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The opening ceremony of the newly reconstructed Stone Inscription Building at the Mahamuni Pagoda premises in Mandalay was held today in a warm and cordial atmosphere, reflecting the longstanding friendship, cultural affinity and people-to-people ties between Nepal and Myanmar.

The reconstruction of the Stone Inscription Building was supported by the Government of Nepal with a donation amount of USD 300,000, following the damage caused to the religious and cultural heritage site by the devastating earthquake of March 2025. The assistance forms part of Nepal's continued solidarity with the people of Myanmar and its commitment to the preservation of shared Buddhist and cultural heritage.

The ceremony was attended by the Union Minister for Religious Affairs of Myanmar His Excellency U Tin Oo Lwin as the Chief Guest, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region His Excellency U Myo Aung, Ambassador of Nepal to Myanmar His Excellency Mr. Harishchandra Ghimire, senior officials of the Government of Myanmar, members of the Mahamuni Pagoda Board of Trustees, religious leaders, and members of the Nepali-Gorkha community.

Delivering his remarks as Chief Guest, Union Minister for Religious Affairs of Myanmar H.E. U Tin Oo Lwin highlighted the deep-rooted historical, religious and cultural relations between Nepal and Myanmar and expressed appreciation to the Government of Nepal for the donation amount in the reconstruction of the Stone Inscription Building. He also emphasized the importance of preserving religious heritage and strengthening the bonds of friendship and goodwill between the peoples of the two countries.

In his remarks, the Ambassador of Nepal H.E. Mr. Harishchandra Ghimire recalled the close and longstanding relationship between Nepal and Myanmar, particularly the shared heritage of Buddhism. He noted that Nepal, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, and Myanmar, a country with a profound Buddhist tradition, have maintained close religious and cultural connections for centuries. He expressed satisfaction that Nepal could contribute to the restoration of an important religious and cultural structure in Mandalay following the earthquake and the epigraph written in Nepali, Myanmar and English languages would be recorded in history as heritage of the heart-to-heart relations at the Government and people's level between Nepal and Myanmar.

Extending vote of thanks, Chief Minister of Mandalay region H.E. U Myo Aung expressed gratitude to the Government of Nepal for providing donation to reconstruct the Stone Inscription Building in sacred Mahamuni Pagoda premises and appreciated the local Nepali-Gorkha Community for well coordination to timely completion of the project.

The ceremony also featured traditional cultural dances from both Myanmar and Nepal, showcasing the rich cultural traditions of the two countries and adding a vibrant dimension to the celebration.

As part of the inauguration, an Epigraph in Nepali, Myanmar and English languages has been erected and sanctified with sacred water, symbolizing the friendship, cooperation and shared spiritual heritage between Nepal and Myanmar.

Traditional foods from Nepal and Myanmar were also served to the guests, providing an opportunity for participants to experience and celebrate the culinary traditions of both countries. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony, with a large representation from the Nepali-Gorkha community of Myanmar. Their participation reflected the important role of the Nepali community in promoting cultural understanding, friendship and people-to-people relations between Nepal and Myanmar.

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