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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presents its compliments to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Offices of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and International Organizations residing in Myanmar, and has the honour to inform them that the Office of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has declared an appeal to people on 2019 Novel Coronavirus dated 13 March 2020 as follows:

- (a) The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic on 11 March 2020 at 11:13 pm, Myanmar standard time.
- (b) Therefore, the Committee for Prevention, Containment and Treatment of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) has been elevated and organized as a national level Central Committee on 13 March 2020.
- (c) As the respiratory disease COVID -19 can spread rapidly in crowded places, the public is requested not to hold public gatherings, ceremonies and festivals (including the construction of pandals for the Myanmar traditional Thingyan festival), starting from 13 March 2020 until 30 April 2020. Relevant departments have been informed and the suspension period will be extended if deemed necessary.
- (d) The Ministry of Health and Sports is actively reporting on news of patients under surveillance and suspected of COVID-19, and their lab test results to the public in real time. Currently, all lab tests have shown negative and no confirmed case of COVID-19 has been found in Myanmar as of 10 pm, 12 March 2020.
- (e) The public is respectfully requested to discharge the misinformation and rumours intended to cause panic, closely follow the regularly updated public service announcement issued in real time by the Ministry of Health and Sports, and immediately inform the nearest health departments through the nearest district, township, ward/village-tract administrators, if they find any suspected patient in their community.

In this regard, all the Missions and Offices are therefore encouraged to kindly advise their staff to temporarily avoid public gatherings, ceremonies and festivals as well as holding of receptions and public events until 30 April 2020. The Ministry has also instructed its officials to refrain from attending any such public event or gathering as instructed by the Office of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Ministry would also like to advise the Diplomatic Missions that are operating schools or training centres in this country to kindly close them temporarily until 30 April 2020 to prevent and contain spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Offices of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and International Organizations residing in Myanmar the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 March 2020

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