

JOINT STATEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
ON
MYANMAR - THAILAND COOPERATION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE DAWEI SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE
AND ITS RELATED PROJECT AREAS

1. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the Comprehensive Development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas signed on 23rd July 2012, the two Governments have established the Joint Committees and Sub-committees to implement the MOU and promote further progress of the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas, which comprise three levels of committees as follows:
 - 1.1. Myanmar-Thailand Joint High-level Committee (JHC) for the Comprehensive Development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas co-chaired by H.E. U Nyan Tun, Vice President of Myanmar and H.E. Mr. Kittiratt Na Ranong, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand;
 - 1.2. Myanmar-Thailand Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) for the Comprehensive Development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas co-chaired by H.E. U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Industry of Myanmar and H.E. Mr. Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office of Thailand;
 - 1.3. Sub-committees on six specific areas of cooperation, namely (1) Infrastructure and Construction, (2) Focused Industries and Business Development, (3) Power and Energy, (4) Community Development, (5) Rules and Regulations and (6) Financing. These six Sub-committees would be co-chaired by the relevant Ministers and Deputy Ministers of both sides.
2. The First JHC, JCC and Sub-committees Meetings were convened on 7th November 2012 in Bangkok. The Meetings agreed on the compositions, functions and the work schedules of JHC, JCC and Sub-committees. The Meetings also acknowledged the eight core priority projects, which were necessary for the first phase of the Dawei project development, and shall complete all following projects by 2015, namely:
 - (1) Toll road;
 - (2) Deep seaport;
 - (3) Industrial estate;

- (4) Power plant;
 - (5) Water supply and waste water system;
 - (6) Telecommunication;
 - (7) High speed train; and
 - (8) Community development.
3. In line with the above-mentioned MOU, the two Governments reiterated their commitment to the following :
- 3.1 The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar agreed to provide protection, security, and administrative assistance in the area, in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to create atmosphere conducive to investment, including granting concrete terms and conditions as well as investment incentives, and support the work of the Joint Committees;
 - 3.2 The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand agreed to provide technical assistance and extend full cooperation in the realization of the project, particularly for the mobilization of fund needed for the implementation of the works in the area.
4. The JHC and JCC Meetings discussed possible financing arrangements, which shall be further considered by the Sub-committee on Financing. Other Sub-committees are also assigned to study and develop their relevant work plans and project proposals, including sectorial agreements, and report to JCC and JHC respectively.
5. The Sub-committees are required to complete their work plans and sectorial agreements within the next three months. The 2nd JCC Meeting is scheduled to be held in Myanmar in mid-December 2012 while the 2nd JHC Meeting is scheduled to be held also in Myanmar in March 2013.
6. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand invite all potential partner countries and interested parties to invest and participate in this very important project, which shall further contribute to the overall connectivity and prosperity of the region and its peoples. Interested parties may contact JCC for further details.

Phnom Penh
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