

### **President U Thein Sein receives delegations of ARF**

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Aug —President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received foreign ministers from member countries of the ASEAN Regional Forum and the secretary general of the ASEAN at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Sunday morning.

At the meeting, President U Thein Sein said that he was pleased to see that the ARF, which was formed 20 years ago, has become an influential organization that cooperate in political and security affairs in the Asian-Pacific Region and expressed his support for the forum's efforts to bring about stability, peace and prosperity through positive dialogues.

In addition, President U Thein Sein briefed the foreign minister and the ASEAN secretary general on the reform measures being taken in Myanmar. President U Thein Sein also received the delegation led by High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission Mrs Catherine Ashton on the same day.

They exchanged views on promotion of relations between Myanmar and EC, cooperation for economic development of Myanmar, agricultural development, poverty alleviation, peace efforts and peace, stability and development of Rakhine State.—MNA

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