

Senior General receives Japanese Government's Special Envoy

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, in Bayinnaung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they openly exchanged views on support from Japan in Myanmar's peace process, the Tatmadaw's cooperation with religious bodies and other relevant organizations in Kachin State to return displaced people in IDP camps back to their homes and Japan's support in regional development,

Japan's participation in regional development and humanitarian aid in Rakhine State, the government and Tatmadaw's efforts to resolve issues in Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships and Japan's support in portraying the true situation to the international community, the Tatmadaw's efforts in implementing political stability and security throughout the country, and Japan's ongoing plans to invest in factories and workshops in Myanmar to create employment opportunities, according to information released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA (Translated by ZHO)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation Mr. Yohei Sasakawa in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

National Disaster Management Committee to step up efforts for preparedness



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The Vice President also stressed the need to step up efforts for disaster preparedness, cooperation and coordination and fulfilling the requirements sector wise. Response to disasters demands skills and quick assessment and response to the ground situation, he said, adding that however, it is required to follow the rules and regulations and to take care of monetary and aid sectors.

The Union Government instructed the ministries to establish emergency fund in preparation for responding disasters which are expected to hit due to the climate change, said the Vice President.

He also urged the ministries to seek and use the fund in accordance with the law as the Union Government has already given instructions following the Emergency Fund Law.

He also stressed the need to take lessons from past experiences to be better plans when



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the ministries carried out the disaster management work, giving example to floods happened in the country last year.

In his 10-point disaster preparedness guidelines, the Vice President also called on the ministries concerned, region and state governments to make more cooperation and coordination.

Afterwards, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, Vice Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, reported on implementation of prioritized tasks by the committee.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Secretary of the committee, implementation of the resolutions of the 1/2018 meeting and Dr. Ko Ko Naing,

Director-General of the Disaster Management Department on the budget of the committee in 2018.

Afterwards, Members of the committee Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr. Pe Myint, Dr. Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Khin Maung Cho and Dr. Than Myint on their sectors respectively.

Afterwards, Chairman of

the Nay Pyi Taw Council, chief ministers of regions and states, deputy ministers and Yangon Mayor reported on measures taken for the disaster preparedness.

U Maung Maung Khin, Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, and members, and departmental officials give advices for measures to be taken in regions.

In his conclusion remarks, Vice President U Henry Van Thio coordinated the works and urged the region and state governments to closely supervise the infrastructures which are under construction with the use of the emergency fund of the committee in regions and states to meet set standards.

He also called for cooperation and coordination among the bodies concerned to release the information of works the disaster management committees at different levels and news and information related with disasters in timely manner.—MNA

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