

International Current affairs and Events – July, 2015

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| World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed across the world on? | 30 July 2015 |
| Which Chinese city was chosen to host 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics? (Beijing became the first city to host both the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics. In 2008 Beijing hosted the Summer Olympics.) | Beijing |
| Microsoft launched new operating system in 190 countries, what is the name this operating system? (This new operating system will be armed with new innovative features like Cortana, an Xbox app and Microsoft Edge.) | Windows 10 |
| Name the country which bans animal sacrifice at the 100 year old Gadhimai festival? (This move will save the lives of millions of animals.) | Nepal |
| Name the first post-apartheid captain of South Africa Cricket team who passed away recently? | Clive Rice |
| International Tiger Day was observed across the world on? | 29th July |
| World Hepatitis Day was observed across the world with the theme 'Prevent hepatitis. Act now' on? | 29th July |
| Which country was approved by the World Trade Organization's (WTO) General Council to join WTO as 162nd member? | Kazakhstan |
| Name the Team Sky cyclist of Britain who won the 102nd Tour de France? (He became the first Briton to win the Tour de France for the second time.) | Chris Froome |
| Name the world's largest flower which recently blooms in Tokyo for first time in 5 years? | Titan Arum (Amorphophallus titanum) |
| Who was awarded first-ever Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize? | Helena Ndume of Namibia and Jorge Sampaio of Portugal |
| NASA discovered a almost-Earth-sized planet which was found in the habitable zone of a star very similar to our Sun. What is the name of this planet? | Kepler 452b |
| Name the capital city of the Republic of Guinea which has been named as World Book Capital for year 2017 by UNESCO? | Conakry |
| Who was appointed as the Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF) succeeding Olivier Blanchard? | Maurice Obstfeld |
| World Youth Skills Day was observed across the world on? | 15th July |
| By which margin Bangladesh won the 3-match ODI cricket series against South Africa? | 2-1 |
| Parliament of which country passed a bill to implement European Union mandated austerity measures which will allow it tap bailout funds provided by the European Union? | Greece |
| European Union gave in-principle approval for 86 billion Euro bailout package to _____? | Greece |
| World Population Day was observed with theme Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies on? | 11th July |
| 7th BRICS Summit was held at? (6th BRICS Summit was held at Fortaleza (Brazil) in 2014) | Ufa, Russia |
| Name the Russian cosmonaut who entered Guinness World | Gennady Padalka |

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| Records for spending 804 days on International Space Station (ISS) breaking cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev's (Russian) record of 803 days, 9 hours and 41 minute? | |
| Name the South African cricketer who became only the second bowler to claim a hat-trick on his one-day international cricket debut? | Kagiso Rabada |
| Who was stripped of WBO Welterweight title he won against Manny Pacquiao? | Floyd Mayweather |
| Which country defeated Japan to win Women's FIFA World Cup 2015 for the third time? | USA |
| Which country defeated Argentina to win Copa America Cup Football tournament 2015? | Chile |
| Which place of France was granted World Heritage status by UNESCO recently? | Champagne vineyards |
| Who won the men's singles Wimbledon Championship 2015 defeating Roger Federer in the final? | Novak Djokovic |
| Who won the women's singles Wimbledon Championship 2015 defeating Garbine Muguruza in the final? | Serena Williams |

2015 Ramon Magsaysay Awards

The Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) today announced that this year five individuals from India, Laos, Myanmar, and the Philippines will receive Asia's premier prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award. The 2015 Magsaysay Awardees are:

| Awardee | Awarded for |
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| Kommaly Chanthavong, Laos | She is being recognized for "her fearless, indomitable spirit to revive and develop the ancient Laotian art of silk weaving, creating livelihoods for thousands of poor, war-displaced Laotians, and thus preserving the dignity of women and her nation's priceless silken cultural treasure." |
| Ligaya Fernando-Amilbangsa, Philippines | She is being recognized for "her single-minded crusade in preserving the endangered artistic heritage of southern Philippines, and in creatively propagating a dance form that celebrates and deepens the sense of shared cultural identity among Asians." |
| Anshu Gupta, India | He is being recognized for "his creative vision in transforming the culture of giving in India, his enterprising leadership in treating cloth as a sustainable development resource for the poor, and in reminding the world that true giving always respects and preserves human dignity." |
| Kyaw Thu, Myanmar | He is being recognized for "his generous compassion in addressing the fundamental needs of both the living and the dead in Myanmar -- regardless of their class or religion -- and his channeling personal fame and privilege to mobilize many others toward serving the greater social good." |
| Sanjiv Chaturvedi, for Emergent Leadership, India | He is being recognized for "his exemplary integrity, courage and tenacity in uncompromisingly exposing and painstakingly investigating corruption in public office, and his resolute crafting of program and system improvements to ensure that government honorably serves the people of India." |

Established in 1957, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honour and is widely regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. It celebrates the memory and leadership example of the third Philippine president after whom the award is named, and is given every year to individuals or organizations in Asia who manifest the same selfless service and transformative influence that ruled the life of the late and beloved Filipino leader.