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President gives press conference on upshots of ASEAN Summit

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A press conference concerning the ongoing 24th ASEAN Summit and its related meetings took place at Thanda Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre here this evening, with a briefing by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, reports said.

The president highlighted efforts to establish ASEAN Community by 2015 in line with the theme 'Moving forward in unity to a peaceful and prosperous community', chosen by Myanmar since it started to take the chairmanship role of ASEAN.

Media reports quoted the president as saying the theme portrays future steps ASEAN will take as well as the country's commitment to the current democratization process and its reconciliation process.

President U Thein Sein stressed the exchange of views on how to fortify ASEAN institutions and ASEAN Secretariat in an effective way in line with the principles embedded in the ASEAN Charter. As regards regional and international issues, the president said ASEAN leaders at the Retreat Session discussed issues pertaining to South China Sea, East Sea, Korean Peninsula, multilateral cooperation in search of the missing MH-370, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and Middle East.

According to the president, the product of the summit is the adaptation of the 'Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on Realization of the ASEAN Community in 2015'. Speaking of Myanmar's aspiration on ASEAN chairmanship, the president said ASEAN will be strengthened "as a people-centered organization in accordance with the people-centered development strategy", adding that unity is important among the ASEAN countries to maintain credibility.

As the ASEAN chair, Myanmar, U Thein Sein said, has set goals for bringing about peace, stability and prosperity while sustaining security in the ASEAN region. He also pledged a balanced approach to the expansion of relations with ASEAN's dialogue partners.

President U Thein Sein, on behalf of ASEAN, is scheduled to attend G-20 Summit to be held in Brisbane, Australia, from 15 to 16 November this year.

MOFA releases Press Statement on 24th ASEAN Summit

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the Press Statement on 24th ASEAN Summit on Sunday. The full text of the press statement is as follows:-Press Statement on 24th ASEAN Summit.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has assumed the ASEAN Chairmanship on 1st January 2014 for the first time since it joined ASEAN in 1997. In accordance with the ASEAN practice, the Chair of ASEAN hosts and Chairs the main ASEAN Meetings including the Summits, Ministerial Meetings and Senior Officials' Meetings.

As the chair of ASEAN, Myanmar hosted the 24th ASEAN Summit (Plenary) and (Retreat) and related meetings including the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meetings, the 11th ASEAN Political and Security Community Council Meeting and the 14th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting, ASEAN Leaders' Meeting with the Representatives of AIPA and ASEAN Leaders' Meeting with the Representatives of ASEAN Youth at Myanmar International Convention Centre-I, in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 to 11 May 2014. The 24th ASEAN Summit was the first in the series of ASEAN Leader's Meetings under Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 under the theme "Moving forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community".

The 24th ASEAN Summit Plenary Meeting was held from 10:15 hrs to 11:15 hrs at Ruby Hall, Myanmar International Convention Centre-I on 11th May 2014. The Summit (Plenary) was hosted and chaired by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Chair of ASEAN and the meeting was attended by the Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN Member States.

At the Meeting, the Leaders discussed the progress of implementation of the Roadmap for ASEAN Community, Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan II, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) which were submitted by the Secretary-General of ASEAN; the future directions of ASEAN Community by taking into account the progress reports of ACCWG on Post-2015 ASEAN Vision and the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs and ASEAN's External Relations.

The Retreat of the 24th ASEAN Summit was held at Pearl Hall from 11:30 hrs to 13 hrs.

At the meeting, the leaders exchanged views on regional and international issues and preparations for the G-20 Summit to which the Chair of ASEAN will represent the ASEAN.

Following the retreat, the ASEAN leaders held series of interface meetings with the Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and the Representatives of ASEAN Youth.

The closing session of the 24th Summit was held at the Ruby Hall and after the closing session followed Press Conference of the ASEAN Chair, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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ASEAN Statement on Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro

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1. ASEAN welcomes the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front on 27 March 2014 in Manila.

2. ASEAN commends the constructive role of Malaysia as the Facilitator of the peace agreement and acknowledges the contributions of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia to the peace agreement.

3. ASEAN continues to support lasting peace and development in areas of the southern Philippines covered by the Agreement.

Union FM Arrives Back After Attending 68th Session of UNGA

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back Myanmar on 5th September after delivering a statement on 30th September at the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The Union Minister has also attended the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) 2013 Annual Meeting, Public Forum on Responsible investment in Myanmar's Future at Asia Society, Asia Cooperation Dialogue Ministerial Breakfast Meeting, High-Level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament, Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (IAMM), ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting (AUMM), Opening Session of the Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, Bilateral Meeting between the Secretary of State of the United States and the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and Forum on Myanmar at Business Council for International Understanding during his stay in New York.

The Union Minister held bilateral meetings with Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Fumio Kishida, Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs MP Ms. Julie Bishop, Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Edgars Rinkevics, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Miroslav Lajcak, Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Linas Linkevicius, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary-General Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, United Kingdom Minister of State MP Rt. Hon. Mr. Hugo Swire, United States Deputy Secretary of State Mr. William Burns and Israeli Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Zeev Elkin and discussed matters on promoting of bilateral relations and cooperation.

The Union Minister also met with United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Under- Secretary-General of UNOCHA Ms. Valerie Amos and Special Representative of UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms. Leila Zerrougu. They exchanged views on issues of mutual interest and discussed promotion of cooperation during the meetings.—
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