Myanmar is now member of ASEP: Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Amyotha Hluttaw convened its fifth regular session at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building, here, today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 214 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

First, Defence Services personnel Hluttaw representatives took affirmation and signed letter of affirmation followed by the speech of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker who extended greetings in which the Speaker said he was very glad to see all of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. He informed the Hluttaw of his attendance at Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-7) in Laos and visit to Australia that he led the parliamentary delegation in going to Vientiane of Lao People’s Democratic Republic for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to be recognized as the official member of ASEP at ASEP-7.

Myanmar became an ASEM member together with Cambodia and Laos at the fifth ASEM Summit in Hanoi of Vietnam in 2004. ASEP is one of the ASEM meetings, said the Speaker.

The Myanmar parliamentary delegation together with 28 parliamentary delegations from Asian and European countries and international organizations like IMF, UNDP, and UNISDR attended the opening of ASEP-7 Meeting at which Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, together with parliaments of Australia, New Zealand and Russian Federation were recognized as member of ASEP. So Myanmar is now member of ASEP, said the Speaker.

The parliamentary delegation then at the invitation of Australia’s Senate President Mr John Hogg and Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives Mr Peter Slipper, visited Australia and the delegation could grasp the opportunity to explain political reforms of the country and make wide-ranging discussions on promotion of economy, education, and health and investment.

Next, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu answered questions on education sector. Regarding the question on whether there is a plan to open an examination centre at Kamyawkin Basic Education High School in Launglon Township by U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (3), the deputy minister replied that arrangements would be made for opening of an examination centre at the school for 2012-2013 academic year as the school meets standards needed for opening of a examination centre.

U Maung Sein of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (5) asked whether there is a plan to upgrade self-reliant primary school of Byugyi village in Yebyu Township into a Basic Education Primary School (branch). The deputy minister responded that the self-reliant primary school at Byugyi village had already been upgraded as Basic Education Primary School (Branch) on 9 September, 2012.

U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No (11) asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Basic Education Primary School No (83) at Tetebin village of Gwaeing village-tract in Meiktila Township into a post-primary school and Basic Education Post-Primary School No (174) at Thabyekan village of Hseang village-tract in Meiktila Township into Basic Education Middle School (branch). The deputy minister answered that there is no plan to upgrade the schools at the present time as it is found that there are only 97 students at Basic Education Primary School No (83) and 66 at Basic Education Post-Primary School No (174).
Regarding the question of U Paw Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 about whether there is a plan to appoint teachers of Sedoktara Township at their own places instead of sending teachers from other regions to Sedoktara Township while teachers of Sedoktara Township who took courses at Education College in Magway Region were sent to Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and Shan State and other townships in Magway Region, the deputy minister replied that priority is being given to appoint teachers of Sedoktara Township at the schools in Magway Region.

If there was no vacancy in Magway Region, they were sent to Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan State and other townships in Magway Region. Arrangements would be made for local teachers to replace the places of teachers from other regions and appointments of new teachers would be made.

The deputy education minister explained that upgrading and opening of new schools are being carried out by the Ministry of Education under the four-year plan from 2012-13 to 2015-16 academic year for ensuring more opportunities for learning.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that Anti-Corruption Bill proposed by Chairman of Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Aung Tun of Magway Region Constituency No (11) on 4 July 2012 was under discussion on 13 July 2012, and the Bill was approved with amendments on 1 August 2012, and it was sent to Pyithu Hluttaw on 3 August 2012. As Pyithu Hluttaw sent back the Bill to Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments, Hluttaw representatives who want to take part in discussion may submit their names not later than 23 October 2012.

U San Yel of Kayah State Constituency No (5) submitted a proposal in which he urged the government to reexamine the townships in order not to be left from the list of townships where salary of service personnel is doubled and township that are eligible to enjoy the plan should be allowed continuously. U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No (5) seconded the motion. As no objection to the proposal, Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and Hluttaw representatives who want to take part in discussions are to enlist. Chairman of Public Complaint and Appeal Committee U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No (2) submitted a proposal urging the Union government to take necessary measures in accord with laws, rules and regulations in taking actions against service personnel as direct dismissal without taking any enquires in accord with laws, rules and regulations made service personnel who have no right to make any complaints unfair. U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No (1) seconded the motion. As no objection to the proposal, Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and Hluttaw representatives who want to take part in discussions are to enlist.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that MPs appreciated it while he gave an account of Public Complaints and Appeal Committee at Australian Parliament. Committees of both houses said they should do like this. Apart form this committee, committee for human rights and democracy and other committees that receive letters of complaints sent letters to the Union government under the agreement with the chairmen after scrutinizing the letters of complaints.

The Speaker announced the Hluttaw decision that the committees after sending those letters to the Union government are to make a report on what comments they had given describing the date and letter number of their reports to the Union government to the Hluttaw.

The session came to an end at 11 am. The second day session will continue tomorrow. —MNA

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