First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

Invitation of Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read for convening Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan —Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council exercising powers and duties vested according to Article 443 of State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 8.55 am today.

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamic and patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session in progress at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States and Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

The Pyithu Hluttaw representatives arrived at the hall starting at 7.15 am before the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session started and signed attendance. Then, the representatives attended the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall. According to the agenda, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives elected Chairperson of the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session. As U Htay Oo from Hinthada constituency was the only nominee of the two proposals, he was elected as Chairperson of the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session.

After taking chairmanship, Chairperson U Htay Oo of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session extended greetings. The chairperson took the affirmation and signed a statement of allegiance as the chairperson before the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

The chairperson presented leave of absence of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and then confirmed the session was attended by all the Hluttaw representatives. The chairman announced that the agenda of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session have been circulated.

The Pyithu Hluttaw representatives cast votes to elect Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw. Thura U Shwe Mann from Zeyahtiri Constituency was elected as Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and U Nanda Kyaw Swar as Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Pyithu Hluttaw chairperson handed over duties to the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker. Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker extended greetings. (The full note of the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker’s greetings is reported separately.)

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker read out invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker to attend Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the adjournment of the first day meeting of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session as the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives had to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker. The meeting was concluded at 2.30 pm.
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann extends greetings at first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session

The following is the translation of the greetings extended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at the first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

The first regular session of the very first Pyithu Hluttaw, which will go down in the annals of Myanmar’s history, starts today. On this auspicious day, I would like to extend my greetings, wishing you all delegates good health and happiness.

I am honoured and grateful to the representatives and all the people for electing me as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw on behalf of the people.

Here, accepting the powers and duties the delegates have trustfully vested in me, I solemnly promise that I will do my best to conscientiously perform the duties of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

I also believe that all the representatives here have committed themselves to shoulder their duties conscientiously. I believe that we all will be able to shape a better future for the people through our dedicated duties and loyalty as the delegates of this Hluttaw will have the opportunity to participate in the Pyidaungsu level bodies as President, Vice-President and cabinet members.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

With a view to serving the interests of the nation and the people, we will have to constantly study and review to carry out the duties such as making legislation, the main duty of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and amending, supplementing and abolishing the existing laws. As legislation is concerned with all sectors such as politics, national security and defence, economy, finance, social affairs and international relations, it will have impact on executive and judiciary powers as well.

Again, we will have to carry out other tasks and procedures in the Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with the State constitution to make sure that executive and judiciary powers do not deviate.

This is why we all delegates of the Pyithu Hluttaw need to act with the aim of serving the national interest only in performing tremendous duties, including the enforcement of legislation, without ism, seeking self-interest for own party, sectarianism and racism. It is important to prioritize the interests of the nation and the people rather than self-interest and that of one’s own party.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

In short, I would like to say that we are all representatives of the people. So, it is necessary for us to decide, speak and act with goodwill and loyalty to the State and the people. In conclusion, it is also necessary to prove that we the Pyithu Hluttaw delegates are dutiful and royal to the State and the people through our real actions and fruitful results.

Thura U Shwe Mann, U Nanda Kyaw Swar elected as Speaker, Dy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw respectively in accordance with the provisions in the Chapter-V of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bylaws

Nav Pyi Taw, 31 Jan — Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council, the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw was convened at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building here today.

According to the agenda 10 of the session, the elected representatives for the Pyithu Hluttaw took out the proposal forms from the MC to choose the Deputy Speaker and U Aung Kyaw Myint, an elected representative from the Kyaukse Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker.

Afterwards, votes cast by the elected representatives for the two candidates were compiled in accordance with the form-4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate was compiled in accordance with the form-5.

Thura U Shwe Mann won 376 votes while U Maun Maung Nyan obtained 30 votes, and the chairman announced that Thura U Shwe Mann was elected as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

According to the agenda 11 of the first regular session, the choosing the Deputy Speaker was put to vote in accordance with the rules and regulations for choosing the Speaker. U Kyaw Hsan, an elected representative from the Pale Constituency proposed U Nanda Kyaw Swar, an elected representative from the Dagon Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker and U Maung Oo, an elected representative from the Phaunggyin Constituency seconded the candidacy.

Afterwards, the chairman announced the names of the candidates for the Speaker. There were two candidates for the Speaker. As there were two candidates for the Speaker, the elected representatives cast secret ballots for the Speaker.

Afterwards, votes cast by the elected representatives for the two candidates were compiled in accordance with the form-4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate was compiled in accordance with the form-5.

