The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 7th regular session 7th day meeting was held yesterday morning at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall.

During the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Maung Lwin announced the placing on the record the bill to repeal the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act 1948 that were confirmed by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw as being approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, the Hluttaw put on record the reorganization and extension of 3 wards in Rezua Town, Matupi Township, Matupi District, Mo Paing Lut town in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Hluttaw as being approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Maung Lwin, to list their names.

This was followed by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win submitted the 2018 Union Budget Law sent by the President. The Deputy Minister explained that the ODA Loan of Japanese Yen 14.949 billion from JICA was for Small and Medium Enterprises development project stage 2. The Deputy Minister added that the loan period is 40 years and interest is 0.01 per cent payable in two installments per year and, once the grace period is over, the loan amount will have to be paid back in two installments per year.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced that Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss the matter need to list their names.

A JOINT bill committee meeting was held yesterday afternoon at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, in the second floor meeting hall. The meeting was attended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, the Joint Bill Committee and Public Account Joint Committee chairman U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Bill Committee deputy chairs, secretaries, joint secretaries and committee members, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members and officials from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

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Bogyoke Aung San’s birthday, Myanmar Children’s Day events held at NLD HQ

THE 103rd birthday of independence architect and father of the Taumadaw Bogyoke Aung San and Myanmar Children’s Day were celebrated at the National League for Democracy (NLD) headquarters yesterday morning. At the event, Yagon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun narrated the biography of Bogyoke Aung San, and Yagon Region Hluttaw representative U Nay Phone Latt conducted a question-and-answer (Q&A) session with the youth on historical facts about Bogyoke Aung San.

Kindergarten children recited poems and gave speeches in honor of Bogyoke Aung San, and officials presented the children with gifts. The event was held by the NLD Central Women’s Committee and the attendees were provided with Charity food.

Similarly, to commemorate the 103rd birthday of Bogyoke Aung San and Myanmar Children’s Day, wards and townships in Yangon Region conducted various activities such as Q&A sessions about Bogyoke Aung San and provided Charity food that included boiled peas and naams (a favorite of Bogyoke Aung San).

Taxis also transported people for free between Bogyoke Museum in Natmauk Road, Bahan Township, Yangon and Maha Bandoosa Park.

—Zaw Gyi (Panita)

US Embassy in Yangon praises NCA signing

THE US Embassy in Yangon issued a press release yesterday praising the New Mon State Party (NMSP) and Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) for signing the Nation wide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). Though they warmly welcomed the new signatories, the US Embassy acknowledged that this is only the first step towards sustainable peace.

The US Embassy expressed their hope to see more dialogue in the future, and the forming of a federal union in Myanmar. —GNLM