NAY PYI TAW, 30 March - The 18th day of the first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 11 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

It was also attended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win.

The session was announced valid as 649 or 99.54 percent of the 652 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives were present.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker explained matters related to elections, approvals to appointments, raising of questions, making of proposals and formations.


Then, elected President U Thein Sein and elected Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham before the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Section 65 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 37 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law.

The persons who had been approved to be appointed as members of Union level organizations also made affirmation before the speaker.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein delivered an address at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. (The translation of the speech of President U Thein Sein is separately reported.)

It was announced that the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein was put on record at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
Then, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker extended greetings. He said the sessions of respective hluttaws which have been held are first experiences for all of them. It is believed that later, they will have more and more experience and be able to serve the better interests of the people. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session will be summoned again when occasion arises to discuss the subjects necessary to be discussed at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw only and matters related to the bills which have not reached agreement at the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and to call special and emergency meetings. The three hluttaws are the organizations responsible for amending, supplementing and subtracting the bills submitted by the Union level organizations including the Union Government and the private bills submitted by the Hluttaw representatives after carrying out study, assessment and comment. So, it is necessary to respect the laws. At the hluttaw sessions to come, all the representatives are to respect and follow the existing laws and rules with a sense of personal identity.

Later, the speaker announced that the 18th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concluded successfully.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker hosted a luncheon to the representatives to mark the successful completion of the first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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