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Message of Greetings sent by President U Win Myint on the occasion of the  
72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Kachin State Day  
(10 January 2020)

Dear esteemed Kachin ethnic brothers and sisters,

On this day the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Kachin State day, a day of great significance held in high regard by our ethnic brothers and sisters, I wish to send these good wishes to all Kachin racial groups and Kachin ethnic brothers and sisters living in Kachin State to be blessed with auspiciousness.

The British colonial imperialists governed us by dividing the hilly regions and the plains using a policy of divide and rule.

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State Counsellor emphasizes  
peace in public meetings  
with Kachin locals

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, held meetings separately with local leaders of religious organizations, ethnic representatives, town elders and common people in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

Her entourage included Union Ministers Lt Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Thein Swe, and Dr Myint Htwe; Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt Gen Aung Win Oo and officials.

At the Myitkyina Airport, they were welcomed by Kachin State Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung, the Speaker of State Hluttaw, the Chief Judge

State High Court, the Advocate General, the State Auditor General, Kachin government ministers, Hluttaw MPs, officials, town elders and local ethnic people.

The State Counsellor held talks with religious leaders, ethnic representatives and town elders at the Palm Spring Hotel.

At the meeting, she emphasized confidence for securing peace essential for the country.

U Paw Oo, the town elder, affirmed the loyalty of Kachin people to the country. Dr Tu Ja, another town elder, discussed possible return of internally displaced persons to their homes after the closure of IDP camps, migrant worker issues and holding of the 2020 General Election.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the speech during the meeting with local people in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA