Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues with discussions on committees’ reports

THE 13th regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 37th day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with discussion on six reports including the report of the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Union Minister U Win Shein and Union Auditor-General U Myo Myint explained matters related to the findings and remarks of the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Development Fund for 2014-2015.

Union Minister U Win Shein suggested that further discussion is needed for proposed tax exemption for work financed by the Fund, and stated that ways and means will be sought to ease difficulties and restrictions being faced in implementation of the projects under the Fund through further coordination of the Internal Revenue Department.

During today’s session, changes in the boundary, formation and names of a town, village-tracts and villages was documented.

Next, presentation of the reports of the respective committees followed, and members of Union-level organisations responded to the reports.

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MWAF holds annual meeting in Nay Pyi Taw

The annual general meeting for 2015 at Thiri Yadana Hall of the building in Nay Pyi Taw, with the opening ceremony was graced by Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, and Daw Nann Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Khain.

In her address, Daw Ni Ni Win, patron of the federation, stressed the need of heightening awareness about child abuse cases that account for 40 per cent of all criminal cases last year and preventive measures.

The Patron highlighted the importance of providing more legal protection for victims and necessary assistance to improve their livelihoods and upholding the task of anti-human trafficking as the bounden duty.

Next, Prof. Dr Khin Mar Tun, president of the MWAF, elaborated on activities undertaken by the federation in the year 2015.

After the ceremony, Daw Khin Khin Win and party observed documentary photos on activities of the federation.

The annual general meeting set for three days from 26 to 28 January is aimed at reviewing the department-wise work of the federation and previous undertakings of the state/region organisations.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Final approval of former President’s security bill to be sought from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

THE 13th regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) entered its 29th day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, approving a proposal to seek final approval of the former President’s security bill from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

During yesterday’s session a parliamentarian submitted a proposal to discuss and seek final parliamentary approval on the bill sent back by the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) with amendments from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, Deputy Minister for Defense Commodore Aung Thaw responded to a question about a road that was blocked from public use in Dagon Township, raised by MP U Nanda Kyaw Swa.

The deputy minister said that the Bo Yar Nyunt road in the township will be reopened for the public to use before the end of this month.

11 Pyithu Hluttaw committee members presented their respective reports to the Parliament.

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Myanmar Parliamentary Union Meeting releases statement

The draft statement was approved, and regional speakers reported on general matters.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

According to the statement approved at the meeting, MPU meetings were held 14 times during the period from 2012 to 2015, focusing on capacity enhancement for parliamentarians and enactment of laws that are of benefit to the people. Progress was made through coordination between the Union parliament and regional parliaments, said the statement, calling on the new Parliament to keep up the sound foundations of the First Parliament.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint chair Myanmar Parliamentary Union Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA