.”

Challis also noted that the UK studies that made up the report had not yet examined children. British scientists had shied away from exposing children to radio-frequency (RF) fields, which are generated by devices such as mobile phones and phone masts, for ethical reasons, he said.

However, he noted that it was possible for children to be more sensitive to RF radiation than adults and said a second MTHR programme was underway, involving 200,000 people in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Britain.

Polish police seize 120 kilos of heroin at border

WARSAW, 15 Sept — Polish police seized nearly 120 kilos of heroin hidden in a truck crossing the border from Ukraine on Thursday in one of Poland’s biggest drug busts.

The drugs, estimated to be worth nine million US dollars, were packed in nearly 270 bags and detected in a compartment beneath the cabin roof of the vehicle at the Hrebenne crossing in eastern Poland.

31 rescued from sunken ship in Black Sea

ANKARA, 15 Sept — Turkey’s Deputy Trabzon Governor Mehmet Ozmen said on Friday that 31 people, who were in a ship that sank in the Black Sea some 39 miles off Trabzon, were rescued.

Panama-flagged Ro-Ro ship Sunny Day, carrying 28 trucks, sank at 3:22 pm (1222 GMT) on Friday because of bad weather conditions and storm on its way from Trabzon in northeastern Turkey to Russia’s Sochi Port. Ozmen was quoted as saying by Turkish semi-official Anatolia news agency.

Hurricane “Humberto” slams into Texas coast

HOUSTON, 15 Sept — Hurricane Humberto rumbled onto the upper Texas coast on Thursday with 85 miles per hour (135 kilometres per hour) winds and heavy rains that threatened widespread flooding.

The storm, which brewed up in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, made landfall near High Island, about 30 miles northeast of Galveston, the US National Hurricane Centre said in a report at 2:10 am CDT (0710 GMT).

Humberto had been expected to come ashore as a tropical storm, but suddenly strengthened in the gulf’s warm waters.

It struck a lightly populated area, and there were no reports of damage or injuries. The storm was expected to plow through southeastern Texas and head east into Louisiana, where officials braced for flooding.

A general view of Hong Kong’s West Kowloon, on 12 Sep, 2007, which is planned to be built into a multi-billion dollar harbourfront cultural project. Hong Kong has resurrected the ambitious plan aimed at transforming the financial city into an Asian cultural hub, officials said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

No thin model ban for London fashion show

LONDON, 15 Sept — Models strutting catwalks at London Fashion Week should provide a certificate attesting their good health, but there should be no outright ban on wafer-thin women, the British Fashion Council said on Friday.

In its report, the council recommended models under 16 should be outlawed from London’s catwalks. It said the medical certificate must be provided from September next year by doctors specializing in eating disorders.

Spain and Italy have recommended banning models with a body mass index (BMI) of less than 18.5 from catwalks but the expert panel behind the British report rejected use of the index saying it was not an accurate measure of health.

“We have considered this carefully and listened to a range of expert views. But we do not believe a focus on BMI provides the way forward,” the report said.

“We favour the alternative approach of promoting good health based on medical assessments of models participating in London Fashion Week,” it said.

BMI is a measure of how much weight we carry per centimetre of our bodies. While it is a fair measure of good health it is not perfect.

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Police block a road after an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Chertsey, Surrey. A new outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Britain was declared “eradicated” only last week, initial test results showed on Thursday. — Internet

Lutein, zeaxanthin may reduce blindness among elders

B EIJING, 13 Sept — Two nutrients, lutein and zeaxanthin, found in eggs, spinach and other leafy green vegetables offer some protection against the most common cause of blindness among the elderly, media reported on Thursday.

A 6-year study in US asked about the dietary habits of 4,519 people aged 60 to 80 when enrolled.

Those in the top fifth of dietary consumption of foods containing the two nutrients had 35 percent less chance of developing the condition compared to those in the lowest fifth of consumption.

“Lutein and zeaxanthin may be considered as useful agents in food or supplement-based interventions designed to reduce the risk of AMD,” said the researchers. Lutein and zeaxanthin help ward off the condition, apparently by allowing the eyes to filter harmful short-wavelength light and by curtailing other damaging effects to the macula, or the center of the eye’s retina. “No close associations with other nutrients were seen,” including the vitamins C and E and beta-carotene, according to the researchers, led by John Paul SanGiovanni of the National Eye Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, US.

Foods considered good sources of the vitamins include eggs, spinach, kale, turnip greens, collard greens, romaine lettuce, broccoli, zucchini, corn, garden peas and Brussels sprouts.

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Google sponsors $30m for moon contest

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — Internet search engine giant Google announced Thursday that it will give 30 million US dollars to the first private companies that can safely land robotic spacecraft on the moon. “We’re thrilled to be sponsoring the Lunar X-PRIZE, which will award a total of 30 million dollars to teams competing around the world to land privately funded spacecraft on the moon,” said Alan Eustace, Senior VP of Engineering of the company in a statement on Thursday.

