Ninth regular session of the 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw commences

The 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw began the first day of its ninth regular session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Win Oo addressed the assembly, noting that during the ninth regular session the members will primarily focus on discussing and approving the National Planning Bill and the Union Budget Bill for Fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Speaker said members of parliament should keep in mind the immediate and long-term benefits for the public, while avoiding unnecessary spending of public funds when reviewing and approving plans proposed by the Union Government. He added that MPs need to consider whether the plans have relevance to the current state of affairs, and to approve them on time when reviewing the budget phase in the implementation process.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

First-day meeting of 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw’s 9th regular session held

The first-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw’s ninth regular session was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning, where the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a message of greeting, asterisk-marked questions were raised and answered, and a bill was tabled.

At first, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said that during the ninth regular session, there were 23 bills to be discussed. On bills, four submitted during the eighth regular session and three more would be discussed and in the asterisk-marked question, 137 transferred from the eighth regular session to the ninth regular session, as well as 156 more would be raised.

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Health care and food provided for people in Kayin State flood relief camps

TOWNSHIP-wise flood relief camps were opened in Kayin State for people affected by flooding and inundation following continuous heavy rain. People in the camps were provided with health care and food assistance, according to the state government.

Eight camps opened in Hpa-an were occupied by 818 households. Meanwhile, 12 camps in Hlaingbywe Township were occupied by 321 households, two camps in Kawkareik Township by 65 households, two camps in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township by 122 households and nine camps in Myawady Township by 448 households. —Myanmar News Agency

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Deputy Minister for Electric and Energy Dr. Tun Naing replied that the Pachan Kawthoung Township electricity production and distribution public company had won the tender to provide electricity 24 hours a day at a reasonable price in Kawthoung Township and arrangements are underway to do this with ten 630KVA diesel generators.

In addition to this, to reduce the price of electricity, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Taninthayi Region government and Royal Eagle Myanmar Development Group Co. Ltd. on 2 February 2018 to conduct a preliminary feasibility study on implementing a medium-sized 30MW wind power electricity generating and distributing project atop a mountain near Kawthoung, said the deputy minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Saw Chat Oo of Kayin State constituency 3 and U Aung Thein of Bago Region constituency 12 were answered by Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myo and Dr Tun Naing.

Discussion of the Bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017) was sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

The second-day meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw’s ninth regular session will be continued today, it is learnt.—Aung Ye Thwin (MNA)

MYANMAR NATIONAL AIRLINES TO PROVIDE CHARTER FLIGHT SERVICES

Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) is planning to provide Yangon-Gaya charter flight services, from September to April 2019, it is learnt.

A negotiation to operate the Yangon-Gaya charter flight services had been underway since 2017, and arrangements are being made to provide Charter Flight Services for Popular Star, Nay Yang Warm, Thwe Thaw Win, Myat Bodhi, MTM Travels & Tours, Thit Shwesin, Thankeenwe, Nilar Travels & Tours, May Thu Maung Buddha Bagaya, Amazing Land Tours, and Aung Chan Thar Co. Ltd.

The Boeing 737-800 flight will begin operations in September, three times a week.—Shin Min

 Mandalay tax collection sees Ks24 billion

THE Mandalay Region gained Ks24 billion in tax, two months before the designated six-month budget period this year, according to the Department of Internal Revenue in Mandalay.

“The overall target amount was Ks33 billion over a six-month budget period. Now, Ks24 billion has been received over a four-month period. During the remaining two months, arrangements are being made to hit the financial target. Public awareness discussions on paying tax were held,” said an official from the Department of Internal Revenue in Mandalay Region.

The overall amount of tax was based on the previous tax collections. Although the designated amount was Ks140 billion in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, over Ks160 billion had been received.

In the 2017-2018 FY, the target amount was Ks176 billion. However, Ks140 billion had been collected. —MDN

Yagon’s remote village gets access to fresh tube well water after nearly a century

LOCATED in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Region, Uwin Village now has access to fresh water through a 740-feet tube well, thanks to well-wishers, water experts and the government.

U Thein Myint, Assistant Director of Kyauktan Township Rural Development Department, said, “The village, with its 1,800 residents from 200 households, has access to fresh drinking water after nearly a century. It has been said that the village had been under the sea for more than 100 years. It emerged as an island after sandbank formation and only saline groundwater was available in the village and nearby areas for nearly a century. Villagers mainly relied on rainwater through reservoirs, but it was insufficient for their daily use because of the population growth.”

Water experts tried to dig several tube wells with a depth of 400 or 500 feet in some parts of the village. Fortunately, technicians successfully found freshwater at a depth of 740 feet.

After laboratory testing, the well water was found to be at PH level 4.46 and villagers can now use it as drinking water. The new tube well is situated within the compound of Myatshwegu, the village’s monastery. Lucky Gold Shop and Golden Legend Co. provided funds for the construction of the tube well and related water facilities.—Pwint Thitsa

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Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets new officers of Anti-Narcotics Task Force

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets with Anti-Narcotics Task Force officers yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe met senior officers and 44 officers transferred to the Anti-Narcotics Task Force at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday afternoon. The union minister said that the new officers were specifically recruited from other police force branches in order to reorganise the Anti-Narcotics Task Force so that the task force can conduct its work and take action against those involved in drug-related cases, regardless of their status and stature.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister Maj.-Gen Aung Thu,Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, senior police officers, transferred senior officers and officers, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

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At the same time, Hluttaw representatives are to follow the laws and rules enacted by the Hluttaw and follow the ethics and regulations of the Hluttaw representatives. Only when the capability of the people’s representatives is high can they serve for the benefit of the people, and Hluttaw representatives are urged to work towards increasing their capabilities, said the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his greeting speech.

