Second Pyithu Hluttaw abolishes special cases assessment committee

THE Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s first regular session entered its fourteenth day, during which it renamed a committee, substituted committee members and abolished a committee.

The Pyithu Hluttaw approved the renaming of the Farmer, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee as the Farmer and Worker Affairs Committee. It also substituted Dr Tin Aung of Kyaukse Constituency with U Tin Aung of Taungkon Constituency, U Shwe Hla (a) U Shwe Hla Win of Thingangyun Constituency with U Thein Tan of Hlegu Constituency, Dr U Aung Khin of Pyin Oo Lwin Constituency with U Aung Win of Hmawbyu Constituency and U Myo Nyunt of Homalin Constituency with U Myint Kyi of Katha Constituency in the Public Accounts Committee.

The parliament further substituted U Khan Maung Thaung of Pinlaung Constituency with U Thaung Hlay Lin of Pathein Constituency for Hluttaw Rights Committee; Dr Mya Khwar Nyo Oo of Shwetaung Constituency with U Kyaw Min of Letpadan Constituency as the Farmer and Worker Affairs Development Committee; Dr Myo Lay Oo of Htitin Constituency with Daw Aye Aye Mu (a) Daw Shar Moo of Kale Constituency in the Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee; U Kyi Moe Naing of Yadagyi Constituency with Saw Thalay Saw of Shweygin Constituency and U Zaw Win of Htantabin Constituency with Dr Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency in the Transport, Communication and Construction Committee; U Kyaw Myo Min of Moenyo Constituency with U Than Nyunt of Pyu Constituency, U Aung Soe of Thayetchaung Constituency with U Nay Lin Tun of Bokepyin Constituency, U Aung Than Sein of Kamti Constituency with U Kyaw Soe of Banmauk Constituency and U Ye Lwin of Ahlone Constituency in the Investment and Industrial Development Committee; U La Gan Zal Jon of Waingmaw Constituency with U Kyaw Min Hlaing of Lattara constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chaung Constituency with Dr Aye Min of Khayin Constituency and U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe Constituency with U Thein Tun of Thabaung Constituency for Economic and Financial Development Committee; and Daw Cho Cho Win of Mawlaik Constituency with Dr Daw Pyone of Inndaw Constituency in the Public Administration Committee.

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Khun Myat elaborated on the formation of committees.

The speaker read out congratulatory messages sent from Japan, Algeria, Slovakia, France and Poland, which were documented.

The fifteenth day session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw continues today.—Myanmar News Agency

MPT donates solar lamps to monastic education schools

MYANMA Posts and Telecommunications provided monastic education schools across the country with over 2,000 solar lamps worth a total of about US$300,000.

Funds received through selling MPT SIM cards were contributed to buy the solar lamps, said Mr Takashi Nagasihama, CEO of the MPT-KS-GM Joint Operation.

According to MPT, sale of MPT SIM cards last December brought in K297 million in revenues. “The solar lamp donation will bring light to 632 monastic education schools around the country, bringing solar power to 58,000 students,” said Bhaddanta Nayi, the presiding monk of the PhaungdawOu Monastic Education School in Mandalay. This was MPT’s second donation to monastic education schools. The company donated 837 solar panels to monastic education schools in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Regions last month.—Thein Ko Lwin

Relaxation of restriction brings more tourists to Kawthoung

MYANMAR: National Symphony Orchestra. Concert 2016 will take place at 6 pm at National Theater in Mandalay on 15 March. The concert set to be open to everyone is joint efforts of the State Orchestra of Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information and a group of Japanese artists led by conductor-composer Mr. Yunosuke Yamamoto and pianist Mrs. Kyoko Koyama. The symphonic orchestra performance between Myanmar and Japan will be aired live on News Channel of MRTV.—Myanmar News Agency

Military aircraft suffers drag parachute malfunction at Nay Pyi Taw airport

A MILITARY aircraft suffered an accident while landing at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport due to its drag parachute malfunctioning at 11:54 am yesterday.

The military plane was flying to Nay Pyi Taw from Toungoo Air Base to conduct a drill.

During the accident, the aircraft crashed into three light poles on the taxiway following the drag parachute malfunction, which was caused by a mechanical failure.

No one was reported injured, but the cockpit area, fuel tank and tires of the aircraft were damaged in the accident.—Myawady

Myeik Archipelago, which includes 803 islands, is one of major tourist attractions in Myanmar, offering activities such as underwater diving, sailing, canoeing, bird watching, exploring salon culture, mangrove sightseeing and forest treks.

Arrivals of tourists through sailing trips have also increased, with 713 visitors arriving this January, including 12 yachts carrying 92 tourists on 30 January, said the ministry.—Kay Khanting