

**Statement by the Republic of Korea
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Korea takes the pleasure of witnessing Myanmar's commendable development trajectory as was shown during the last two days of speeches, presentations and discussions. We Korea found the vibrant dynamics and significant changes have taken place since the first Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum in 2013. We believe this great transformation covers not just socio-economic aspects but also those of democratization, human rights, and people's mindset.

Korea welcomes Myanmar's updates on the National Comprehensive Development Plan, the Nay Pyi Taw Accord Action Plan and the Framework for Economic and Social Reform (FESR) which include the establishment of the Aid Information Management System (now at the final stages), and many other notable improvements.

With respect to development cooperation Korea commend people and the government of Myanmar as the above agendas were created and undertaken in accordance with the principles of the Busan Global Partnership as well as other aid effectiveness forums.

Korea strongly supports Myanmar's initiatives for better and effective development cooperation strategies, with our unique development experience. Along with a string of major projects in the pipeline in Myanmar, we would like to share our success experience in many ways including the Development Experience Exchange Partnership (DEEP) – Korea's flagship consultation instrument, knowledge sharing program, and South-South cooperation. We believe that after all fruitful development cooperation involves mutual learning process.

As part of Korea's strong commitment to the happiness and prosperity of the global community, Korea adopted *Saemaul Undong* (literally "New Community Movement", herein after as SMU) in 2013 as Korea's representative ODA brand. SMU refers to Korea's tremendously successful rural development program conceived and mobilized by the government in the 1970s. To enhance SMU's applicability as a development model, Korea is to conduct a comparative study on SMU in collaboration with the OECD and UNDP respectively. In particular the projects will promote knowledge sharing on how to create incentives to nurture social capital which will catalyze an inclusive and sustainable rural development. In this connection, Korean Government will assist the SMU project for the rural development of Myanmar by KOICA grant aid program with the amount of 22million US\$ from 2014 to 2019 in collaboration with MOAI and concerned Myanmar Government Ministries. We Korea hope that many DPs join to the SMU project with us and share together the fruit of the success of the rural development of Myanmar.

Lastly, we would like to spread news that the 2014 Global Partnership Ministerial Meeting will take place in Mexico city in Mexico in April 2014. The purpose of the event is to support the global community's full fledging implementation of the Busan Global Partnership and at the same time, this high level meeting will serve as a concrete platform to discuss the UN's post-2015 development agendas.

Thank you.