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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein sent a message to the Speakers of the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw which commenced today.

The following is the translation of the message.

To
Speaker
Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw

Subject: Sending Message

1. I wish good health and happiness to the Speakers of the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw, which has commenced to make discussions and negotiations in the interests of the nation and the people, and all Hluttaw representatives.

2. As the Hluttaw Speakers and representatives are earnestly discussing and deciding legislative and policy affairs in the interests of the nation and the people, the Union Government and region and state governments are also working steadfastly in accord with the policy programmes of the new Union Government laid down at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2011.

3. As promised to the nation and the people, the government is striving its utmost for prevalence of State peace and stability, the rule of law and national reconsolidation, promoting of democratic practices, emergence of good governance and clean government, enabling the people to have the fundamental rights of a citizen, raising of education and health standards, reformation of the economy, development of socio-economy of the nation and the people and environmental conservation tasks.

4. Particularly, we are placing greater emphasis on prevalence of State peace and stability, emergence of a modern, developed nation, development of socio-economy of the people and enabling the people to earn their living democratically or independently in accord with the law.

5. As for State peace and stability, different policies are being exercised based on the nation’s prevailing conditions and lessons of the past so as to ensure eternal peace in the Union. Talks and negotiations have been held with the 11 national race armed groups, which have not yet made peace with the government. Out of them, preliminary peace agreements have been signed with six groups. And negotiation with the remaining groups is under way. Overall, we are taking good strides in our peace process. So, we will make continued efforts for ensuring lasting peace.

6. In order to forge national unity for State peace and stability, efforts have been made sideling different views and seeking common ground in the interests of the people.

Moreover, we have taken necessary measures to ensure all-inclusiveness in national political processes. We have also extended our invitation to the citizens living abroad for various reasons to be able to participate in nation-building endeavours. As a result, national consolidation has improved with internal political stability.

7. With a view to developing the State and improving people’s socio-economy, we are steadfastly working on reforming the social, economic, education, health and agricultural sectors. We are reviewing our monetary, financial, trade and investment polices and taking necessary reform measures
with accelerated momentum in order to reform and develop the whole economic structure of the nation. In particular, we are taking steps to create sound environments so that more foreign investments can flow into the nation. In addition, procedures and formalities are being relaxed for the convenience and development of trade and export/import activities.

8. In accordance with one of the provisions of the constitution stating that assistance shall be rendered as much as possible to develop the socio-economy of the people, farmers and workers, rural development and poverty alleviation tasks are practically being carried out nationwide. Eight work sectors have been laid down and responsible people are conducing field trips up to the grass-roots areas so as to implement the tasks in cooperation with the rural people.

9. For the people to be able to earn their livelihoods democratically or independently in accord with the law, democracy cause and human rights are being promoted in line with the constitution.

10. While serving the interests of the nation and the people through reform processes in all aspects, extensive measures have been taken as well to promote international relations. And as a result, Myanmar has been in a position to have more amity and understanding with the international community.

11. In successfully reforming the all sectors of the nation for the sake of the people and the nation, we had to promulgate 15 new laws and make amendments and supplements.

Now, I would like express my thanks to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for encouraging and supporting the abovementioned tasks including the promulgation of new laws and amendments.

12. We found it difficult to study and make parliamentary procedures when Hluttaws emerged as our nation had been unfamiliar with multi-party democracy system for over 40 years. Yet, thanks to the efficient leadership of Hluttaw Speakers and cooperative efforts of Hluttaw representatives, I am delighted and honoured to see that success has been achieved in passing important new laws, amending and supplementing the existing laws and adopting important policies for the sake of the State and the people.

13. Similarly, I sincerely hope that at the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw, all the participants will be able to achieve more success in discussing and carrying out legislative affairs, policy affairs and Union affairs essential in the interests of the nation and the people.

14. Our Union Government side by side with the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw will strive for the emergence of a modern, developed democratic nation with worldly values such as justice, freedom and equality and for the long-term existence of the Union.

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Thein Sein
President

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