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U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell Congratulates the NLD on its Silver Anniversary

On September 27, U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell attended the National League for Democracy (NLD) Silver Anniversary ceremony at the NLD's headquarters in Yangon and released the following statement:

“On this day, 25 years ago, politicians, scholars, students, military veterans and others led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo, and U Aung Gyi joined together to form what has become the most important opposition party in this country's history – the National League for Democracy.

“The United States has watched with admiration as the NLD struggled and sacrificed over the years to promote democratic principles, human rights, and justice in Burma. During decades of authoritarian rule, the NLD provided a singular voice in the country's political landscape. The work of its leaders, and many others, strengthened the political foundations of the country and paved the way for other political parties. We commend the party's work over the past quarter century, and look forward to its continued contributions to strengthening the country's democratic future.”

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