

The Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State

Report to the People on the Progress of the Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State
(January to April 2018)

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

A delegation composed of permanent representatives to the United Nations, representatives from Myanmar's neighboring countries and Member States of United Nations Security Council visited Myanmar from 30 April to 1 May 2018. During the visit, the delegation met various key stakeholders including the State Counsellor, the Commander in Chief of Defense Services, Union Ministers, the Advisory Board for the Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State, and Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group.



Implementation of the Commission's Recommendations

A 9-member Advisory Board for the Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State was set up in December 2017. This advisory board is chaired by H.E. Prof. Surakiart Sathirathai - former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand; and comprised of 4 international members and 5 national members. The Committee for Implementation

of the Recommendations on Rakhine State met and discussed with this Advisory Board for more effective implementation of activities in Rakhine State.



H.E. Prof. Surakiart Sathirathai, the Chair of the Advisory Board, and other members made a visit to Myanmar from 22 to 25 January 2018; and met the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice President U Myint Swe, and officials from the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State. They also made site visits to Maungdaw Township and Kyaukpyu Township, observed the ground situations and gave some necessary advice. The second visit of Chair and board members took place from 31 March 2018 to 2 April 2018. The Advisory Board went to Singapore after that visit and met the Singapore Foreign Minister on 3 April 2018. A debriefing session was also provided by the board for heads of ASEAN diplomatic missions.



The first report to the people by the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State was released in state-owned newspapers in February 2018, to update the people on the progress of implementation works.

The staff members of the Secretariat of the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State met and discussed with the communities regularly throughout the period; and reported back to the committee on community needs and updated information for further actions.

Conclusion

Promoting peace, stability and development in Rakhine State is a long-term work. Efforts are increased to implement recommendations that could be beneficial in practice as priority, as well as other necessary tasks. And with this report, we humbly present these substantial progresses to the people. ■

5th CSA Expo, 25th China Kunming Import and Export Fair kicks off

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THE opening ceremony of the fifth China-South Asia Expo (5th CSA Expo) and 25th China Kunming Import and Export Fair kicked off on the morning of 14 June at the Kunming Dianchi International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.

Over 80 countries, including Myanmar, exhibited their products at the CSA Expo through more than 8,500 booths.

The theme of the 5th CSA Expo is "Integrating into the Belt and Road for Win-win Co-operation."

The master of ceremony at this event, Yunnan Provincial administrator, introduced

China's relations with foreign countries.

Next, the deputy prime minister of the People's Republic of China (PRC), minister for commerce of PRC and Communist Party secretary of Yunnan delivered speeches.

Later, the deputy prime ministers of Afghanistan, Laos and Viet Nam gave their opinions on the expo, after which Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, who was attending as a representative of Myanmar, the country of honour at the expo, explained Myanmar's view.

The 5th CSA Expo and 25th China Kunming Import and Export Fair covers an area of 190,000 square metres. It will be held until 20 June. ■



Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint visits booth at the opening ceremony of the fifth China-South Asia Expo and 25th China Kunming Import and Export Fair in Kunming on 14 June.