1. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been spreading in 28 countries including China, and the World Health Organization (WHO) updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 23 February 2019).

   - Globally
     - Confirmed cases - 78,811
     - Deaths - 2,462

   - China
     - Confirmed cases - 77,042
     - Deaths - 2,445

   - Countries outside China
     - Laboratory-confirmed cases - 1,769
     - Death - 17
       - Philippines - 1
       - Japan - 1
       - France - 1
       - South Korea - 5
       - Iran - 5
       - Italy - 2
       - Diamond Princess Cruise - 2

   (Note: In Hubei Province of China, the centre of coronavirus outbreak, clinically diagnosed cases in addition to laboratory-confirmed cases were counted.)

2. COVID-19 in Myanmar

   No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 24 February 2020

   Situation Update (31.01.2020 – 24.02.2020)

   | Person Under Investigation (PUI) | 38 |
   | Suspected patient | 2 |
   | Total | 40 |

   Situation Update about PUIs and Suspected Patients (31.01.2020 – 24.02.2020)

   | Patients tested negative for COVID-19 | 40 (38 PUIs and 2 suspected patients) |
   | Waiting for test result from a designated laboratory | - |
   | Cases under the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon | - |
   | Cases to be sent to NHL in Yangon | - |
   | Total | 40 |

   The 40 PUIs and suspected patients included:
   - People who had travelled to China - 36
   - People who returned from Singapore - 2
   - People who had not travelled to China - 2
3. As of 24 February, there were 4 patients/PUIs left at designated hospitals in relevant Regions/States, who were in good health, although they tested negative for COVID-19.

4. Regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and spread in China and other countries, the MoHS has been working on;
   (a) monitoring and preventive measures at international gates/entrances such as Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, as well as ports and,  
   (b) border gates- especially in Pang War-Chipwi, Waingmaw, Momauk towns in Kachin State and Muse, Namhkan and Laukkaing towns in northern Shan State that border with China’s Yunnan Province, where as,
      - monitoring suspected cases, investigating and contact tracing by relevant Region/State Health Department, General Administrative Department and other departments concerned, in cooperation with hotels and guest houses; 
   (c) conducting hospital-based surveillance,  
   (d) conducting community-based surveillance,  
   (e) cooperating with private hospitals and  
   (f) cooperating with other ministries concerned.

5. Public/General Hospitals at central level and Region/State levels
   (a) has prepared Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Isolation Ward medicines and medical equipments as required.  
   (b) has defined the Kandawnadi Hospital in Mandalay City of Mandalay Region as a designated hospital and prepared ICU and Isolation Ward at the hospital in case of epidemic-prone disease.  
   (c) has defined hospitals close to border gates- District General Hospital (Muse Town), General Hospital (Lashio Town), Sao San Tun General Hospital (Taunggyi Town), General Hospital (Myitkyina Town), and General Hospital (Kengtung Town)- as designated hospitals.

6. The MoHS has been conducting public health awareness through State-run media and radio, updating regularly on the MoHS’s website ([www.mohs.gov.mm](http://www.mohs.gov.mm)) and social media ([https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar](https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar) and [https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC](https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC)), as well as disseminating leaflets, stickers, posters at public places, especially at schools, hotels and guest houses, pagodas, cinemas, factories and workplaces, bus stops and markets.

7. In each Region/State, the MoHS conducts;
   (a) active serveillance and contact tracing of suspected patients,  
   (b) prohibition and limiting on travels as quarantine measures,  
   (c) referral of suspected patients and PUI to designated hospitals,  
   (d) health education,  
   (e) daily and immediate reporting about cases, and  
   (f) coordination with relevant ministries and stakeholders.

8. In addition, the MoHS has ensured that the hospitals in each Region/State are prepared and have adequate medical equipments- ventilators, humidifiers, pulse oxymetres, defibrillators, electrocardiograms, non-contact thermometers, PPEs, N-95 masks, surgical masks and hand gels.

9. The MoHS has been speeding up on monitoring and preventive measures on COVID-19, in cooperation with other relevant ministries, and national and international organizations.  [THE END]