2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6th regular session holds its 10th day meeting

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At yesterday meeting held at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, Mahn Win Khairing Tha, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, announced that the Statistical Act (Bill) to be presumed to have been adopted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was put on record by the Hluttaw.

Afterwards, U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications clarified matters concerning Myanmar’s participation in signing the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (CBTP).

“The objective of the Framework Agreement is to make it easier for buses and coaches from one of the ASEAN countries to enter another ASEAN country. And it is designed for conveniences in the sectors — transport, tax, immigration and control of infectious diseases. Especially, we have had ASEAN Vision 2020 — Hanoi Project, Vientiane Sustainable Urban Transport Project and Brunei Project. The ASEAN Framework Agreement will be implemented in 2019. In the implementation of these projects, there include departments such as customs, immigration, insurance, health, agriculture and breeding. If these departments are getting ready, the process for accepting these projects will be carried out. Upon completion of these, we will have many advantages of easy transport between the ASEAN countries, the acquisition of regional knowledge as for tourists, development of the tourism industry and getting job opportunities.”

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that parliamentarians desires of discussing the matter be enrolled, followed by clarification from U Nyi Hla Nge, Vice-Chairman of the National Education Policy Commission (NEPC) and U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Education, over the discussions of Hluttaw Representatives concerning the report of performances of NEPC in the second half of the year. Following that, the report was announced to have been put on record by the Hluttaw.

After that, the Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Soe Thein explained to the Hluttaw the matter of borrowing Ks533.543 billion from Central Bank of Myanmar to fill the deficit of the Union Government’s Budget Allotment.

Concerning the matter, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had received the approval of the Hluttaw. In addition to this, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw reported to the Hluttaw the new designation of duties and authorities of legal affairs and special cases assessment commission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; getting the approval of Hluttaw.

Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of findings and conclusions of the Public Accounts Combined Committee for the first 6 months of FY 2017-2018. Dr Khin Win Thaung of constituency 11 in Kachin State said, “We welcome appointments of more medical staff including doctors, but we assume that it is not appropriate to have seen decreasing amounts of teachers. And there are some restrictions in ASEAN region IUU—Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated concerning fish and fishery industry. In case IUU is neglected, EU will take action against such violations.

If so, it will be tantamount to destruction of the Myanmar’s fishery works. So, the Union should make good results from Myanmar’s fishery industry.” With regard to the report of findings and conclusions, Daw Khin Than Nu of Mindon constituency, U Tin Tin Naing of Selayuki Khanaungto constituency, Dr. Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of constituency 3, Bago Region, U Kyaw Myo Min of Monyo constituency and U Ba Myo Thein of constituency 5 in Yangon Region also discussed this at length.

Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung meets German official Mrs. Ina Lepel in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung receives German official

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received German Federal Foreign Office Asia and Pacific Department director Mrs. Ina Lepel and party in Amyotha Hluttaw J Hall yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting matters relating to bilateral relation and cooperation between the parliaments were discussed.
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Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor meets American Congressional delegation led by Senator Jeff Merkley

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe met the American Congressional Delegation led by Senator Jeff Merkley at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor yesterday at noon. During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters relating to the issues in Rakhine State.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun, Chief Coordinator of UEHRD Dr. Aung Htun Thet, and officials from the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, as well as the U.S Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Scot Marciel and Congressional delegates.—MNA

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe holds talks with a delegation led by American Congressional Delegation led by Senator Jeff Merkley. PHOTO: MNA