NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan-The following is the translation of the introductory speech delivered by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw building here at 3 pm today.

Esteemed Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, Today is a historic day as Hluttaw sessions are opened according to the sixth step of the State’s Road Map. The Pyidaung-su Hluttaw session is summoned today to elect vice-presidents and the president and to form a governing body and administrative bodies through the seventh step.

Esteemed Hluttaw representatives,

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 manifests parliamentary principles in the Chapter VI. Procedures and bylaws on 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 hluttaws 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.

Therefore, I would like to say that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is very grateful to the State Peace and Development Council for that.

Esteemed Hluttaw representatives,

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the highest body in the nation. So, it is of high prestige. If hluttaw representatives show good opinions, speeches and behaviours, the nation and the people will earn good reputation in the international community.

Therefore, in conclusion, I would like to urge you to make sure that the laws, rules and customs we exercise in the parliament democracy system which is the first in many years in Myanmar will be exemplars and fine traditions for new generations.

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