Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Jan — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved proposals of the government to sign the agreement on establishing a regional secretariat for mutual recognition of ASEAN tourism experts and to receive Yen 10.5 billion loan for the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology from JICA on Friday.

For signing the regional secretariat, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Tin Shwe explained the benefits to be enjoyed from signing the agreement including enhanced capacity, competitiveness, cooperation for tourism promotion, lower restrictions, promotion of ASEAN region into a destination with international standards, development of tourism and services and human resources development.

Then, the Hluttaw session approved the proposal. Afterwards, two representatives discussed receiving the loan from the JICA before Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaung Tin explained the arrangements. Later, the Hluttaw session approved the loan.—MNA