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TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE

State Counsellor: thanks to people

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed thanks to the people for their understanding of the incumbent government, pledging that the one-year-old administration would continue to march on the road to establishing a federal union with eternal peace and introducing a new motto: "Together with the people".

In a speech aired on state television last night to commemorate the first year of her National League for Democracy (NLD) in office, she also asked for support from the people. She also expressed her thanks to the people for their patience and understanding of her government in its first year amid criticisms of the NLD government.

Regarding the achievements by the NLD-led government in the past year, she said her government promulgated laws that could give protection to the people. At the

same time, the government changed or removed some laws that used to suppress the people.

The State Counsellor said spending on healthcare was increased, and guaranteed that the effort was not fruitless. In a one-year period, the development of public health care is improving rapidly, to the extent that the world acknowledged Myanmar's progress. Significant gains has been made in eradicating tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV/AIDS. The accomplishment in healthcare earned the praise of the international organization Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which helps in the fight to eradicate the three major diseases.

Starting now, she said the government will mainly concentrate on the tasks of job creation, better transportation and increased access to electric power.—GNLM



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers a speech to commemorate the first year in office of her National League for Democracy (NLD). PHOTO: MNA

The full text of the speech of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.

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Press Release

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1. The Union Government has been implementing the national reconciliation and peace process with special focus. And, it has been making concerted efforts for national ethnic armed groups which have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement—NCA to take part in Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panlong, after building up mutual trust and understanding. According to the nature of peace

dialogues, one year has already passed with high points and low points.

2. The main point of the dialogues for peace is trust. Here mutual trust is of great importance, as is self-confidence. As a result of the strenuous efforts and negotiations for one year, 5 member groups of United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC)— Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP), New Mon State Party (NMSP), Arakan National Council (ANC), Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) and Wa National Organization (WNO) disclosed this evening that they would sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
3. National Reconciliation and Peace which the national ethnic races and union citizens have been yearning for successive eras is now seeing red rays of hope spraying forth with brilliant colours. At such a time of great importance, undesirable destructive elements and instigations intended to harm peace might emerge. Therefore, this press release is being issued to urge our brothers who are leaders of the ethnic national races and Union citizens to be extremely careful.



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