

Rakhine State issue

In order to handle the Rakhine issue, peaceful coexistence through diversity will be implemented. However, if mind-sets and perspectives remain the same as when the conflicts and tension occurred, we will not be able to resolve these issues. Thus, the issue should be addressed with a new approach, taking into consideration regional and international perspectives, in accordance with 21st century globalisation. We will only be able to overcome the unfair challenges and pressures with the unity of our citizens.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union Government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with New Komeito Party leader Mr. Yamaguchi Natsuo in Tokyo, Japan. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, the Special Envoy of the Japanese Government for National Reconciliation in Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor separately receives New Komeito Party leader, special envoy to Myanmar, JETRO Chairman, Japanese PM's wife

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is in Japan separately received New Komeito Party leader Mr. Yamaguchi Natsuo, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, JETRO Chairman and CEO Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige and Mrs. Akie Abe, wife of the PM of Japan, yesterday.

The State Counsellor received a group led by New Komeito Party leader Mr. Yamaguchi Natsuo at Hotel New Otani Tokyo, Tokyo in the morning and discussed promoting bilateral friendship and relations, matters relating to Myanmar's transition to democracy, economic

development and human resources development.

Next, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a group led by Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar Mr. Yohei Sasakawa in the same hotel later in the morning.

During the meeting between the State Counsellor and Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, matters relating to the Myanmar peace process, national reconciliation process, progress in eradicating leprosy and constructing schools in Rakhine State were discussed.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor met with JETRO Chairman and CEO Mr. Hi-

royuki Ishige in Meiji Kinenkan. In the meeting Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige gave a briefing about the support being given by JETRO to Japanese businesses investing in Myanmar, Japanese companies investing in agriculture, forest and aquatic sectors of Myanmar where there are many good prospects. Of the close to 100 businesses in the Thilawa Economic Zone that created over 10,000 jobs, more than half are from Japan. Due to the enactment of a new investment law in Myanmar, it has become easier to invest in Myanmar and the investment amount from Japan has reached record levels in 2017.

They also discussed about Japan and

Myanmar at the moment cooperating to plant Japonica rice in Myanmar and to export to a third country and of making more efforts towards putting in more investment in Myanmar as she has good prospects in the Asia region.

Present at the meetings were Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers U Min Thu and U Set Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Thurein Thant Zin, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and officials. Later in the evening, the State Counsellor received Mrs. Akie Abe, wife of the Japanese PM, at Hotel New Otani Tokyo, in Tokyo. — MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with JETRO CEO MR. Hiroyuki Ishige in Tokyo, in Japan yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



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