Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses National Planning Bill

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THE seventh regular session of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held its eighth-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

At the meeting, a report on the findings and comments of the National Planning Bill was submitted; reports on the findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee and the Public Accounts Joint Committee explained to the Hluttaw, while the Hluttaw representatives discussed a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

First, a report on the findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee on the National Planning Bill for the six-month period from April to September 2018 was read and explained by Joint Bill Committee Deputy Chairman U Tun Tun Hein.

The suggestion and comment part of the report noted that only the investment amount for works to be conducted during the six-month period from April to September 2018 was shown, but the status of the projects had not been described. The National Planning Law is enacted to implement the national plans completely, and project works undertaken through the law should not only show the investment amount but the completion status of each project and works to be completed in the coming fiscal year. Therefore, the National Planning Bill should include the reports of the projects being implemented by each ministerial department of the union.

The machinery, office equipment and furniture required for the projects and works of the union ministerial departments and organisations need to be shown accurately, along with the measurements, standards and norms.

The planning, implementation and assessment of the projects and works of the relevant departments and organisations should be conducted according to set procedures, starting from the township level, with the full cooperation of the officials from the Ministry of Planning and Finance, responsible persons and organisations. The report suggested implementing effective action, according to the rules and regulations, against the person(s), department(s) and organisation(s) that fail to do their duty.

The Hluttaw then asked those wanting to discuss the policy, its basic principle and project works in the bill to enrol their names.

Next, the reports on the findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee and the Public Accounts Joint Committee of the 2018 Union Budget Bill were read by the officials of the committees.

The report of the Joint Bill Committee was read and explained by committee Vice Chairman (1) U Zaw Min, while the report of the Public Accounts Joint Committee was read and explained by committee Vice Chairman (2) U Aung Min.

Those wanting to discuss the bill were asked to enrol their names.

Later, the matter of obtaining a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, sent by the President, was discussed by the Hluttaw representatives.

The loan is for the development of small and medium enterprises and was discussed by Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Khin Cho of Hlaing-bwe constituency, Dr. Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency, U Than Soe, also known as Than Soe (Economic), of Yangon region constituency (4), Dr. Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency (5), U Tin Tun Naing of Seik-kyi Khanaungto constituency, U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of the Bago Region constituency (1), U Aung Hlaing Win of Mingaladon constituency, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency, Dr. Pyae Phyo of the Ayeyawady region constituency (7) and Dr. Saw Naing of South Okkalapa constituency.

An explanation by union-level organisations and the decision of the Hluttaw on the loan is scheduled to be held during the ninth-day meeting.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint receives Ambassador of Morocco to Myanmar

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received the Ambassador of Morocco to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Abdellah El Housni at the Hluttaw building of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to bilateral friendship and cooperation, the tourism sector, investment and Hluttaw cooperation.

Deputy Speaker U T Khan Myat and other officials also attended the meeting.

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Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than receives Chair of the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Human Rights

SPEAKER of the Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than received a delegation led by Mr. Pier Antonio Panzeri, Chair of the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Human Rights, at the reception hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Thu Aung and other Hluttaw officials.—Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint Shakes hands with Mr. Abdellah El Housni, Ambassador of Morocco to Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA