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Coal fired power plant projects to go ahead [incl. Myanmar seafarers joining shipping companies in Taipei (China)]

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 May — Coal fired power plant projects will not be cancelled as electricity consumption in Myanmar is increasing by 13 to 15 percent annually, said Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo to Pyithu Hluttaw session on Wednesday. MP Daw Tin Tin Yi from Kyunsu constituency asked the government's plan whether the coal fired projects would be cancelled amidst the protest of local people. Myanmar has 43 power stations with installation capacity of 4,987 MW generated 69 percent from hydropower, 29 percent from natural gas and 2 percent from coal, while only 30 percent of households across the country get electricity. The deputy minister said Myanmar needs to construct more power plants to be able to generate 23,594 MW in 2030- 2031 to distribute electricity the whole country.

Regarding query of Myanaung constituency's Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Aung Sein about electricity distribution to Myanaung township from national grid, U Aung Than Oo said preliminary surveys are being carried out to construct a 33-KV power station by using bio-fuel and wind powers alternatively. He added that the project will be implemented depending on budget allocation and low-interest from local or foreign loans. Myanaung township is about five nautical miles from nearest Yanbye Township.

Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung replied to the query of Kanpetlet constituency MP Thura U Aung Ko whether Myanmar seafarers could join shipping companies in Taipei (China). U Htin Aung said Myanmar sailor associations can also practice similar trend like the Myanmar Seafarers Federation. --MNA

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