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President U Win Myint welcomes Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President receives Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to the stability, peace and development of Rakhine State, the repatriation process of displaced persons, and the implementation status

of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Union Government, the UNDP and the UNHCR regarding the repatriation of displaced persons. Present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Thaung Tun and Dr. Win Myat Aye, members of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State and other officials.—MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, and its members in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives Chairman, members of Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received H.E. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, and its members at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 hrs on 17 July 2018. H.E. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai was accompanied by eight members of the Advisory Board.

During the meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Board explained the activities and the work plan of the Advisory Board. They exchanged views on matters relating to the implementation of the recommendations of the Advisory Board

issued after the first and second sessions, further measures to address challenges and pursue socio-economic development projects in Rakhine State.

It was the third meeting between the State Counsellor and the Advisory Board since its inception.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Myanmar News Agency ■

5th meeting of senior officials of Myanmar-Bangladesh border forces held

The 5th meeting of senior officials from the Myanmar-Bangladesh border forces was held at the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) headquarters, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 July. The meeting was attended by senior officials of the Myanmar Police Force headquarters led by Chief of Police Gener-

al Staff acting Police Brig-Gen Myo Than, senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Myanmar Embassy in Bangladesh and senior officials from the (Bangladesh) Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of

Foreign Affairs led by BGB Additional Director General Brig-Gen Md Anisur Rahman.

At the meeting, they discussed incidents occurring near the border area, illegal border crossings, conducting coordinated patrols along the border line, conducting regional-level,

battalion-level and camp-level information transfers, opening of a border liaison office (BLO), apprehending criminals and fugitives, exchanging friendly visits and building confidence between the Myanmar Police Force, Border Guard Police (BGP) and BGB, and coordinat-

ing between the two countries on security and the rule of law along the borders of the two countries.

The BLO office will soon be opened in Cox Bazar district, Teknaf town, and information on security and the rule of law will be shared and coordinated, it is learnt.—MNA ■



Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung offering Waso robes at the Amyotha Hluttaw's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw's office holds Waso robe offering ceremony

THE Amyotha Hluttaw's office held a Waso robe offering ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The congregation first received the five precepts delivered by Mahawithutarama Zaygone Monastery of Pyinmana, State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kawithara. Then the audience listened to the parittas recited by Sayadaws and Sanghas. After receiving and listening to the Dhamma,

the reverend monks were offered the Waso robes and offertories. Then the Mahawithutarama Zaygone Monastery Sayadaw preached the sermon and shared the merits of the deed.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung and family members of the myotha Hluttaw's office.

The ceremony took place at the meeting hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over the Revenue Appellate Tribunal Bill sent back by the President with comments at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Aye

Tha Aung, deputy chairmen, secretary, joint secretary and committee members, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, officials from the Union Government's Office, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Union Attorney General's Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivers the speech at the coordination meeting of the central committee in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Hluttaw meetings' organising central committee, work committees hold coord meeting

THE coordination meeting (3/2018) of the central committee and work committees in charge of organising Hluttaw meetings was held at the Hluttaw Building Zabuthiri Hall yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Mahn Win Khaing Than, patron of the 2018 Hluttaw meetings organising central committee, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, said that at the forthcoming Hluttaw meeting, one of the main work of the Hluttaw is the discussion and confirmation of bills, including the 2018-2019 fiscal year National Planning and Union Budget Bill according to priority; and other Hluttaw-related works would be discussed. In addition to this, during the forthcoming meeting, the posts of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and

Hluttaw Deputy Speaker would be filled, according to the Constitution and thus this Hluttaw session will be special from among the regular sessions, said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker.

Next, Hluttaw meetings organising central committee Chairman Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said that due to the support of union-level ministries and departments, the Hluttaw meetings of the second Hluttaw were successfully held.

In the forthcoming session, too, security, as well as transport, audio/video, voting switches, etc. should be checked to ensure their proper working condition and relevant committees and officials must coordinate so that news of the Hluttaw meetings is available systematically for the media.

Later, relevant union ministers from the committees, Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, central committee secretary Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Director General and officials explained and discussed work committee-wise works. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then commented on the explanations and discussions, after which the meeting came to a close following the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker's closing remarks.

Present at the meeting were Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, union ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, work committee secretaries and officials from Hluttaw offices.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than receives Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, accompanied by board members, at the guest hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they openly discussed matters related to the work of the Advisory Board and works by the Hluttaw on Rakhine State affairs. Present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw Dep-



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets with Chairman Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

uty Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw Office. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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(Excerpt from BogyokeAung San's speech made at the All Workers' Union and dinner in Natmauk, on 25 March 1947)



Thai delegation from IBERD Foundation calls on Union Ministers U Thaung Tun, Dr. Win Myat Aye

U Thaung Tun, Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), and Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, and Dr. Win Myat Aye, Chairman of the Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, received a delegation led by Mr. Sathit Linpongpan, President of the Institute of Business Economics Research and Development (IBERD) Foundation, and

delegation on 17 July, 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw.

They discussed matters relating to trade and investment promotion between Myanmar and Thailand as well as cooperation in human resources development in Rakhine State. The sectors discussed include renewable energy, fisheries, cold storages facilities, provision of E-wallet services and environmental management for sustainability.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and Dr Win Myat Aye receive IBERD Foundation President Mr. Sathit Linpongpan and delegation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

New school buildings handed over to Ministry of Education

THE handover ceremony of new school buildings, which were constructed with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), to the Ministry of Education, was held at No. 9 Basic Education High School, Mingan ward, Sittway town, on 17 July morning.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Education; U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State, Maj-Gen Than Htut, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs, U Soe Aung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Minister for Construction, Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar, Mr. Masayuki Karasawa, Chief Representative of the JICA Myanmar Office, U Aung Than Myint, Rakhine State Education Officer, teachers, students and other officials from related departments.

The ceremony opened with Myanmar school songs sung



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu sprinkles scented water on the stone inscription of the school at the handover ceremony of new school buildings in Sittway. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

by the students of B.E.H.S Mingan School. Then, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Education, gave the opening speech stating that the schools were damaged by floods and landslides in 2015. Therefore, the Japan government provided 5 billion yen. The Ministry of Education spent 1.5 billion

yen (Ks15 billion) to construct 82 schools. Of the 82 schools, 39 have been constructed in Rakhine State. The 33 schools, including Mingan School in Rakhine State, which were constructed with the assistance of JICA have been 100 per cent completed.

Now, students from Rakh-

ine State can safely and happily access education. For the sustainability of the new schools, we should maintain the schools together.

Then, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar, and Mr. Masayuki Karasawa, Chief

Representative of the JICA Myanmar Office, gave speeches, while Rakhine State Education Officer U Aung Than Myint expressed thanks.

Mr. Masayuki Karasawa handed over the documents related to the new school buildings to Rakhine State Education Officer U Aung Than Myint.

The union minister, State chief minister, deputy ministers and Japanese ambassador sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription of the school. The union minister and officials inspected the school building and gave an encouraging speech to the students at the school.

The new buildings were constructed in January 2017 by Hlaing Myint Moe Tun Construction Company. They were completed in September. The construction of two buildings, which is an RC two-storey building with 102x30 foot rooms, cost a total of Ks278.23 million.—Myint Maung Soe ■