All prisoners express their ardent hope for granting of next general amnesty by President


The full text of the statement is as follows:-


1. An eight-member team of the Commission, headed by its Chairman visited the Insein Prison on 27 December 2011 and the Hlay-Hlawn-Yetb Prison Labour Camp in Hlegu Township on 28 December 2011. Earlier a four-member team of the Commission visited Myitkyina Prison on 9 December 2011. The visits provided a valuable opportunity to observe at firsthand the daily lives of the prisoners and the general conditions in which they are serving their respective prison terms. In this regard, the Commission is grateful for the full cooperation extended by the prison authorities.

2. During the visits to Insein Prison and Hlay-Hlawn-Yetb Prison Labour Camp, the team was briefed by the prison officials that management of the prison was based on the Myanmar Jail Manual and UN Standard Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners. The team observed the provision of health care and recreational facilities, serving of daily meals, provision of linguistic and computer training, conduct of formal education classes and religious activities carried out in the prison.

3. The team conducted a number of interviews with the prisoners. The prisoners expressed their ardent hope for the granting of the next general amnesty by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In this regard, the Commission would like to reiterate the same appeal.

Second work committee for holding Myanmar Health Research Conference 2011 meets

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec—Second work committee meeting for holding Myanmar Health Research Conference 2011, took place at medical research Department (lower Myanmar) on 29 December, with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Dow Myat Myat Onn. In his speech, the Secretary of Committee Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Htut reported on the five fire victims who died in the fire.—MNA

Self-reliant power station launched

KYAUKPYU, 29 Dec—The opening of a diesel power station was held in Htanphettaung Village of Kyaukpyu Township on 29 December, which was undertaken by the Tatmadawmen with the four unit building tasks—MNA