The following is an unofficial translation for a public announcement of gratitude from the Office of the State Counsellor released on 24 May.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of the State Counsellor
(24 May 2019)
Letter of Gratitude to the Public

1. The Union Government is ever striving tirelessly for the proliferation of the rule of law and socio-economic development of Myanmar's citizens, national reconciliation and internal peace, and amending the Constitution, which is the cornerstone of a democratic federal republic.

2. Given this situation and time period, it is especially important that each citizen observes and implements positive democratic practices.

Furthermore, it is also important for all citizens of the Union to endeavour in line with the 4 laws of success; strong will, determination, indomitable spirit and wisdom;for individual accomplishments, promoting family livelihoods, and developing one's community and country in accordance with one's own assigned duty.

3. On 12 May 2019, the Myanmar National Airline plane No. XY-AGQ (Embraer-190), Yangon-Mandalay flight UB-103, had to make an emergency landing at the Mandalay International Airport, while carrying 82 passengers onboard, after its front landing gear failed to deploy.

Captain U Myat Moe Aung, the pilot, declared emergency (mayday), gave detailed instructions to his co-pilots and the flight crew and made surethat the passengers on board followed emergency rescue procedures. He then flew the plane around the airport to burn off the remaining 3,000 lbs of fuel and reduce the landing weight.

In addition, the pilot made all necessary preparations and communications for an emergency landing and succeeded in landing the plane smoothly without any casualties and minimal damage to the aircraft.

4. To congratulate their efforts, this Letter of Gratitude for the month of May is issued to Captain U Myat Moe Aung and Co-pilots U Kaung Sett Lin and U Myo Thiha Aung for making sound decisions based on their experience, expertise and composure while piloting the aircraft; and to Senior Flight Attendant Daw Cherry Myint, Flight Attendants Daw K Jar San Aung, Daw Khine Zaw Lin and Daw Ommar Aung for carrying out the proper emergency rescue procedures to ensure the safety of the passengers onboard.

5. The actions of Captain U Myat Moe Aung and his flight crewis a vivid example that we can all successfully overcome any challenges if we use our skilled expertise and the preparations we have practised in a calm, unified and confident manner and through our combined efforts.

As I put these deeds on records, I request each and every citizen to cooperate for the progress and development of the Union, as we move forward with collective strength, so that we mighthand over a bright and prosperous future to the next generation.

Aung San Suu Kyi
State Counsellor

Statement of emergency landing of Embraer-190 by Capt. Myat Moe Aung

1.Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) Embraer 190 AR jet XY-AGQ flying flight UB 103 flying from Yangon to Mandalay on 12 May with Capt. U Myat Moe Aung and Co-pilots U Kaung Sat Lin and U Myo Thiha Aung, Senior Flight Attendant Daw Cherry Myint, Flight Attendants Daw K Ja Hsan Aung, Daw Khaing Zar Lin and Daw Ohnmar Aung and 82 passengers including seven foreigners, 89 local passengers and two security persons took off from Yangon International Airport at 7:15 am on 12 May, 2019 and it was unable to deploy its nose landing gear on arrival at Mandalay.

2. The Captain made an approach to runway at Mandalay International Airport at 08:17 am, but the nose landing gear was malfunctioning and couldn't be activated.

The Captain then activated the emergency landing gear down procedure, but it was still not working. He did two pass-by flights in front of ATC to check whether the nose landing gear was down or not.

Then the Captain followed emergency procedures and did the fuel burn out to reduce the landing weight.

At 0909 AM, flight UB103 RGN-MDL, Embraer 190 XY-AGQ made an emergency nose landing along the Runway 17 and successfully and safely landed and stopped at a distance of 4500 ft.

3. After the emergency landing, the passengers were evacuated with proper emergency evacuations by the cabin crew as well. In the accident there were no casualties nor injuries, on board. There was some damage to the aircraft.

Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the UN Specialized Agencies attend the briefing by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Kyaw Tin and Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu briefed on Peace Process and Repatriation Process

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe,Union Minister for the International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu briefed the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the United Nations Specialized Agencies on Rakhine State and Peace Process at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) at 1400 hrs on 24 May 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the briefing, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe briefed the government's efforts in bringing peace and national reconciliation including the ongoing discussion with Ethnic Armed Organizations and in preparation for the repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine State. Union Minister reaffirmed Myanmar's readiness to receive the returnees.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin explained on cooperation with UN, ASEAN and AHA Centre to commence the repatriation process, the review on Education Reform of Recommendations in Rakhine State and the Government's efforts for the closure of IDP Camps. Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu outlined the updates on implementation of the Arrangement and Physical Arrangement forrepatriation of displaced persons signed between Myanmar and Bangladesh. He also informed the outcomes of the fourth meeting of Joint Working Group. Subsequently, the Union Ministers and the Permanent Secretary answered the questions raised by diplomats and UN agencies. The briefing was attended by Heads and representatives of Diplomatic Missions and the United Nations Specialized Agencies in Yangon and invited media personnel.—MNA