



MEDIA ALERT

BBC World News to air World Debate from Burma featuring Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, on Saturday June 8

June 4, 2013 – Filmed during the World Economic Forum (WEF) East Asia in Burma, BBC World News will air its next World Debate featuring Aung San Suu Kyi the Nobel Peace Prize recipient, U Soe Thane, one of Burma's leading reformist ministers, and Burmese activist and former political prisoner Zin Mar Aung on Saturday June 8 at 12.10 AEST and on Sunday June 9 at 22.00 AEST on World Service Radio.

The session will be recorded on Thursday June 6 in Nay Pyi Taw and hosted by BBC World News presenter Nik Gowing.

The panel will discuss the future of Burma and the opportunities and challenges facing its people as the country undergoes major political and economic reforms. The debate was developed in partnership with WEF.

Text of interview excerpts will be available following the broadcast.

Broadcast times:

BBC World News: Saturday 8th June at 12.10 AEST and repeated on Sunday June 9 at 19.10 and Monday June 10 at 07.10 AEST.

BBC World Service radio: Sunday 9th June 22:00 AEST

Ends.

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Note to Editors:

World Debate convenes panels that engage in a robust exchange of views on issues that matter around the globe. The programme has assembled an extraordinary roll call of world leaders and

global figures in its history: Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Kevin Rudd, Felipe Calderon, Michelle Bachelet, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Bill Gates and Indra Nooyi among many others. The Debates are recorded before a live studio audience.

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