

## **Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann extends greetings at first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session**



NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan -The following is the translation of the greetings extended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at the first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, The first regular session of the very first Pyithu Hluttaw, which will go down in the annals of Myanmar's history, starts today. On this auspicious day, I would like to extend my greetings, wishing you all delegates good health and happiness.

I am honoured and grateful to the representatives and all the people for electing me as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw on behalf of the people.

Here, accepting the powers and duties the delegates have trustfully vested in me, I solemnly promise that I will do my best to conscientiously perform the duties of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker . I also believe that all the representatives here have committed themselves to shoulder their duties conscientiously. I believe that we all will be able to shape a better future for the people through our dedicated duties and loyalty as the delegates of this Hluttaw will have the opportunity to participate in the Pyidaungsu level bodies as President, Vice-President and cabinet members.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, With a view to serving the interests of the nation and the people, we will have to constantly study and review to carry out the duties such as making legislation, the main duty of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and amending, supplementing and abolishing the existing laws. As legislation is concerned with all sectors such as politics, national security and defence, economy, finance, social affairs and international relations, it will have impact on executive and judiciary powers as well.

Again, we will have to carry out other tasks and procedures in the Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with the State constitution to make sure that executive and judiciary powers do not deviate.

This is why we all delegates of the Pyithu Hluttaw need to act with the aim of serving the national interest only in performing tremendous duties, including the enforcement of legislation, without ism, seeking self-interest for own party, sectarianism and racism. It is important to prioritize the interests of the nation and the people rather than self-interest and that of one's own party.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, The political parties are urged to work together to seek the national interest as the common ground in implementing the tasks in the Hluttaw although they may have different ways and views.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, In short, I would like to say that we are all representatives of the people. So, it is necessary for us to decide, speak and act with goodwill and loyalty to the State and the people. In conclusion, it is also necessary to prove that we the Pyithu Hluttaw delegates are dutiful and royal to the State and the people though our real actions and fruitful results.

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