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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SPORTS**

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To  
Distinguished Participants,  
International Faculties, ASEAN Speakers and Delegates

Min Gala Bar! Good morning to all the international faculties, speakers from ASEAN member countries and Congress delegates.

It is my honor and privilege to send this message to the dignitaries and distinguished participants attending the inauguration ceremony of the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery Congress (ASEAN ORL-HNS Congress). Firstly, I would like to convey my sincere apology for unable to attend the inauguration ceremony as I was tied up with some commitments earlier made.

It is with great pride and honor to host this 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN ORL-HNS Congress for the first time in Myanmar. It is all the more remarkable to host this Congress at this season of the year as it falls within the Golden Jubilee celebration year of ASEAN and in the glorious period of VISIT ASEAN year.

I understand that there are several international professionals and experts from ASEAN member countries, who will be sharing state-of-the-art knowledge, techniques and experiences in the field of ORL-HNS (Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery). It is expected that there will be many educational dialogues and discussions among the participants during the three-day period of the Congress.

By conducting such an international standard Congress on a regular basis, I am sure there will be tremendous progress in this field of specialty for the benefit of the mankind.

The Congress proceedings will be very useful for our upcoming professionals in the field of Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery. Following this Congress, I hope that Myanmar Otorhinolaryngological Society will spearhead many seminars, forums, capacity building workshops and training courses for our upcoming professionals in Otorhinolaryngological domain. The Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar, stands ready to support this endeavor.

I would like to appreciate and congratulate to all you for your unreserved effort to make this Congress a reality in my country and I wish the Congress would be very fruitful and achieve its objectives.

With best regards,

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