MOFA celebrates 70th Anniversary

A ceremony to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a gala dinner were held on the lawn of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Prior to the ceremony, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi cordially greeted those present, followed by dinner with Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, the Deputy Ministers, ambassadors and other attendees were served with dinner. After dinner, the State Counsellor and party toured the commemorative items the ministry displayed on the ground floor.

Speaking on the occasion, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said: “A nation’s history is similar to a person’s life; they both have ups and downs. We have to try our best to maintain our status while we are up, and not to be discouraged when we are down. We admit that the reputation of our Ministry for Foreign Affairs was not as good as it should be in the past decades.”

“There is no reason to be discouraged as there are many other opportunities to improve and for the young generation it means there is more time to improve. See Page 3 >>

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi looks at the portraits of former foreign ministers, including her father, at a display in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

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The Government would like to express its sincere thanks to the Chairperson Dr Kofi Annan and members of the Commission for their visionary and constructive approach to the need for stability, peace and prosperity in Rakhine.

The Government concurs with the recommendations set forth in the report and believes that these will have a positive impact on the process of the national reconciliation and development.

The large majority of the recommendations will be implemented promptly with a view to maximum effectiveness. The implementation of a few will be contingent upon the situation on the ground but we believe there will be speedy progress.

The Government of Myanmar will be happy to cooperate with the Advisory Commission in its endeavours to assist us in finding viable and sustainable solutions to the complex situation in the Rakhine State.