U Htay Oo, the chairperson of the Taungthu Constituency proposed Thura U Shwe Mann of Zeyathiri Constituency for the Speaker and U Aung Thaung of the Taungtha Constituency seconded the nomination while U Thaung, an elected representative from the Mawlaik Constituency proposed U Maun Maung Maung Nyan, an elected representative from the Pantanaw Constituency, for the Speaker and U Maung Oo, an elected representative from the Phauagpyin Constituency seconded the candidacy.

Afterwards, the chairman announced that Thura U Shwe Mann was elected as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

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Afterwards, votes cast by the elected representatives for the three candidates were compiled in accordance with the form-4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate was compiled in accordance with the form-5.

U Nanda Kyaw Swar won 368 votes while U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi obtained 45 votes and U Maun Maung Nyan got 15 votes.

Therefore, the chairperson of the first session of the Pyithu Hluttaw announced that U Nanda Kyaw Swar was elected as the Deputy Speaker.

Afterwards, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker sworn in by the chairman as the Speaker and Deputy Speaker and signed the statement of allegiance in the presence of the elected representatives.

U Htay Oo, the chairperson of the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw handed over the duty to Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

The choosing of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw was elected in accordance with the provisions in the Chapter-V of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bylaws.
Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint extends greetings at first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The following is the translation of greetings extended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in heretoday.

Exeemed Amyotha Hluttaw representatives,

Today is the first day when Myanmar started exercising parliamentary democracy system again. So, it is a red letter day in the Myanmar political history. Hluttaw is an organization that has legislative powers vested by the public. Government, the administrative body, and judicial body are to implement the provisions of the Hluttaws.

It can be said that Hluttaw is an organization which reflects the life of people. So, duties and responsibilities of Hluttaw are tremendous. The Hluttaw representatives are to serve the interests of the people unanimously no matter which party they are from. And they are to discuss any matters in unison. It is important to have a sense of contradiction. The precious time will be lost if they argue with each other. The truth may disappear because of the eloquence of a person in a debate-like situation. I would like to urge all delegates to serve the interests of the State and the people.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all delegates for electing me as the speaker of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session commences…

The chairperson took affirmation and signed a statement of allegiance as the chairperson in the presence of the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The chairperson announced the start of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session as 224 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were all present at the session by cent per cent attendance.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint addresses first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session

Among the Hluttaw representatives, there might be only a few persons who witnessed the parliamentary system exercised in the post-independence period. In retrospect, the 1947 constitution mandates parliamentary principles in the Chapter VI. Procedures and bylaws of parliament of the Union of Myanmar and Chamber of Nationalities were promulgated according to that constitution, and they came into force on 1 April 1952. Legislative principles are also stated in the Chapter (IV) of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that was approved with the support of the great majority of the people in May 2008.

Article (443) of that constitution prescribes that the State Peace and Development Council is responsible for preparatory work to bring the constitution into operation. So, the State Peace and Development Council prescribed laws and bylaws on respective hluttaw on 21 October 2010 for ensuring convenience in holding hluttaw sessions. So, without these laws and bylaws, we should have faced great difficulty in launching the hluttaw. We can notice that the State Peace and Development Council not only promulgated related laws but also made all arrangements with farsightedness and goodwill for the comfort and convenience of hluttaw delegates such as very grand Hluttaw buildings and facilities.

U Khin Aung Myint elected as Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, U Mya Nyein elected as Deputy Speaker

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Jan—The First Amyotha Hluttaw Regular Session, summoned by the State Peace and Development Council, was convened at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today. According to agenda No. 10, which is election of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, Hluttaw representatives wishing to nominate the Hluttaw Speaker took out Forms No. 1 from the master of ceremonies, filled the forms and submitted the forms to the session chairman through the master of ceremonies.

U Khin Aung Myint from Constituency No. 8 of Mandalay Region was nominated for the Speaker by U Zaw Myint Pe of Constituency No. 5 of Mandalay Region and U Khin Maung Yi from Constituency No. 6 of Ayeyawady Region seconded the candidacy.

Next, the Chairman collected the proposals and announced the lists of the names of candidates for Form No. 3. As U Khin Aung Myint was the only nominee for the Speaker, the session chairman announced that U Khin Aung Myint from Constituency No. 8 of Mandalay Region was elected as Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.

