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U Win Myint wins Pyidaungsu Hluttaw elects new President

THE Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw elected U Win Myint as the next President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar yesterday morning in a vote by Members of Parliament in Nay Pyi Taw.

The result was 403 votes for Vice President U Win Myint, 66, who was previously nominated by elected Pyithu Hluttaw MPs, 211 votes for Vice President U Myint Swe, nominated by Tatmadaw MPs, and 18 votes for Vice President U Henry Van Thio, nominated by Amyotha Hluttaw MPs, with four votes rejected.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then officially announced the election of U Win Myint as President, and U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio as Vice Presidents.

Of the 656 Hluttaw MPs, 636 were present, while 20 were absent.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced the commencement of the Presidential election at 10am yesterday, explaining that the President would be elected from among the three Vice Presidents in a secret ballot observed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw MPs. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker also explained about the voting process, the ballots and reasons why votes might be rejected.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw MPs then proceeded to vote for the next President by secret ballot.

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Former Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint elected as the next President.
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Awarded by Financial Times (The Banker)

Chinese President Xi Jinping sends congratulatory message to newly elected President U Win Myint

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China sent a message of congratulations to U Win Myint, who was elected as the President of Myanmar yesterday.

In his message, President Xi Jinping extended his warm congratulations and best wishes to U Win Myint for being elected as President of the Republic of

the Union of Myanmar. President Xi Jinping said he believed that the Myanmar government and people would make new achievements in maintaining political stability, developing economy, promoting national peace process and expanding international exchanges and cooperation under Your Excellency's leadership.

"China and Myanmar are tra-

ditionally good neighbour countries and enjoy a long-standing Pauk-Phaw friendship. In recent years, the high-level contacts between our two countries are frequent, practical cooperation has been expanding, people-to-people exchanges are active and multilateral coordination are close, bringing tangible benefits to the two peoples and making positive

contributions to the peace and prosperity of the region", President Xi Jinping said.

"I attach great importance to the development of China-Myanmar relations and would like to work closely with Your Excellency to consolidate the traditional friendship and deepen the mutually beneficial cooperation, promoting the China-Myanmar Com-

prehensive Strategic Cooperation Partnership to a new height and bringing more benefits to the two countries as well as two peoples," said President Xi Jinping.

He also wishes President U Win Myint good health and success, and hopes Myanmar and its people enjoy prosperity and happiness.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Minister of the State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin welcomes Chinese Vice-Chairman Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah and his party at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

A DELEGATION led by the Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Former Chief Executive of the Macau Special

Administrative Region Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

They were welcomed by Union Minister for International

Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang along with officials at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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After the voting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the tallying of the votes and the ballots issued, and the election of the President and Vice Presidents, in accordance with the law. The votes received by each candidate were counted in front of a vote monitoring group consisting of one MP from each of the three hluttaws, and one representative MP each from the National League for Democracy, Union Solidarity Development Party, Arakan National Party, Shan Nationalities League for Democracy and the Tatmadaw.

Attending the event were State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice President U Henry

Van Thio, Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar, the Union Election Commission Chairman, Union Ministers, the Union Attorney General, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman, the Myanmar Human Rights Commission Chairman, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Chairman and members and invited guests.

The event ended after it was announced that the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw seventh regular session 21st-day meeting was scheduled to be held on the afternoon of 29 March.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Central Committee meeting held to develop and implement national crime prevention strategy

A CENTRAL Committee meeting to develop and implement a national crime prevention strategy was held yesterday afternoon in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Union Minister office assembly hall. The meeting was attended by the chairman of the central Committee to develop and implement a national crime prevention strategy, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe; Deputy Ministers for the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Border Affairs; permanent secretaries and directors general from the Ministry of

Transport and Communications, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Anti-Corruption Commission; officials from Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; Myanmar Police Chief, Deputy Chief and senior police officers.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen

Kyaw Swe delivered the opening speech, while the central Committee secretary, Myanmar Police Chief, explained the draft strategy drawn up and central Committee members, Deputy Ministers and officials discussed and provided suggestions.

The national-level national crime prevention strategy (draft) includes the main causes of crime, implementing ministries, organisations and entities, and long-term and immediate works. Detailed discussions were held to develop a final draft by May 2018, drawing up detailed work



Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe delivers the opening speech at the meeting to develop and implement a national crime prevention strategy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

processes by states and regions and implementing them. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe delivered a

concluding speech and the meeting came to a close.—Myanmar News Agency ■