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Achievements against Bangkok 2020 Declaration
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- ❑ Going to put forward my Presentation in an objective and transparent way.
- ❑ Our country has **long period of isolation** since the 1980s.
- ❑ It also faced the intense **economic sanction** by US & EU. This seriously hampered the country's development.

- ❑ During nearly three decades, we lost so many international investments and assistance including from **ADB** and **World Bank**.
- ❑ The transport sector has **suffered from a lack of international expertise, experience and investment.**
- ❑ Sector **has witnessed a lot of setbacks** including weaknesses, requirements, sectors vulnerable to criticism and sectors that need reforms.

□ A new government elected by the people emerged in the early 2011 and we began our **historic journey into democracy.**

□ The government led by President U Thein Sein made great strides in our **democracy transition during the last two years**, while improving cordial relations with the international community.

- ❑ Myanmar has seen the **bright future** through democracy transition and international support and cooperation.
- ❑ Together with the brighter future, the transport sector, **has achieved progress to a certain degree** when compared with the past.
- ❑ There were **developments and encouraging signs** in one hand and in another there are **weaknesses in materializing the Sustainable Transport**.

- ❑ The government in office is almost stuck in implementing so many reform processes and overcoming a number of challenges.
- ❑ So, it **cannot pay full attention** to implement the Sustainable Transport yet.
- ❑ We have the **ardent desire** to join hands with others in the international community.
- ❑ We are keenly striving to realize the Sustainable Transport goals of the Bangkok Declaration to the best of our ability.

- We are **just a developing country facing backwardness in multiple sectors.**
- So we cannot be compared with the advanced countries.
- I would like to request you all here to acknowledge our actions **we are taking to our limits** and progress we are achieving.

- We have started the **feasibility study with JICA cooperation** to adopt **National Transport Master Plan**.
- Now implementing **our portion of GMS economic corridors and Asia Highway network** that pass through our territory to link Asian and regional countries.
- We have been developing **Dawei, Kyaukpyu and Thilawa special economic zones and deep-sea ports** linked with these corridors and highways.

- ❑ In the past, Myanmar's **car ownership index** was relatively very low.
- ❑ Nowadays, car imports are rising together with ongoing economic and social reforms and **car ownership index** also rise rapidly.
- ❑ While others are encouraging Non-Motorized Transport (NMT), but **Our Motorized Transport is in its developing stage.**

- ❑ To reduce these pollution, we **permit city buses to run only on CNG**, and Yangon now has **horn-free zone**.
- ❑ We have been implementing **over-aged vehicles deregistration plan since 2011**.
- ❑ **In rail transport sector**, we have adopted a plan to run **city circular electric trains** for the future.

- ❑ We are holding talks with domestic and foreign companies to run **advanced passenger buses** in Yangon for **Public Transport Service development**.
- ❑ YCDC is now drawing **Greater Yangon Urban Development Strategy** involving a new type of road network with **JICA technical assistance**.
- ❑ We are continuing the work of fully equipping **Yangon-Mandalay expressway** with **Transport Demand Management (TDM) Measures**.
- ❑ We have already discussed with **JICA** and **KOICA** to install **Intelligent Transport System (ITS)** on the roads linking Economic Corridors with the towns on it. But the work hasn't started yet.

- ❑ All vehicles are carrying out vehicle registration, inspection and maintenance as per the procedures.
- ❑ **Environmental standardization of vehicles** is in accord with the norms of ASEAN and WHO.
- ❑ We have already completed the **National Road Safety Action Plan**.
- ❑ We are going to form the **National Road Safety Committee (NRSC)**.

- ❑ The country has reformed and assigned the **National Environmental Conservation Committee** in April 2011.
- ❑ In order to be more effective implementation on **National Environment Policy**, new **Environmental Conservation Law** had been enacted by Hluttaw in March 2012.
- ❑ The **National Implementation Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector** is also now drafting by respective ministries.
- ❑ The Environmental Conservation Department has been drafting the **Environmental Quality Standards in Myanmar**.

- ❑ These are our implementations out of the many EST programs.
- ❑ We could not fully realize the goals of the Bangkok Declaration yet.
- ❑ Honestly, I would like to say that we are doing our best.



□ I would like to guarantee that with the best of our ability, we **will cooperate with others in implementing the future work programs adopted by this 7th Regional EST Forum.**



THANK YOU