It was followed by the election of the Deputy Speaker for which two representatives were nominated. U Banya Aung Moe from Constituency No. 7 of Mon State was nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Min Myo Tint Lwin from Constituency No. 10 of Kayin State and U Kyaw Thein from Constituency No. 4 of Mon State seconded the candidacy. He was then proposed for the Deputy Speaker by U Khin Maung from Constituency No. 3 of Rakhine State and U Maung Saw Phyu from Constituency No. 4 of Rakhine State seconded the candidacy. He was also nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than from Constituency No. 2 of Shan State and U Sai Thant Zin from Constituency No. 4 of Shan State seconded the candidacy. He was also proposed for the Deputy Speaker by Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Constituency No. 4 of Yangon Region and the proposal was seconded by U Phone Myint Aung from Constituency No. 3 of Yangon Region.

U Mya Nyein from Constituency No. 7 of Yangon Region was nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than from Constituency No. 2 of Shan State and U Sai Thant Zin from Constituency No. 4 of Shan State seconded the candidacy. He was also proposed for the Deputy Speaker by Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Constituency No. 4 of Yangon Region and the proposal was seconded by U Phone Myint Aung from Constituency No. 3 of Yangon Region. U Mya Nyein from Constituency No. 7 of Mon State obtained 32 votes whereas U Mya Nyein from Constituency No. 7 of Yangon Region won 191 votes. So, the chairman announced that the U Mya Nyein was elected as the Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker then took oath in the presence of the Hluttaw session chairman and signed the statement of allegiance in the presence of Hluttaw representatives.

Next, Chairman U Khat Hein Nan handed over duties to Speaker U Khin Aung Myint in the presence of Hluttaw representatives. After taking responsibility of Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, U Khin Aung Myint extended greetings.

The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw were elected in line with provisions in Article-V of the Amyotha Hluttaw laws and bylaw. —MNA
Regular sessions of first Region/State Hluttaws opened
Chairpersons, Hluttaw speakers and Deputy Hluttaw speakers elected in respective Region/State Hluttaws

Election processes carried out in line with provisions of Chapters (IV) and (V) of Region/State Hluttaw Bylaws

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Jan.—The regular sessions of first Region/State Hluttaws summoned by the State Peace and Development Council according to the power and duties vested by Article 443 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law took place simultaneously at respective Regions and States at 8.55 am today.

At the regular session of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Lajan Ngan Sai of Tanai Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Khin Maung Tun of Myitkyina Township Constituency (2) nominated U Rawan Jone of Machanbaw Township Constituency (1) was supported by U Mya Aung of Waingmaw Township. U Kyaw Swe of Bhamo Township Constituency (1) supported the nomination. The nominees for the speaker numbered two. U Rawan Jone of Machanbaw Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker, winning 36 secret ballots while U Htaw Lwan got 12.

In the process of electing the deputy speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Dein Kham Dar of Khunlunpa Township Constituency (1) nominated U Sai Myint Kyaw of Phakant Township Constituency (2), which was supported by U Lin Aung Sam Aun of Tanai Township Constituency (2). U Kyaw Swe of Bhamo Township Constituency (1) nominated U Htein Maung Tu of Machanbaw Township Constituency (2) which was seconded by U Mya Aung of Wahlaw Township Constituency (1). There were two nominations for deputy speaker. Secret ballots were cast. U Sai Myint Kyaw won 38 ballots and U Htein Maung Tu 10 and, so U Sai Myint Kyaw was elected as the deputy speaker.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kayah State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 11.40 am. At the regular session of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Khin Maung Oo of Bawlake Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker.

In the process of electing the deputy speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Aye Maung of Shanyaw Township Constituency (2) nominated U Kyaw Swe of Lawkaw Township Constituency (1) was seconded in the nomination. U Ko Yal of Lawkaw Township Constituency (2) made similar nomination which was seconded by Bamar Representative U Sein Oo. The only nominee U Kyaw Swe of Lawkaw Township Constituency (1) made similar nomination which was seconded by U Thein (or) U Naing Min Soe Thein of Kawkareik Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Min Aung Lin of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency (1), Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Min Aung Lin of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency (1), Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj officiating Nay Lin Oak and Defence Services Personnel Representative Captain Zaw Min Tun nominated U Saw Aung Kyaw Min of Kya-in Seikkyi Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Saw Aung Kyaw Min of Kya-in Seikkyi Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the chairperson.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kayah State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 8.45 am. At the regular session of Kayin State Hluttaw, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Than Dai of Myawady Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Than Dai of Myawady Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Captain Zaw Min Tun, U Min Soe Thein (or) U Naing Min Soe Thein of Kawkareik Township Constituency (2) and U Saw Aung Kyaw Min of Kya-in Seikkyi Township Constituency (1), the only nominee U Mahn Hla Myaing of Kawkareik Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the chairperson.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kayin State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 10.15 am. At the regular session of Chin State Hluttaw, U Hon Ngai of Mindat Township Constituency (2) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Chin State Hluttaw, U Aung Kyaw Min of Kaung-kay Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker.