The rules call for a spacecraft to roll at least a quarter mile and beam back a gigabyte of images and video to Earth after its safe landing.

Whoever accomplishes the task by the end of 2012 will receive $20 million US dollars. There is also a 10-million-dollar second-place prize to teams that go beyond the minimum requirements.

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The New Light of Myanmar
Japan successfully launches its 1st lunar explorer

Tokyo, 14 Sept — Japan launched an H-2A rocket carrying the Selenological and Engineering Explorer, the country’s first lunar probe satellite, on Friday from the Tanegashima Space Centre in southern Kagoshima Prefecture.

The rocket, which is named “Kaguya” after Japanese ancient fable, lifted off as scheduled at 10:31 am from the center on the Pacific off Japan’s southern Kyushu Island. The satellite and the launch vehicle successfully separated at 11:16 am. Kaguya, which consists of a 3-ton main orbiter and two 50-kilogram sub-satellites, is equipped with 14 scientific instruments and a high-definition television camera, according to the agency’s introduction.

The rocket was made by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. This is the first time for the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to contract with a company on the construction and launch of a rocket in order to reduce costs and boost Japan’s international competitiveness in the space business, Kyodo News said.

Kaguya will be the highest performing lunar probe satellite and start the world’s first full-scale mission to explore the moon since the US Apollo programme, Kyodo quoted agency officials as saying.

Under the 55 billion yen project, the satellite is to begin its 10-month mission around December, collecting lunar features related with the origin and evolution of the moon.

Kaguya’s originally planned launch was in August, when fault installment of two components postponed the schedule. —Xinhua

Greek researchers developing system to wake up sleepy drivers

ATHENS, 13 Sept — Greek researchers are currently working on a smart system that will be able to monitor alertness levels in drivers, recognize symptoms of sleepiness and give drivers a wake-up call, according to a report by Greek new agency ANA-MPA on Thursday.

The system is being developed by the Greek Transport Institute IMET at the National Centre for Research and Technology Development in Thessaloniki. According to IMET’s research director Evangelos Bekiaris, it is expected to be completed in early 2008 and will go into production for use by car manufacturers within the next five years.

Bekiaris said the system comes equipped with micro and nano-sensors that will be able to measure levels of wakefulness and warn drivers when they are becoming dangerously sleepy or distracted, so as to ensure safer driving behavior in drivers who are tired or have drunk alcohol — conditions shown to be responsible for a large percentage of serious accidents.

Researchers have found that sleepiness increases the risk of an accident by three or four times more than when a driver is alert, while it is responsible for 15-20 percent of accidents overall. They also found that the 2-3 seconds before accidents take place are usually crucial.

“In this tiny space of time, a normal vehicle will have already covered 70 metres before its driver reacts if it is traveling at 100 kilometres an hour. The reaction time of the driver is critical and is reduced when he or she is sleepy or distracted,” experts said. —Xinhua

Less patch-wearing time OK for kids’ lazy eye correction

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Children with amblyopia (commonly known as lazy eye) need only wear an eye patch for three to four hours a day for 12 weeks to improve vision, and those aged under four around three hours, rather than the six to 12 hours usually recommended by doctors, according to a new study as quoted by media reports on Friday.

The study involved 97 children aged 3-8 years, with confirmed diagnosis of amblyopia. All children had a full ophthalmic assessment and were instructed to wear glasses all the time for 18 weeks.

The completion of this phase, researchers at City University in London and McGill University in Montreal asked 80 children who still met the study’s definition of amblyopia to wear a patch for either six or 12 hours a day. The patch was fitted with sensors that were wired to a data logger, which recorded how long the patch was actually worn. Visual function was recorded every two weeks.

The point of the study was to see which eye patch “dose” was more effective. It is found that, on average, the six-hour group wore the patch for 4.2 hours a day, while the 12-hour group wore it for 6.2 hours. However, the visual improvement between the two groups was the same. — Internet

Cassini” resumes sending images of Saturn

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — Spacecraft Cassini is sending images of Saturn’s charms again after being hit by a galactic cosmic ray, it was announced Thursday.

The hit put the spacecraft into a precautionary state called safe mode, making Cassini stop sending data on Tuesday, said NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

But the data flow resumed later, said the JPL, which manages the spacecraft. The spacecraft is operating normally and its instruments are expected to return to normal operations in a few days, it said. Scientists are poring through hundreds of images returned from Monday’s flyby of Saturn’s two-toned moon Iapetus. Pictures show half the moon resembling snow and the other half as black as tar, according to JPL.

Images show a heavily cratered surface and a 12-mile-high mountain ridge along the moon’s equator that gives the moon a walnut-shaped appearance.

