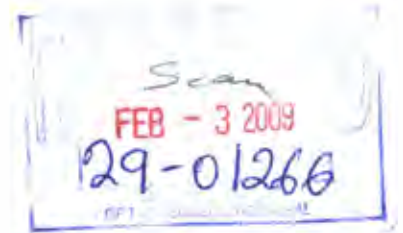


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**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(through Mr. Nambiar)**

Event to mark the centenary of the birth of former Secretary-General U Thant ✓

On behalf of Mr. Akasaka, who is currently on mission, I am pleased to report on the event to mark the centenary of the birth of former United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, that was held on 22 January 2009 in Yangon and for which you provided a special message.

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Attendees to the event included 10 senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; representatives of the diplomatic corps; heads of UN Agencies; media representatives and members of U Thant's family. Your message, which was read by the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mr. Bishow Parajuli, was well received. Aye Aye Thant, U Thant's daughter and President of the U Thant Institute, expressed her family's appreciation to the United Nations, including the support received from the Department of Public Information and its United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Yangon.

In his remarks, the Resident Coordinator cited the exhibition of rare and historic photographs of the former Secretary-General, organized by the United Nations Information Centre at its premises. The exhibition has been favorably received, and has drawn a number of diplomats, in addition to a large number of members of the general public, to the Centre.

I should like to add that UNIC Yangon also launched a special website featuring U Thant's biography, notable quotes, your message, a photo gallery and links to useful resources to mark this historic occasion.

Thank you.

Oleg Astapkov
Officer-in-Charge
Department of Public Information
2 February 2009

cc: Mr. Gambari
Mr. Kim

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Attached please find a revised version of the original 26 January Note from Mr. Akasaka to the Secretary-General on the event to mark the centenary of the birth of former Secretary-General U Thant. This 2 February version replaces the 26 January note.

Thank you.

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