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President receives Special Advisor to Japanese Prime Minister

President U Win Myint welcomes Mr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received a delegation led by Special Advisor to Japanese Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Hiroto Izumi at the diplomat hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Among the topics discussed were providing development assistance, development of investment, education, agriculture, livestock, transportation, electricity and construction sectors, Yangon urban development affairs, stability, rule of law and development in Rakhine State, and bilateral cooperation.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Soe Win, U Kyaw Tin;,Deputy Minister U Min Thu and other officials. Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Ichiro Maruyama also attended the meeting together with the Japanese delegation.—Myanmar News Agency ■

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers a speech at the closing ceremony of the Third Session of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor: Main essence of conference is ability to continue political discussion process through mutual understanding

Following is an unofficial translation of a speech delivered by National Reconciliation and Peace Centre Chairperson State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the closing ceremony of the Third Session of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong.

Dear conference chairman, members of the chair, UPDJC (Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee) members and conference delegates,

By signing part two of the Union Accord, the Third Session of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong held for six days has reached another milestone successfully. In part two, there were only fourteen basic principles but it is a happy and praiseworthy outcome for us,

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SWRR Union Minister receives Rakhine Advisory Board Chair

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet, and UEHRD Communications Director U Kyaw Myaing held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State, and his delegation at the meeting hall of the SWRR Ministry yesterday.

They openly discussed the ongoing development in Rakhine State, completed and ongoing implementation of recommendations regarding Rakhine State, implementation of Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai's Advisory Board recommendations, ongoing operations relating to the MoU signed between the Myanmar government, UNHCR and UNDP on the repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh, and long-term collaboration for development in Rakhine State.

In the evening, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met with Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai and his delegation at Nay Pyi Taw's Thingaha Hotel.

They discussed the progress of implementation of peace, stability and development in Rakhine State, the repatriation process of returnees, the mutual co-existence of the two societies in Rakhine State, long-term development plans, closing down of IDP camps and issuing of NVCs (National Verification Cards).—MNA ■

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Special care cannot be given to every single crop

We work everyday to govern an entire nation. So, we don't have leisure time.

In governing an entire nation, it is impossible to focus at the same time on every issue affecting the people. But, in reality, our government is working against many difficulties; we saw success in some issues and did not in some others.

(Excerpt from the address made by Bogyoke Aung San at the meeting with journalists on 30 May 1947)

State Counsellor receives Special Advisor to Japanese Prime Minister

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received His Excellency Mr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, yesterday at 4 pm at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed on the matters related to over 60 prioritized development projects in Myanmar to be implemented with Japanese Official Development Assistance, such as Yangon Urban Development Project, projects for improvement of transportation in Yangon, including Yangon Circular Railways Project, setting up GPS control stations to reduce traffic congestion in Yangon, Hantharwady International Airport Construction Project, Japan-Myanmar Vocational Training Institute. Japan had committed a contribution of 800 billion yen to Myanmar in 5 years from FY2016 to FY2020 for the development of Government and private sectors.

Moreover, development projects for Rakhine State, to be implemented by Japan, were also discussed.—MNA ■

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Mr.Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Third Session of Union Peace Conference — 21st Century Panglong successfully concludes

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, third from left, attends the closing ceremony of the Third Session of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE sixth and final day of the Third Session of the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Chairperson of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC), State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, delivered a speech in which she expressed her gratitude. (Full text of her speech is covered on Page 1 and 3.)

Attending the ceremony were vice-chairs, members and secretaries of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC), Government group, Hluttaw group, Tatmadaw group, ethnic armed organisations (EAOs), leaders and members of political parties, groups relevant to the peace conference, observers, invited guests and other officials.

The peace conference panel was led by Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win, with panel members Lt-Gen Tin Maung Win, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Daw Ni Shwe Lian and U Myint Soe. Also, Panel Chair Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win delivered the opening speech. (Full text of his speech is covered on Page 2.)

The peace conference commenced with the reading and submissions of basic principles concerning the political sector by Tatmadaw Group representative Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo (retd), the economic sector by Government Group representative U Hla Maung Shwe, the social sector by Political Parties Group representative U Naing Ngan Lin, and the land and environment sector by EAO Group representative Khun Myint Tun. SEE PAGE-4