Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Round-up

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discussed yesterday the bills amending the Myanmar Mining Law and the Evidence Act, which were sent back from the President with remarks. In regard to the Myanmar Mining Law, the Joint Bill Committee of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed in three cases out of five recommendations made by the President. For amending the Evidence Act, the committee agreed to amend according to remarks by the President.

Pyithu Hluttaw Round-up

The bill committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday discussed reports related to three bills concerned with shops and wages sent back from the Amyotha Hluttaw with some amendments. The three bills were submitted by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security in November. They are the bills amending the Workshops Act of 1951, the Payment of Wages Bill and the Shops and Worksite Bill.

Amyotha Hluttaw Round-up

At the Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday U Steven Tharbeik, MP from Chin State Constituency No 4 asked a question of the Ministry of Education in regard to the issue of the downward trend in matriculation examination results over three years in Chin State. In response to the question, Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin said 7,843 education staff have been appointed at 1,372 basic education schools in the state to teach 126,705 students.

He also called for staff of the departments and MPs to cooperate with teachers, students and parents to increase the passing rate in the state.—Myanmar News Agency

Bills singed into laws

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office announced yesterday that the President signed the following bills into law.

1. The Bill Amending the Myanmar Excise Act (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 66)
2. The Bill Amending the Foreign Investment Law (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No.67)
3. The Bill Amending the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No.68)
4. The Bill Amending the Saving Banks Law (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 69)
5. The Bill Amending the Insurance Permission Law (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 66)
6. The Bill Amending the Myanmar Excise Act (2015 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 71)

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MPE launches its pearl sales

THE Myanmar Pearl Enterprise will sell its pearl lots from 23 to 24 December at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. A total of 376 pearl lots will be put on sales in Kyat at the 34th pearl sales.

The enterprise conducts mid-year sales, special sales and sales in Kyat.—Myanmar News Agency

Grant Agreement on Programme for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Schools in Flood and Landslide Affected Areas Signed

A GRANT Agreement for the “Programme for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Schools in Flood and Landslide Affected Areas” was successfully concluded yesterday between U Aung Than Oo, Director General, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education and Mr. Keiichiro NAKAZAWA, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Myanmar Office following the signing of Exchange of Notes (E/N) between the two governments of Japan and Myanmar on the same day.

Under this Grant Agreement, JICA will provide up to one billion and five hundred million Japanese Yen (JPY 1,500,000,000) for the program to reconstruct and rehabilitate the schools in flood and landslide affected areas as stated in the recovery and reconstruction strategy of the Ministry of Education with the “Build Back Better (BBB)” principles. The “Build Back Better” (BBB) principles which ensure 1) Schools that are resilient to future disasters in line with appropriate standards (such as resilient buildings with safe and adequately sized staircases, necessary elevation for schools in delta areas, and improved WASH facilities, etc) and 2) Schools that have better learning environment under ongoing educational reforms (such as additional classrooms for KG in primary schools and post-primary schools, teacher’s room, good-quality classroom furniture, houses for headmaster and teacher with security where necessary, etc.). The said grant will cover about one hundred and seventy thousand (170,000) students in schools who were affected by the floods and landslides, so that they can study without difficulty as early as possible.

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