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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives international recognition for its four-year commitment to legislation: Speaker

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Jan — Parliament has written success stories in passing legislations and practising check and balance policies over the past four years with recognition at home and abroad, the speaker told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on its fourth anniversary here on Friday, officials said. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw could introduce 133 laws in its 11 sessions in four years, with 15 laws in 2011 including the Private Schools Registration Law and the Peaceful Gathering and Demonstration Law.

In 2012, it passed 24 laws, some of which included the Union National Planning Law, the Union Budget Law, the Foreign Investment Law, the Foreign Currencies Management Law and the Farmland Law. The parliament succeeded in passing a legislation that approved K30,000 of monthly benefits each to all government workers in its third regular session and K20,000 in 2013 and 2014. There were 37 laws passed in 2013, some of which were the Anti-corruption Law and the Myanmar Investment Law, with two additional approvals for the announcement of emergency state in Meiktila and the formation of a joint study commission for employers and employees rights.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed the Myanmar Parliamentary Union in a bid to facilitate its cooperation and coordination with Region/State parliaments, as well as an investigation commission on land seizures in a bid to do justice to affected people. In 2014, the parliament enacted 57 laws including the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law, and formed a committee to draft a law on constitutional amendment.

Regarding international relations, the speaker said Myanmar joined the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in 2011 and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership in 2012. According to the speaker, 94 visits to seminars and parliamentary sessions abroad alongside training courses and workshops at home boosted the capacity of Myanmar parliamentarians and staff and widened their scope of knowledge. He called for strenuous efforts to implement remaining tasks of drafting bills and passing laws in the interest of the entire population.

Members of Union- level commissions briefed on the national planning bill for the 2015- 2016 fiscal year and the union budget bill for 2015. The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union elaborated on their budget spending.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved a proposal returned by the President U Thein Sein for a loan of 24.678 billion yen from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the Ministry of Electric Power. The Hluttaw had a report read out of the findings on development funds of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for 2013-2014 FY, which was returned by the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union.—
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