Various national races share joys and sorrows

Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history.

Therefore, a national race or a part of the Union cannot be separated from national races or from the Union. And fruitful results will come out only when the entire Union and all the national races are taken into account together. This indicates a significant characteristic of the Union.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council,
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(from the message sent on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Union Day)

Meeting of Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held

U Thein Sein elected as President, Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as Vice-Presidents

The meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College in progress.—MNA

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- 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
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, food and education standards of the entire nation
Meeting of Group of …

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the meeting as it was attended by all 659 representatives-elect accounting for 100 per cent attendance.

Afterwards, the Speaker announced that three vice-presidents elected by the respective groups of Presidential Electoral College were found to have possessed presidential qualifications after they have been assessed by the scrutiny group.

Afterwards, members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College cast secret votes in the presence of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the members of the group. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also cast secret votes together with the members of the group. After the casting of votes, ballot boxes were opened and counting of votes was carried out of the presence of members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College in accord with the rules and regulations. After counting the votes, it was announced that there were five cancelled votes.

Next, the number of votes cast for each presidential candidate was filled in the Form-15, signed by members of the scrutiny group and signed by the Speaker for approval. Afterwards, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn from the Group of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect got 75 votes.

Therefore, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group Myint Oo and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as vice-presidents.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the presidential election of Presidential Electoral College won 408 votes while Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo from the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives-elect obtained 171 votes of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect was elected as the President as he won the majority of votes. Next, the Speaker announced Thiha Thura U Tin Aung ended at 1.20 pm and the second-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would be held at 10 am on Tuesday, 8 February, 2011.