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The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Ohn Lwin of Matupi Township Constituency (1) and U Zam Cim Paul (or) U Zozam of Tiddim Township Constituency (2) were nominated. U Ohn Lwin won 14 ballots and U Zam Cim Paul (or) U Zozam 10. U Ohn Lwin of Matupi Township Constituency (1) was elected as the deputy speaker.

The process of electing the regular session of first Chin State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 11.05 am. At the regular session of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, U Tin Nyunt of Wetlet Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, U Tin Hlaing Myint of Moneywa Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thin Hlaing of Kanbula Township Constituency (1). The only nominee was unanimitously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Soe Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thaung Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2). The only nominee U Thaung Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Sagaing Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 9.47 am.

At the regular session of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, U Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, the only nominee U Hla Maung Tin of Palaw Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Soe Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thaung Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2). The only nominee U Thaung Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day of the regular session of first Sagaing Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 10.35 am.

At the regular session of Bago Region Hluttaw, U Nyan Win of Zigon Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw, the only nominee U Win Tin of Bago Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Soe Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thin Hlaing of Kanbula Township Constituency (1). The only nominee was unanimitously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Bago Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 9.50 am. At the regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw, U Phone Maw Shwe of Minbu Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

The process of electing the speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw, U Nay Win of Natmauk Township Constituency (2) nominated U Ye Myint of Magway Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Ye Myint of Magway Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Kyi Thein of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency (1) nominated U Saw Win Maung of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency (2). U Nay Shin of Chauk Township Constituency (1) supported the proposal. The only nominee U Saw Win Maung of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session concluded at 9.40 am.

At the regular session of Mandalay Region, U Aung Zan of Myingyan Township Constituency-2 was elected chairperson. U Tin Win of Chaungtha Township Constituency-2 nominated U Win Maung of Chaungtha Township Constituency-2. As U Win Maung was the only nominee, he was elected as the speaker.

In the process of electing the deputy speaker, U Aung Htay Kyaw of PyinOoLwin Township Constituency-1 was the only nominee and was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 10.25 am. At the regular Hluttaw session of Mon State, U Ohn Myint of Mudon Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson.

U Myo Nyunt of Thanbyuzayat Township Constituency-2 nominated U Kyin Pe of Chaungzon Township Constituency-2 and it was seconded by U Thein Zaw of Thaton Township Constituency-2. U Aung Naing Oo of Chaungzon Township Constituency-2 was elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

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At the regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency-2 was elected as chairperson. U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency-2 nominated U Hla Maung Tin of Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency-2 and U Tin Aung of Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency-2 was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 10 am.

At the regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency-2 was elected as chairperson. U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency-2 nominated Dr Min Nwe Soe of Mudon Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Aung Win of Swaygpyith Township Constituency-1 and U Sai Lone Saing of Kengtung Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Aung Win of Swaygpyith Township Constituency-1. Then, secret ballots were cast and U Sai Lone Saing who got 105 votes was elected as speaker. The session concluded at 3:15 pm.

At the regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, U Thein Aung of Ingapu Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson. U Tin Soe of Kyonpyaw Township Constituency-2 nominated U Hsan Hsiit of Yeiky Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Khin Kyaw Nyunt of Kyant Township Constituency-1. There was only one nominee, U Hsan Hsiit was elected as the speaker.

At the regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, U Thein Aung of Ingapu Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson. U Tin Soe of Kyonpyaw Township Constituency-2 nominated Dr Hein Win of Kyaukse Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Aung Win of Myaung Township Constituency-2. The first day regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw ended at 10.10 am.

Chairpersons, Speakers and Deputy Speakers at the first-day regular sessions of State/Region Hluttaw were elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter-IV and Chapter-V of Region or State Hluttaw Bylaws.—MNA
First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session held
Speaker U Khin Aung Myint addresses the session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—With the consent of the State Peace and Development Council, and at the invitation of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building at 3 pm today.

The First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives arrived before the session and signed in the attendance book. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint acted as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Director-General U Myint Thein of Hluttaw Office as the master of ceremony.

