

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses setting up new foreign economic relations ministry

THE Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's tenth regular session held its second meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday. At the meeting, Hluttaw representatives discussed the establishment of a new Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, proposed by the President recently.

U Sein Win of Maubin constituency, Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11, Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Than Soe @ Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4, Naw Chris Tun @ Dr. Arr Kar Moe of Kayin State constituency 7, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi Region constituency 7, U Khin Myo Win of Taninthayi Region constituency 12, and U Kyaw Naing of Yangon Region constituency 12 discussed the setting up of a new ministry.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced union level organizations will deliberate on the suggestions made by Hluttaw representatives on 19 November, after which the decision of the Hluttaw will be obtained.

Appointment of U Myo Win as Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union

The Speaker next announced the Hluttaw's agreement on the appointment of U Myo Win as the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union. No objections were raised to his appointment.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Hluttaw agree on signing the ASEAN Agreement on E-Commerce

Afterwards, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago Region constituency 3 announced her support for the signing of the ASEAN Agreement on E-Commerce.

The Union Minister for Transport and Communications, U Thant Sin Maung, said that the agreement was drawn up after several discussions with organisations and high-ranking officials and all ten countries of ASEAN had agreed on it. After discussions involving ministries and departments such as the Union Attorney General Office, the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of International Cooperation, and the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the agreement was submitted to the economic commit-

tee and approved. It was then sent to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval for the signing of the agreement after obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw.

US\$ 24.3 million loan from NEDA

Following this, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win led a discussion on the Ministry of Construction and Kayin State Government's obtaining a US\$ 24.3-million loan from the Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (NEDA), Thailand, for the Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor Towns Development Project.

The Deputy Minister said Myawady Town is an important town for Myanmar-Thailand bor-

der trade, while Myawady-Kawkaik road was constructed to meet ASEAN standards, and Friendship Bridge 2 was opened. In future, trade and commerce is expected to develop more in Myawady, and thus the NEDA loan to develop towns along the Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor must be discussed and approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he added.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Han Zaw also explained the loan, after which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said the matter will be discussed and decided in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting scheduled for the last week of this month. The Speaker then asked Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to submit their names.

Joint Bill Committee report on Bill amending the Sea Customs Act (2018)

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Later, the Joint Bill Committee's report on its findings and comments on a bill to amend the Sea Customs Act (2018) was read by the Committee's Vice Chairman U Khin Maung Win. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker asked Hluttaw representatives who want to table and debate the amendment motion to the bill to register their names.

Hluttaw discusses interest-free Yuan 80-million loan from PRC

Hluttaw representatives also discussed the interest-free Yuan 80 million loan to Myanmar from the People's Republic of China for purchase of passenger carriages, which was sent by the President for discussion.

The matter was discussed by Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago Region constituency 3, Dr. Sai Hla Thein of Chanmyathazi constituency, U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6, U Aung Thike of Seikphyu constituency, U Naing Thiha of Mon State constituency 7, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency 5, U Mya Sein of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) constituency, and U Than Soe @ Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4.

The Speaker said union-level organisations are scheduled to discuss the matter in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 November, after which a decision will be reached.—Lin Hmay (MNA) ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Committees organizing Hluttaw sessions meet

A COORDINATION meeting (4/2018) of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and chairpersons and secretaries of committees was held at the Zabuthiri Hall of the Hluttaw building yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said he would explain procedures that would be carried out in the Hluttaws to the chairmen of the Hluttaw's committees and secretaries

Hluttaw committees are accountable to Hluttaw, and Hluttaw is also accountable to Hluttaw committees, he added.

Preparations were made to amend the rules, regulations, and bylaws of the Hluttaw Law in the meeting, said the Speaker.



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivers the speech at the meeting of the central committees for organising Hluttaw's coordination in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

He also informed the meeting that a calendar for Hluttaw meetings planning has been drawn to be able to carry out

the Hluttaw's works in time.

The Hluttaw also carried out to perform the developmental tasks, organizational set-up

of Hluttaw and reformation.

"We are making efforts for improving capacity of Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw

committees, to keep them abreast of international Hluttaws," the Speaker said.

"As for the Hluttaw's committees, it is of great importance that they carry out their Parliamentary Oversight Function in line with the laws, regulations, and procedures prescribed by the Hluttaw," he added.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker heard explanations and led discussions on the meeting's agenda.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein, chairmen and secretaries of Hluttaw committees, and staff from the Pyithu Hluttaw's office.—MNA ■
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