Three children are wearing eye patches. Children with amblyopia need only wear an eye patch for three to four hours a day for 12 weeks to improve vision, and those aged under four around three hours, rather than the six to 12 hours usually recommended by doctors. — Internet

Ayana Mendoza (C) from Amazonas poses for a group picture with the first and second runners up after being crowned Miss Venezuela 2007 in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, on 13 Sept, 2007. — Xinhua

Brenda and her team have spent the last 12 hours fighting for their lives and waiting for the 12-hour group to wake up.
Sao Paulo’s Hugo given 4-month ban for spitting

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Sept — Brazilian championship leaders Sao Paulo will be without midfielder Hugo for the rest of the tournament after he was banned for 120 days on Friday for spitting at an opponent.

Brazilian football’s disciplinary tribunal imposed the ban after finding the player guilty of ungentlemanly conduct during the 6-0 win over Parana, when he spat at defender Daniel Marques.

“I’m sure Sao Paulo will be champions but it hurts that I won’t take part in the remaining games,” he told reporters after the hearing.

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After the incident, Hugo wept during a media conference and said he had been given a ticking off by his father over the incident.

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Although the world number one lost momentum with two bogeys after the turn, he rolled in a 17-footer to birdie the par-three last for a seven-under 63.

Woods ended a damp day at East Lake Golf Club. "I had a nice little roll like but I was able to fix it and then I hit some good shots.

"I had a nice little roll there from four through nine. Some lucky things happened and I also hit a few good shots here and there. Overall it was a good, solid round." Two strokes off the pace after the weather-hit first round was completed earlier in the day, Woods lit up the tournament with a blistering front nine of seven-under 28, although he was unaware of that at the time.

"I really played well," Woods told reporters after posting the lowest 36-hole score on the 2007 PGA Tour in the fourth and final event of the inaugural FedExCup playoff series. "I didn’t particularly drive it as well as I would
Floods kill dozens

NABOBI, 15 Sept — Floods from torrential rains have killed at least 41 people, displaced thousands more, and drowned livestock across East Africa, officials said on Friday.

Often prone to drought, the region also frequently suffers floods in August and September, the end of the rainy season.

In the worst-hit nations, at least 17 people across East Africa died in Ethiopia in recent days, 15 in Rwanda and nine in Uganda, governments and aid agencies said.

Hailstorms and landslides have compounded the problem in some areas, while thousands of families have fled to flimsy shelters, the return to school has been severely disrupted, and the risk of water-borne diseases such as cholera and malaria was growing.

In Ethiopia, “the death toll has reached 17 people, while some 4,000 head of livestock have been drowned or washed away, and 34,000 hectares of land has been damaged”, the United Nations World Food Programme said in a statement.

The floods have affected 183,000 people in north Ethiopia, and displaced 42,000, WFP added. — MNA/Reuters

**Members of the Chinese men’s national basketball team attend a charity auction party in Beijing, on 13 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA**

**Flood Bulletin**

(issued at 12:30 hr MST on 15-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Mawlaik (13.35) cm and Kalewa (16.39) cm are exceeded (105) cm at Mawlaik and (89) cm at Kalewa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above their danger levels of Mawlaik (1230) cm and Kalewa (1550) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

**Flood Warning**

(issued at 12:30 hr MST on 15-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge is (820) cm. It may reach its danger levels (870) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**WEATHER**

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Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing looks into Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation in Tatkon Station

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin viewed thriving 10-acre model Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation of the local battalion in Tatkon Station yesterday.

The commander reported on plant propagation of quality sugarcane strains in Tatkon and Taungnyo Stations, cultivation of sugarcane in Nay Pyi Taw Command area and arrangements for cultivation of 30,000 acres of sugarcane against the target of 40,000 acres this year.

Col Tin Aung Myint of Taungnyo Station, Supervisor of the sugarcane farm Lt-Col Tin Win and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinnmana District Manager U Win Maung of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise submitted the reports on cultivation of sugarcane plantations, supply of water and thriving 100-acre quality sugarcane plantation.

Officials presented reports on plant propagation of Hsinshweli sugarcane strains and agricultural technology.

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Health Minister addresses ceremony to mark 2007 Nutrition Development Week

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A ceremony to mark the 2007 Nutrition Development Week co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, WHO and UNICEF was opened at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, Vice-President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint, Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye Aye and heads of departments, officials of the Ministry of Health and UN agencies and others.

In his address, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that the National Health Committee is making a constant effort for the Ministry of Health to be able to engage in prevention of diseases, medical treatments and improvement of health; that in this regard priority is being given to providing the people with nutritious food that is indispensable in prevention of diseases, medical treatments and improvement of health; that the ceremony was held with the aim of accelerating the momentum of the activities on the Nutrition Development Week.

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Mid-year Gems Emporium in November

YANGON, 15 Sept — The Ministry of Mines and Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee is making arrangements to hold the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2007. At the emporium, gems and jewelry will be on sale through competitive bidding.

National entrepreneurs are to contact Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee and have their gems and jewelry scrutinized and floor prices fixed in accord with the rules and regulations from 15 September to 21 October 2007. — MNA