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint extended greetings. (The full address of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is reported separately.)

The speaker said that the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was valid as all of 659 representatives who were eligible to attend the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session were present and announced the opening of the session.

Next, the speaker read out the leave requests of Hluttaw representatives. Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the attendance of all the representatives without leave.

Afterwards, the Speaker announced the agenda of the first day meeting of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session. He then set the date for group meetings of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives group, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives group, and Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representatives group for election of vice-presidents on 1st February, 2011 (Tuesday) at 10 am.

After the each group has elected a vice-president, the names of the vice-presidents are to be reported to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, who is member of Presidential Scrutiny College, and then Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session will be adjourned for election of president in conformity with laws and bylaws, announced the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session ended at 3:15 pm. Group meetings of representatives begin tomorrow.

18 armed group members exchange arms for peace in September, October, December in 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council is striving for equitable development of all parts of the nation after fully realizing the national reconsolidation. After understanding their wrong acts, the armed groups that realized the correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government exchanged arms for peace in groups and individuals.

In September, October and December 2010, Pvt Wae Ei of KNPP armed group bringing along with one M-21 and 10 rounds of ammunition, Pvt Aik Swe of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group along with one M-22 and 71 rounds of ammunition, and Pvt Ai Pi, Pvt Maung Lin of KNPP armed group along with one M-16 and five rounds of ammunition and Pvt Stany along with one revolver and six rounds of ammunition, Pvt Saw Htoo Wah with one AR-15, five magazines and 200 rounds of ammunition, Pvt Kyaw Myo Tun of KNU armed group with one pistol and five rounds of ammunition in Coastal Region Command area; Cpl Nan Le of CNA armed group, (former) Chairman U Patee Phyu, (former) Sgt Sandasara (a) U Saw Tun (a) U Nyan Lin of Rakhine National Unity Party (NUPA) armed group in Western Command area; Pvt Saw Maung Maung Lwin (a) Yoe Ni with one grenade and seven rounds of ammunition in Southern Command area exchanged arms for peace.

Officials of respective military camps warmly welcomed 18 persons exchanged arms for peace and provided necessary assistance to them. It is learnt that there are more persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

First Amyotha Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council exercising powers and duties vested by Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 8.55 am today.

It was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States and Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrived at the hall starting at 7.15 am before the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session started and signed the attendance.

Then, the representatives attended the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session held at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.

According to the agenda, the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected Chairperson of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session. As U Khat Htein Nan from No (1) constituency of Kachin State was the only nominee, he was elected as Chairperson of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session.

After taking chairmanship, Chairperson U Khat Htein Nan of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session extended greetings. (See page 6)
Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint extends greetings at first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The following is the translation of greetings extended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in Naypyidaw today.

Esteemed Amyotha Hluttaw representatives,

Today is the first day when Myanmar started exercising parliamentary democracy system again. So, it is a red letter day in the Myanmar political history. Hluttaw is an organization that has legislative powers vested by the public. Government, the administrative body, and judicial body are to implement the provisions of the Hluttaws.

It can be said that Hluttaw is an organization which reflects the life of people. So, duties and responsibilities of Hluttaw are tremendous. The Hluttaw representatives are to serve the interests of the people unanimously no matter which party they are from. And they are to discuss any matters in unison. The precious time will be lost by if they argue with each other. The truth may disappear because of the eloquence of a person in a debate-like situation. I would like to urge all delegates to serve the interests of the State and the people.

In addition, all Hluttaw representatives are to follow and respect the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Hluttaw Laws and Bylaws. The delegates will have to treat one another with utmost courtesy, and they must have mutual respects.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all delegates for electing me as the speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Khin Aung Myint from No (8) Constituency of Mandalay Region was elected as Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and U Mya Nyein as Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before Amyotha Hluttaw Chairperson U Khat Hein Nan.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker extended greetings.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker read out invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to attend Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker announced the end of the first day meeting of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session as the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives had to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

The meeting was concluded at 1.35 pm.

MNA

Chairperson of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khat Hein Nan extends greetings.—MNA

First Amyotha Hluttaw regular session commences …

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The chairperson took affirmation and signed a statement of allegiance as the chairperson in the presence of the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The chairperson announced the start of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session as 224 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were all present at the session by cent per cent attendance.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before the chairperson.

The chairperson announced that the agenda of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session had been circulated.

Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives cast votes to elect Speaker and Deputy Speaker of