

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses education sector

A proposal to open a comprehensive university in Nay Pyi Taw and other matters related to the education sector were discussed at yesterday's Pyithu Hluttaw meeting.

U Tin Hla from Danuphyu Constituency raised a question about establishing a comprehensive university in Nay Pyi Taw. U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Education, replied saying there were plans to construct a university, and the ministry was discussing with the Nay Pyi Taw council about selecting a site for the construction.

Next, U Sai Thiha Kyaw from Mongyal Constituency raised a question on what action the ministry of education would

take over 19 basic education schools in Mongyal Township, where the principal's chair had been lying vacant for half the academic year. U Win Maw Tun replied that the ministry has selected 11 principals for basic education primary schools in Mongyal Township, while the selection process for middle school principals started on 27 January this year, and is still in progress. The positions for principals in high schools across the country are being discussed, he said.

U Nyan Hein from Thanbyuzayet Constituency raised a question on whether the township education authorities would be given the right to grant permission to primary school

teachers to take leave from their school if it has less than 65 students, so they can take up teaching roles in other schools that need more teaching staff.

The Deputy Minister replied that this authority had already been granted to district- and state-level education authorities.

Later, U Aung Thaung Shwe from Buthidaung Constituency forwarded a motion urging the union government to develop effective plans for northern Rakhine's development and to share them openly with the public.

He cited the Constitutional Act (385), which states that it is every citizen's duty to protect the security and sovereignty of the nation, as well as Section (21)



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint. PHOTO: MNA

(C), which states that it is every citizen's duty to uphold peace and the rule of law. Thus, he said it is necessary for the union gov-

ernment to collaborate with the public on matters of security and the rule of law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Speaker, chairmen, secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw hold coordination meeting



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint addresses the coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

THE coordination meeting of the Speaker, Chairmen and Secretaries from the respective committees of Pyithu Hluttaw (1/2018) was conducted at Zabethiri Hall in the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat, chairmen and secretaries of the committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw attended the meeting.

Firstly, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint gave the opening speech.

The officials then explained

the decisions made during the previous meeting (2/2016).

Later, the chairmen and secretaries from the respective committees of Pyithu Hluttaw stated and explained the bills, complaint letters, reports and evaluations.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint also explained tasks of the respective committees, the affairs to be coordinated or amended and concluded the meeting with his suggestions.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses protection of natural resources

THE 14th-day meeting of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued yesterday. The MPs discussed questions, debated a bill and considered a motion.

First, U Hway Tin of Chin Constituency (11) raised a question on the project for building a sports building in Hakha, Chin State, and if it has been listed in the 2018-2019 financial year. Dr. Myint Htwe, union minister for health and sports, answered that a survey would be conducted to check if an additional sports building was needed in Haka.

Dr. Myint Htwe then answered a question raised by U Myo Htet from Chin Constituency (12) on constructing a new medical facility in Paletwa, Chin State. Dr. Myint Htwe replied

that the proposal for the medical facility had been submitted and was awaiting further instructions. Next, a motion from U Pe Chit from Yangon Constituency (9) was read. The motion urged the union government to prioritise the conservation and protection of Myanmar's natural resources.

Major Kyaw Soe Oo said smuggling of natural resources in the country was rampant. He said the laws concerning the protection of natural resources may need to be amended to be more effective. He pointed out that the improper usage of natural resources, such as unsystematic fishing, was slowly destroying the natural ecology of Myanmar, including its beautiful islands,

coral reefs, marine biomass and others. He said the union government needs to cooperate with the military, the public and other departments to carry out conservation plans effectively.

U Myint Naing of Rakhine constituency explained that Rakhine State used to produce natural gases, oil, teak and other hardwoods, as well as marine products and marble rocks. He said that the natural oil production in the area was low now, and teak forests have all but disappeared. He said more efforts must be made to conserve the forests and fishing areas near the Bay of Bengal. U Myint Naing said that a Viet Nam-Myanmar Joint Company was mining marbles in the area, and sug-



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

gested imposing proper restrictions and regulations on them. He said that while the country's gross domestic product may be rising, if left unchecked, no natural resources will be left for

future generations.

The speaker ended the session by announcing that the next session of the Amyotha Hluttaw will be held today.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■