

## **7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games in Myanmar Concludes**

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Jan — Today is a proud day for the host Myanmar as the seventh ASEAN Para Games held from 15 to 20 January concluded in a great success today.

The closing ceremony of the 7th ASEAN Para Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Sport Complex this evening, attended by Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, the Union ministers, parliamentarians, members of the lead-ing committee for holding the Games, the ASEAN ambassadors, the president of ASEAN Para Sports Federation and officials, managers, coaches and athletes, media persons, Liaison Officers and Volunteer Officers and guests.

Before the closing ceremony, entertainment programs were presented. Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 7th ASEAN Para Games Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan gave an account of the Games. Next, the Vice-President expressed his delight for witnessing the self-respect, self-confidence and self-reliance of over 1500 athletes during the games.

The disabled athletes showed their diligence, spirit and meaning of the essence of life individually and the capabilities had brought the amazing days to audience including him, the Vice-President said.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun announced the closing of the 7th ASEAN Para Games.

The flame at the main torch was extinguished shortly after firework displays marked the closing ceremony.

Then, the ceremony proceeded with lowering the flags of the State and ASEAN Para Sports Federation and raising the flag of Singapore that will host the 8th ASEAN Para Games in 2015.

The Union sports minister handed over the federation flag to the representative of Singapore. The closing ceremony came to an end with a dance performed by more than 2000 entertainers and performances of vocalists and movie stars.

Host Myanmar stood fifth at the medal tally of the Games, winning 34 gold, 26 silver and 36 bronze medals while Indonesia was at the top, grabbing 96 gold, 82 silver and 70 bronze medals, followed by Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam. *MNA*

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