Informing the Hluttaw about trips and registration

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker then informed the Hluttaw and put on record the 13th Study Tour of the Legal Project in Japan conducted by Dr. U Aye Kyaw of Labutta constituency from 1 to 14 July, study tour to the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by a Myanmar delegation led by U Phyo Zeya Thaw @ U Zeya Thaw of Zabuthiri constituency from 9 to 13 July, 2018, study tour of the policy and work of the Netherlands on HIV prevention and reduction of risks for needle users by a Myanmar delegation led by Dr. Daw Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency from 20 to 27 July 2018 and a trip to attend the 22nd International AIDS conference.

Question and answer session

In the question and answer session, first, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbowe constituency raised a question on the management, account and record system of licenced sellers of stamps and action taken against them for failure to follow set procedures, which was answered by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

Next, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw responded to a question raised by Daw Nan Hwe Thu of Pasawng constituency about a plan on deploying tractors, powered tillers and combined harvesters in Pasawng Township.

Later, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied to a question regarding taxation on registration of deeds, paying registration fees and valuation of stamp fees posed by U Saw Thalay Saw of Shweegyin constituency.

Similarly, questions raised by Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo of Kyauktan constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mogonyi constituency and Dr. U Lin Lin Kyaw of Myittha constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

Motion tabled

Following the question and answer session, U Sein Win of Mauhin constituency tabled a motion urging the government to prevent the export of draught cattle and buffaloes before agricultural machineries can be fully utilised and to correctly support and resolve the matter. The motion was supported by a Hluttaw representative.

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Receipt of rule and bill

This was then followed by the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announcing the receipt of the condominium rules, returned with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill, and a further announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to submit an amendment motion to enroll their names.

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LPDR Minister of Foreign Affairs and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

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President’s Office announces a series of arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs given by the people


The ministry made the arrests, acting on information sent to the Drug Abuse Reporting Department of the Office of the President from 27 June to 21 July.

The full text of the press release will be covered in the 25 July issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. — GNLM

A DELEGATION led by Lao People’s Democratic Republic (LPDR) Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith arrived by air in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

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First field visit to Buthidaung, Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State, by Technical Working Group

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During the field visit, TWG team went on site visits to the villages of Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships, namely Ka Kyet Kan Pyin, Tatyar, Zayditaung, Da Pyu Chaung, Im Gyn Myaing, Nga Khu Ya, Naung Chaung, Shwe Yin Aye and met the local people.

The purpose of the mission is for the TWG to familiarise with the situation on the ground, including visiting some of the potential project sites of the region. The visit of the TWG team will be immediately followed by assessment teams from the Government of Myanmar, UNDP and UNHCR to the Village Tracts being considered.—MNA
A PRESS conference was held at the Kayah State government office meeting hall over the setting up of a statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kandar Hay Wun Park, Loikaw, Kayah State. The press conference was attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, State Hluttaw Speaker U Hla Htwe, deputy speaker, state government ministers, departmental officials, region-based civil society organisations and 25 reporters from 10 news media houses.

At first, Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho said three meetings were held at the Kayah State government office meeting hall on 3 February 2018, at the state hall on 30 April 2018 and at the Kayah State government office meeting hall on 20 June 2018 for setting up a bronze statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kayah State, Loikaw, according to the wishes of a majority of the people. Comments and opinions were taken at these meetings and the work continued, said the state chief minister. He added that the statue of Bogyoke Aung San was set up as there was no statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kayah State and for future generations to emulate Bogyoke, the benefactor of 135 ethnic nationals in Myanmar, architect of the country’s independence, his union spirit and his selfless act for independence.

He added that, according to the Constitution, there only exists a Kayah State. Kayah State came into existence in 1952 and Kayah State Day had been commemo-rated yearly for 66 years. Names should be used as described in the Constitution. Any word usage that disintegrates the Union and creates disharmony among ethnic nationals should be avoided. Speaking and writing words that strengthen the establishment of a federal union are welcome. All need to be aware of maintaining the sovereignty. A demonstration, against the setting up of the Bogyoke Aung San statue, held on 3 June 2018 by the Karenni Students Union (UKYS) and Kayah State Students Union (KSSU) was handled compassionately according to Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law, said the chief minister.

As UKYS and KSSU protested against the setting up of the Bogyoke Aung San equestrian statue by the Kayah State government, they were called for a meeting on 20 July 2018. However, UKYS and KSSU made one-sided accusations and left the meeting. The meeting continued with the remaining people where the public and civil society organisations willingly supported the setting up of the statue. The Bogyoke statue organisation committee formed by the State government was disbanded and a people-based committee, based on the wishes of the people, and a committee formed with persons elected by the people will be formed and the state government will provide the necessary assistance.

A video clip of the meeting was shown, where there was enthusiastic support on setting up the Bogyoke statue. Kayah State government secretary U Khin Maung Win then explained that the announcement issued by UKYS and KSSU was different from what the state government had discussed. Head of State Police Force Colonel Win Kyi explained the action taken over the demonstration event. Later, questions raised by the media were answered by the state chief minister, state Hluttaw speaker, state minister for development and social affairs, state minister for planning and finance and officials. The press conference concluded at 11.45am.

The press conference was attended by the state media, as well as Skynet, Eleven Media Group, DVB, Kandawawadi Times, Democracy Today, Shwe Trigian, 7 Day, Karenni Times, etc.—U Sai Nyan Lin Htut, State IPRD

Press conference held in Loikaw over Bogyoke Aung San statue