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President marks 3rd anniversary of the government with speech: Six-decade long civil war to end soon, but Armed Forces will continue to be included in negotiations to solve political issues

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — President U Thein Sein delivered a speech to mark the third anniversary of his government at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Union Parliament, on Wednesday.

In his speech, the president expressed his delight with the country's achievement of national consolidation to a satisfactory extent and a new political culture of partnership.

He also expressed gratitude to the international community for their support for the country's economic reform and for helping Myanmar to get on the right track in

a stable manner towards a democratic society and development.

President U Thein Sein also expressed the government's commitment to encouraging responsible investments, to ensure that investment related to extracting natural resources will not affect the environment and socio-economic situation.

Regarding the dispute on farmlands across the country, he urged MPs and responsible persons from the land utilization management offices to collaborate to find justifiable solutions as the government wants to make sure that ownership is true and

authentic in accordance with the existing laws.

Regarding a nationwide ceasefire agreement between the government and ethnic armed groups, the president said that agreements have been reached between the government and the leaders of the ethnic armed groups, and that a nationwide peace agreement will be signed soon.

"I believe that the conflicts that have lasted for over sixty years will soon come to an end," said President U Thein Sein in his address at the parliament.

The people have been enjoying the annual GDP

growth rate of 5%, showing the effectiveness of the country's reforms, he added.

Concerning the country's democratic transition, President U Thein Sein said the Armed Forces will continue to play a role in the democratic transition. He said they need to continue to be included in the political negotiations to find solutions to the political issues in Myanmar.

"We will be able to steadily reduce the role of our Armed Forces as we mature in democracy, and make progress in our peace building efforts," he said.—*NLM*

Sultan of Brunei concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wadd-

aulah and party left here for Brunei by air on Wednesday morning.

They were seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister U Wun-

na Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Myat and officials.—*MNA*



Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by officials.—*MNA*

Presentation on success of SEA Games to be held 28 March

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—To elaborate on how Myanmar successfully held the 27th SEA Games, including opening and closing ceremonies, officials will give a presentation in the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon from 9 a.m. to noon on 28 March. There will also be a platform for discussion, with interested people invited to come and join the discussion. Due to a limited number of seats, those wishing to attend the presentation should register with Daw Khin Oo, Tel: 09422515100.—*MNA*

President congratulates signing of Historic Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent message of Congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Benigno S Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines and to the people of the Philippines, on the Signing of the Historic Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro on 27 March 2014.—*MNA*

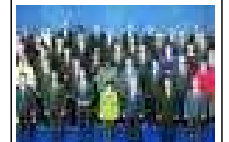
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