

The press conference about the results of the tender concerning the KyaukPhyu SEZ and the meeting ceremony of the Consulting Firm consortium which won the said tender (The Speech to be given by Dr Mg Mg Thein)

1. First of all may I wish an auspicious greeting to the Ministers, Embassadors, diplomats, advisory companies to local and foreign media, reporters, the joint organizations, the BEAC members and last but not least to the winner of the tender award the consulting firms consortium, their delegates and all the distinguished guests attending the ceremony.
2. Myanmar has the potential capacity for natural development as it possesses many prospects. It is in a strategic location for domestic and international trade and it is in a strategic position for China, India and Asean countries and not only does it possess a wealth of natural resources, it also has a market of more than 60 million people. The Working Age Population is 37.449 and it has a labour force about 3 million workers working abroad and therefore has a wealth of human resources.
3. If one uses the said potential systematically in the long run it will pay huge benefits to the country. With this in mind, the government has laid down long term plans, medium plans and short term plans to develop the economy, social and natural surroundings to bring it about. Therefore to motivate and drive the country's economy it has initiated (3) special economic zones at Dawei, Thilawa and KyaukPhyu.
4. In developing the process the country's political and economic systems must be in conformity and therefore to enforce directive management the government has passed the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law on the 23rd January, 2014 to bring this about and the objectives of the law are as follows:
 - a) To support the main objectives of the national economic development plan
 - b) To create jobs for the citizens, to promote their living standard, to promote the export of goods with the improvement in production and to increase foreign exchange earnings
 - c) To encourage and promote the balanced development of the industrial, economic and social sectors in the state

- d) To promote cooperation in industrial, economic and commercial, services and financial businesses between the stated and other countries, and to provide the opportunities for vocational training to the citizens
 - e) To encourage and promote domestic and foreign investments with the building of appropriate infrastructures for the developers and the investors
 - f) To promote the flow of domestic and foreign investments in the Special Economic Zone and to establish backward and forward linkages among the industries in and surroundings the Special Economic Zone with the creation of new jobs
5. To create interest for investors and developers to invest in the state, the government has granted the following income tax exemptions and reliefs.
6. The developer is entitled the following tax exemptions and reliefs:
- a) Income tax exemption for the first eight years from the commencement of business operation:
 - b) Fifty percent relief of the income tax rate stipulated by the existing law for the following five years
 - c) Fifty percent relief of the income tax rate stipulated by the existing law for the subsequent 5 years on the profit which is obtained from the business and reinvested within one year in business after keeping it as a separate fund.
7. The investor is entitled to the following income tax exemptions and reliefs:
- a) For investment business in the free zone or the free zone businesses, there shall be income tax exemption for the first seven years from the commencement of the commercial operations
 - b) For investment business in the Promotion Zone or other businesses in the boundary of the Special Economic Zone, there shall be income tax exemption for the first five years from the commencement of the commercial operation
 - c) The investment business in the Free Zone and the Promotion Zone shall be entitled to fifty percent relief on the income tax rate stipulated under the existing law for the following five years:

- d) The investment business in the Free Zone and the Promotion Zone shall be entitled to fifty percent relief of the income tax rate stipulated under the existing law for the subsequent 5 years on the profit which is obtained from the business and reinvested within one year in the business after keeping it as a separate fund
- e) Concerning Three Special Economic Zones, the Dawei Special Economic Zone a contract has been signed with the Thailand government, the Thilawa Special Economic Zone with the Japanese and developments have been established. But the KyaukPhyu Special Economic Zone in accordance with the development of the State, the government is developing the political and national reconciliation process, the economics, social process and administration process and due to such, has not signed a contract with any government and is therefore calling for tenders in conformity with the Special Economic Zone Law for investors in accordance with international rules and regulations for the benefit of the state and its citizens. The project should be advantageous, systematic, swift and for the citizens to participate in a clear concept process and has given priority to those who had previous experience in Special Economic Zone Management and the first step is to call for tenders for the consulting firm and the methods for such, the carrying out process and the last result for the formation of the KyaukPhyu Special Economic Zone, the current situation and the developments to be seen in a clear and transparent manner and has invited its partners, the social environment organizations, traders and entrepreneurs, diplomats, the media in order to be seen in a clear and transparent manner in order to be seen in a clear and transparent manner and this ceremony is vitally important both for the Rakhine State and the Government and because of its prestigious aspect, I urge all of you who attend this ceremony, to cooperate in its development to make it a sounding achievement and a successful one.

Thank you everyone for your kind attention.