Universities become independent bodies from Higher Education Department

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept-Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 39th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Stephen Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4) asked about the government’s support for elephant yam cultivation in Chin State. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answered that the elephant yam special plantation zones are being implemented with local and international assistance.

The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry distributed elephant yam seeds to Natmataung National Garden and related areas in 2010. Project model villages Okpo, Makyaukha, Zawyaung and Yelaungpan are putting 50 acres under elephant yam plantation.

The manual for cultivation of the elephant yam will be distributed in Chin language. The agricultural loan cannot be still granted for the elephant yam cultivation as all the loans go to major crops paddy, groundnut, sesame, pulses and beans, cotton, maize, oil mustard, jute and sugarcane.

Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo explained functions of the Supreme Court of the Union and courts at various levels from 30 March, 2011 to 30 June, 2012. The explanation covers the hearing of special appeal cases, criminal cases and civil cases at the Union Supreme Court and 14 Region or State High Courts, functions of other courts, management, staff affairs, budget, buildings and capacity building of the judicial staff.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun read out the report of the committee on Foreign Investment Bill amended and approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill as amended by the committee and to table the matters where the two Hluttaws disagreed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Two Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee.

The Hluttaw Speaker passed a decision to continue the undertakings of the committee, taking discussions of the representatives into consideration.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal on education development submitted by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8).

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe discussed the Higher Education Department is allowing universities to manage academic, administrations and financial affairs by their own to make it accorded with the rules and regulations. After assessing weaknesses and strengths of international education measures, pragmatic measures are being carried out.

As the 30-year longterm plan from 2001-2002 fiscal year to 2030-2031 fiscal year for nurturing researchers, scholars and national education promotion has been drafted and annual education promotion seminars are conducted, the proposal should be put on record.

The proposal was approved with the majority vote.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm and the 40th day session continues tomorrow.
At today’s session, one question was raised and answered, the functions of the Union Supreme Court and the courts at various levels presented, the Foreign Investment Bill decided to put forward to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, one report discussed and one proposal discussed and approved.-MNA

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