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# State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Republic of Serbia First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Mr. Ivica Dacic, the Republic of Serbia First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

REPUBLIC of the Union of Myanmar State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the Republic of Serbia First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ivica Dacic at the Presidential Palace yesterday morning.

At the meeting promoting bilateral relations and economic cooperation in accordance with the historically long and friendly bilateral relations, conducting the established coordination meetings between the two foreign ministries on a regular basis, increasing bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual benefit in the international arena and cooperation in news media matters were openly discussed.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, officials from Office of the President and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— MNA ■ *(Trs: Zaw Min)*

## Gov't takes steps to ease regulations in bid to attract foreign investment

UTHAUNG TUN, the Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission, attended the second day of the Invest Myanmar Summit 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw, and re-affirmed plans to establish standard operating procedures (SOPs) and a Land Bank to ease investment procedures.

The setting up of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, which was formed recently to attract foreign investment, is among the significant changes being made in Myanmar, said the Union Minister.

The ministry's MyCo System is offering online registration to companies, he added.

He also stressed the important role played by the youth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, appreciating the aptitude displayed by Myanmar youths who achieved success in the Robot Olympics.

"Myanmar's enviable geographical location makes the country a strategic place as it is sitting between China and India, and both countries are developing at the highest pace. Understanding the importance of the Belt and Road Initiative, Myanmar is making the necessary investments to improve its infrastructure," said U Thaung Tun.

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# LIP Ministry, ILO evaluate labour migration projects

MINISTRY OF Labour, Immigration and Population and International Labour Organization (ILO) with the support of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Developing International Internal Migration Governance (DILM) and Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT) hold a Labour Migration Stakeholders meeting at Thingaha Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe addresses Labour Migration Stakeholders meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 January 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

In his address at the meeting Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe said this meeting was held with the aims of evaluating 2018 ILO Labour Migration projects, modifying works and strategies of 2019 Labour Migration projects with suggestion of stakeholders and obtaining approval of the 2019 work programs. Labour Migration Stakeholders meetings were held since 2016 to provide suggestions in Labour Migration projects and to share project works.

The relation between Myanmar and ILO is clearly seen to be progressing in a positive way through mutual cooperation and understanding. The UN organization is setting up appropriate policies and work processes to press on in raising the protection of the rights of migrant labour and to reduce social and economic expenses in labour migration.

Creating job opportunities in the world is becoming important and Myanmar government is setting up and implementing reform work processes while placing emphasis on development of socio-economic of the people, create jobs for anyone who can work to reduce poverty and to create appropriate works for them. Policy related to labour that are appropriate for development of qualified human resources were established and implemented in accordance to the nation's development policy and courses on systematic management of job opportunities appropriate to the labour resources were conducted to create skilled and discipline workforce and sustainable job opportunities said the Union Minister.

Next, ILO Liaison Officer Mr. Rory Mugoven and an official from LIFT delivered messages of greetings.

The opening ceremony was attended by Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws representatives, departmental heads, officials from ILO-Yangon, representatives of civil society organisations and invited guests. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*

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Union Minister U Thaung Tun take part in discussion at the Invest Myanmar Summit in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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When it comes to making and receiving investments, a win-win situation is important for both sides, and all need to work together to achieve it, he said.

Regarding the situation in Rakhine, U Thaung Tun said the Union Government understands the situation in the State and has formed the Central Committee led by the State Counsellor to focus on implementing peace, stability, and development in the state. It has also set up the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD), the committee for repatriation and resettlement of displaced people in Rakhine State, and the Rakhine State Advisory Commission led by Dr. Kofi Annan, and is carrying out development works in the state.

Lack of development is one of the main challenges faced by the state, and it is important to work for the development of the state rather than trading blame, he said.

The Union Minister also praised the investors in Rakhine State, especially in the agriculture, production, education and health sectors, and called attention to the Investment Forum in Rakhine State, which will be held next month.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Thaung Tun replied to queries raised by participants of the summit. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)*

# MOHS, Gavi discuss improving vaccination works in Myanmar

UNION MINISTER for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe met with Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance Chief Executive Officer Dr. Seth Berkley and Senior Country Manager Mr. Dirk Gehi at Ministry of Heatlh and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting vaccination for disease free and healthy children, supports provided by Gavi group in the vaccination works, status of strengthening Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance and to improve vaccination coverage by prioritizing ethnic national regions were discussed.

After the meeting the Union Minister attended the Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Health and Sports and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on 'The Vaccine Independence Initiative-VII held in Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister and UNICEF Executive Director Ms. Henrietta H. Fore signed the MoU at the Signing Ceremony. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe holds talks with Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance Chief Executive Officer Dr. Seth Berkley and Senior Country Manager Mr. Dirk Gehi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**