Parliament puts on record Public Debt Management Bill, Bill Amending the Myanmar Lighthouse Act

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued its last session in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, discussing and putting on record bills including the Public Debt Management Bill.

During the Wednesday meeting the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put the Public Debt Management Bill and the Bill Amending the Myanmar Lighthouse Act on record.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also announced that it will carry on the National Planning Bill for FY 2016-2017 and the Union Budget Bill for 2016 in accordance with the rules of the Hluttaw Law.

The meeting will resume on 28 December.— Myanma News Agency

Myanmar moves to sign Chemical Weapons Convention

The Ministry of Science and Technology held a coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to discuss the process of signing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Two teams—the Myanmar National Authority and the Representative Team for Inspection—have been assigned to oversee the procedures, with Deputy Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Myat saying the country sent two declarations—one annual and the other initial—to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

The Myanmar National Authority will send its representatives to OPCW-organised training programmes, workshops and seminars.

The MNA and the OPCW will maintain contact through a Secure Information Exchange (SIX) system.—Myanmar News Agency

More than 20 overseas employment agencies penalised

MORE than 20 overseas employment agencies, which place Myanmar migrant workers in positions abroad, have been punished this year for violating ministry rules, said U Myo Aung, the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security yesterday.

“We revoked the licences of eight overseas agencies, suspended six agencies on suspicion of making fraud smart cards and visas, and suspended another eight for violating the rules of their employment contracts,” the permanent secretary told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Between 14 and 16 overseas employment agencies have been punished, while another six are facing trial after receiving two-year suspensions of their work permits.

Meanwhile, the ministry is investigating two cases in which the two companies failed to respond quickly to labour issues overseas.

Myanmar people are officially permitted to work in several foreign countries, including Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Japan.

The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security has issued licenses to nearly 250 local and overseas employment agencies.

Overland tourist visits increasing

MYANMAR has seen a dramatic surge in the number of tourists taking sightseeing around the country trips by car, motorcycle and bicycle, according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

On 1 December, 20 Chinese tourists entered the country in five cars through Muse, a border town in Shan State, and toured Mandalay Region, Yangon Region, Mon State and Shan State. They visited ancient cities and famous pagodas and left for Thailand via Myawady on 10 December.

On 5 December, 12 tourists from six countries arrived in Tamu, Sagaing Region, on nine motorbikes and visited Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Shan State, Rakhine State and Mon State. They left for Thailand on 19 December.

On 16 December, six tourists from India entered the country via Myawady and toured Mon State, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. They returned to India on 18 December.—Myanmar News Agency

Science and Technology Ministry discuss the Chemical Weapons Convention. PHOTO: MNA

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