Budget procedures explained at Pyithu Hluttaw

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Oct—The Machine and Equipment Supervisory Committee distributes the price list of vehicles, machinery, machine and furniture manufactured by local companies and office equipment distributed by local companies to ministries and government organizations for each year so that they can draft budget proposals in a uniform manner, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein told the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Thursday.

She was responding to a question raised at the Pyithu Hluttaw on prices in the budget allocations of ministries. If prices in budget proposals are not in accord with the price list, ministries and government organizations are asked to draw the budget proposal in accordance with the list before the budget proposals are submitted to the union government, she added.

National Planning and Economic Development Ministry and government organizations are also required to follow the directives of the President Office in purchasing by inviting open tender in a transparent manner, according to the deputy minister.

Budget proposals of the ministries are examined by the three committees responsible for construction, machines and equipment and other expenditures respectively and by the Ministry of Finance before the budget proposal are enacted as law, she said.

At the Pyithu Hluttaw session today, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung responded to the question raised by a defence services representative who asked whether monitoring measures are taken to ensure that all school-aged children are learning at school.

The deputy minister said it is difficult to monitor the schooling of all school-aged children in some areas and the ministry has to place emphasis on admission of school-aged children every year.

The Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Session approved the coastal and inland water transport bill.

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Electricity consumers to be offered deserved compensation for their losses and damage

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Oct—Amyotha Hluttaw representatives discussed the motion tabled by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency calling for the union government to take special measures to protect the public from electrical risks.

Concerning with the motion, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Tha Hwe said that educative measures for electric safety are disseminated to the public through leaflets, posters, talks, radio and television programmes and columns in newspapers and journals to protect the public from electrical risks.

To protect the public from the electric shocks from broken wires, earth rings, earth bar system, line guards and line link connections have been installed on power lines, according to the deputy minister.

Power lines in townships are also tested for 30 kg load and priority has been given to replace old electric lines and service lines with insulated wires while multi-transformer system, which replaces large transformers with small ones to reduce the electricity load on power lines, has been introduced, the deputy minister said.

Arrangements are also underway to conduct training courses to enhance the skills of power line and maintenance workers, the deputy minister added.

In conclusion, the deputy minister said that electricity consumers will be offered deserved compensation for their losses and damage in accordance with the law depending on social security funds and incomes from electricity distribution.

The Amyotha Hluttaw approved the motion after representatives voted for it.

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Blue Plaque installed. . .

(From page 1) to the narrative of the city, Yangon Heritage Trust believes that the introduction of commemorative Blue Plaques will make Yangon’s history accessible to people of all age and backgrounds.

This is the fourth Blue Plaques in Yangon from YHT’s initiative following City Hall, AYA Bank Headquarters and Armenian Church.

Royal Philips agreed to contribute US$ 75,000 for the Yangon Blue Plaques Initiative. Aside from the highlighting key cultural heritage locations, the contribution will also support the research and curation of historical sites, and creation and installation of Blue Plaques that will share the historical relevance and background of notable people and places across the city.

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Union Border Affairs Minister looks into development programmes in western Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Oct—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Vice Chairman of the Central Committee for Implementing Peace, Stability and Development in Rakhine State and government officials inspected development programmes of his committee in western Myanmar state.

At the arrival of Buthidaung Township on Tuesday, the union minister and officials inspected the constructions of Buthidaung-Taungba-zar-Wanatyone and Taungbazar-Bandoola roads, before facilitating the development projects.

On Tuesday, the union minister and party checked the resistance of roads and bridges along Buthidaung-Ngakyaittaw road. He also viewed the construction of concrete road and bridge in Maungtaw township, Mawrawady village school constructed by the grants of Indonesia and houses for migrant people from Bangladesh.

The union minister held discussions with local officials on development projects at the Maungtaw district administrative office. The union minister then looked into basic sewing course for local women and inspected the construction of dormitory for the trainees. He later reminded to ensure the norms of construction project to the responsible persons at India-funded school construction project in Myoma ward and a vocational school constructed with the ministry budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year, before leaving for Buthidaung Township where a school is being constructed with the grant of Indonesia.

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