

## **Pyithu Hluttaw, 30 October, 2014**

### **Defence services representative raises question on future challenges for national development tasks**

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Defence Services Representative Brig-Gen Tint Hsan raised question on handling future challenges for national development plans and how to handle them at the Pyithu Hluttaw Session on Thursday.

Pyithu Hluttaw Right Committee responded to the question with the secretary of the committee saying that compared to parliaments in other countries, the Hluttaw office does not have enough staff and skill but capacity building programmes are being carried out with international organizations including National Democratic Institute, Open Society, German Foundation, Westminster Foundation, the DFID, Hanna Siedel Foundation, the GIZ and the UNDP. As the major responsibility of the Hluttaw is to enact laws, it has been enacting, amending and repealing laws in the interest of the nation and the people, he added, pointing out that the major challenge facing the Hluttaw is to interact with administrative and judicial branches positively and harmoniously. In conclusion, he said that the Hluttaw will address the challenges in enacting laws in cooperation with representatives and defence services representatives in the interest of the people and the nation, and will interact with administrative and judicial branches in the interest of the nation and the people. As for another question raised at the session, Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin said that the government is making preparations to change the current basic education system into a KG+12 system which includes the kindergarten and 12 grades in accordance with the National Education Law but holding basic education final examination and university admission examinations separately is still under discussions.

However, the deputy minister denied that basic education final examinations will be held by respective schools instead of current system of the government examination. Under the National Education Law, universities are required to make independent efforts to raise their education standards, to guarantee the quality of their education system and to be recognized by international educational institutions, the deputy minister added. Requirements to enroll at universities may differ from one university to another as universities will have the right to select the students whom they want to admit based on the qualifications, the deputy minister said. Another question raised at the Pyithu Hluttaw Session was responded by Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung, who said that the ministry is providing job opportunities to youths who lack proper education through labour offices, occupational trainings and disseminating labour laws. Then, representatives discussed the report on appropriate electoral system for Myanmar. Two representatives submitted their opinion in support of the combined electoral system. – MNA

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