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Yangon University being furnished with modern teaching aids, scientific laboratories

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Jan— U Thant Shin, the deputy minister for Education, at the Pyithu Hluttaw on Tuesday dealt with a question of how world's best universities are helping upgrade Yangon University, explaining extensive renovations to the university, the improvement of education quality, international relations and research works. Regarding renovation work, U Thant Shin said that classrooms are being furnished with modern teaching aids materials and laboratories with scientific instruments.

New constructions will include a two-storey canteen, two buildings that can house 400 students, a building for the National English Language Centre, a building for aquatic life, and some buildings for arts and science disciplines, according to the deputy minister.

As part of improving educational quality, he emphasized changes in pedagogic principles, the launch of e-learning, seminars and workshops on the internationalization of syllabuses and curricula, and the provision of teacher trainings. Speaking of international cooperation, he said memoranda of understanding aimed at student exchange, staff exchange, faculty exchange and collaboration research have been signed with 21 international universities and organizations, with 16 more to come.

Another question was concerned with functions of traffic police, with the deputy minister for Home Affairs explaining the organizational structure of traffic police. Nearly six million traffic violations nationwide were reported in 2014, with Nay Pyi Taw alone seeing 11,412 cases in 2012, 7,380 cases in 2013 and 6,001 in 2014, according to Brig- Gen Kyaw Zan Myint. Last year, traffic violations numbered 252,045 in Yangon and 62,694 in Mandalay, he said.

The Myanmar Police Force allotted K10.88 million as expenditures for the transport of culprits and their automobiles, of which K6.78m was disbursed to traffic police stations nationwide in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. He stated that there is no need to offer bribes in return for seized vehicles at police stations and pledged bribery charges in line with the rules and regulations of traffic police.—MNA

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