

China voices support for Myanmar's democracy process

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BEIJING, Sept. 13 (Xinhua) -- China whole-heartedly hopes that Myanmar will push forward a democracy process that is appropriate for the country, Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan said on Thursday.

Tang said China, as a friendly neighbor of Myanmar, sincerely hoped Myanmar would restore internal stability as soon as possible, properly handle issues and actively promote national reconciliation.

Tang made the remarks as he met with the special envoy of Myanmar's head of state, Than Shwe, in Zhongnanhai, the headquarters of the Chinese government.

During his meeting with U Nyan Win, Myanmar Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tang said the democracy process was in the fundamental interests of the people of Myanmar and conducive to regional peace, stability and development.

U Nyan Win briefed Tang on the latest situation in his country. His government was concentrated on maintaining internal stability, reinforcing national solidarity and promoting economic development. Myanmar will continue to push forward the democracy process according to established principles.

Myanmar set out on Monday the principles of drafting a new constitution, under which the country will elect a parliament consisting of multiple political parties and introduce a market economy.

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