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State Counsellor receives Secretary-General of ASEAN



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 4 p.m. on 27 May 2019.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the recent developments in Rakhine State and on the possible areas of collaboration between Myanmar and ASEAN in resolving the humanitarian situation, as well as the outcomes and

implementation of the recommendations of Preliminary Needs Assessment conducted by the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN ERAT) comprising members from selected ASEAN member states, the AHA

Centre and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA ■

2nd High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation to repatriate displaced persons from Rakhine

A 2nd High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation in the work process of repatriating displaced persons from Rakhine State was held at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement assembly hall yesterday morning.

The meeting was jointly chaired by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi.

At the meeting Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye spoke of his appreciation for ASEAN's decision at the 33rd ASEAN Summit meeting held in Singapore on November 2018 to cooperate and participate in the work process of repatriating displaced persons from Rakhine State. As per the decision an ASEAN delegation led by ASEAN Secretary General conducted a field visit to Rakhine in December 2018. From 4 to 13 March 2019, ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) conducted an initial survey for repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine State by visiting Nga Khu Ya Reception Center and Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre and prepared a report on it. These were the efforts of ASEAN said the Union Minister.

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President, State Counsellor send congratulatory messages to Indonesian President Joko Widodo

President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have sent their congratulatory messages to H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo on his re-election as President of the Republic of Indonesia in the General Elections held on 17 April 2019.—MNA

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment and hear cases

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court judges U Myint Aung and U Mya Han of Special Appellate Bench sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning and passed judgment on five (Certiorari) civil cases and heard one (Certiorari) criminal case and four other (Certiorari) civil cases. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Senior General inspects housing, egg farm, textile factory, new school structure in Dagon Seikkan Tsp



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects Myanma Thar Kaung Housing for War Veterans (Lay Daunt Kan) in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited Myanma Thar Kaung Housing for War Veterans (Lay Daunt Kan) in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

The Senior General and entourage inspected the chickens in the egg farm of the housing compound and the construction of a textile factory, which will provide jobs for the families of the veterans.

In 2017, seven 6-storied 2-room buildings were constructed in the housing compound and three more began building in 2018, with 30 per cent currently complete.

Afterwards, the Senior General and entourage visited the basic education high school agriculture and livestock ward (1) nearby and inspected the completion of a three-storied steel structure school donated by families of the Tatmadaw

(Army, Navy and Air). According to news released from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the previous school building was weathered beyond repair and construction of the new building began in 2018 with donations of the Tatmadaw families. The building is 94 per cent complete and can house up to 1,850 students starting from the 2019-2020 academic year upon completion. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

2nd High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation to repatriate displaced persons from Rakhine

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The ASEAN-ERAT report described the actual situation on the ground in Rakhine State and the government's systematic program set and readiness to conduct the repatriation work. The report was planned to be

submitted to ASEAN Summit on June 2019. Socio-economic development works in Rakhine State were being implemented by Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) and the day's 2nd High Level meeting will discuss

future cooperation works said, the Union Minister.

Next, ASEAN Secretary General spoke about lots of works being conducted by ASEAN in 2018 on Rakhine State affairs. Initial survey report's recommendations will be jointly implemented and a more complete

assessment will be made when the repatriation begins. In implementing the initial survey report findings, raising the capacity of the government servants will also be conducted. ASEAN will cooperate more in the ongoing Rakhine State stability and long term development works said the ASEAN Secretary General.

Afterwards, ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management – AHA Centre explained about the initial survey findings report.

Later, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin spoke of the usefulness of the report as well as cooperating with ASEAN in implementing the recommendations and the work process of the report. The report was beneficial not only for Myanmar but also for those who were being repatriated to Myanmar. This is a good example of cooperating with ASEAN and

the report will be distributed to ASEAN Foreign Ministers and development partner organizations, said Union Minister U Kyaw Tin.

UEHRD Committee's U Nyi Nyein Aye then explained about works implemented by UEHRD Committee and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management – AHA Centre Executive Director Ms. Adelina explained about future work processes. This was followed by meeting attendees raised questions, provided suggestions and conducted discussions. At the meeting implementation program to implement findings and recommendations of ASEAN-ERAT group, arrangements made to conduct complete assessment and implementation plan on human resources development program toward disaster response were discussed. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a photo at the 2nd High Level coordination meeting at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**