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**ITU-UNIDO Forum on Sustainable Conformity Assessment for Asia-Pacific Region**

Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Director of ITU Standardization Bureau,Mr. Ouseph Padikakudi, Senior Project Manager of UNIDO, Participants from ministries and organization, Distinguished guests,Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me wish all of you to good morning

First of all, thank you for the privilege of being able to address this occasion, the opening ceremony of the joint ITU-UNIDO forum on Sustainable Conformity Assessment for Asia-Pacific Region.

Let me express my special appreciation to Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Director of ITU Standardization Bureau and Mr. Ouseph Pardikakudi, Senior Project Manager, UNIDO for their honorable presence and giving us the opportunity to held this precious forum in our country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

 As Myanmar people aware the status of standardization sector which is lagging behind the world, we are trying to establish the National Standard Body and National Accreditation Body of Myanmar. As a focal ministry, Ministry of Science and Technology has submitted the National Standard Draft Law to the Parliament 2 months ago. The draft law will hopefully be approved near future.

  Last month, we held a World Standards Day Ceremony with the assistance of PTB and ISO. With the assistance of UNIDO and ITU, now, we have an opportunity to held this international forum coordinating with our partner Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology. We have much work to do to advance our system to meet the global requirement. So we have much to learn from other countries. We need to upgrade testing and calibration laborites and it is important for our country conformity assessment system.

In conclusion, I hope you will find from this forum both interesting and stimulating with useful topics regarding Standardization and conformity assessment system. I would like to extend a special welcome to our international guests to enjoy our culture.

 I once again thank you all for cooperation and kind attention.