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Wetland conservation needs more coordinated efforts [incl. Compensation for paddy fields in Sagaing region+money changers for foreigners]

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 May— The coordinated efforts are need for wetland conservation programme in Myanmar, according to Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung at Pyithu Hluttaw session on Monday. The 30-year management plan for wetland conservation was carried out in Yamethin district, Mandalay region, for more than hundreds of acres. The deputy minister called for the cooperation of departments and locals concerned with hydropower generation and water resource in conservation programmes.

MP U Thaung Han of Yinmabin Township constituency in Sagaing region suggested to give out compensation for paddy fields which were dug for Letwel irrigation canal and construction of water channels for the paddy fields in Yinmabin and Pale townships. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the ministry has not planned yet to give out compensation for the lands which were used for irrigation in previous government as the possible amount of compensation would be very high. He also said the budget proposal of the ministry for construction of irrigation channels for the paddy fields in Yamabin and Pale townships in 2015-2016 fiscal year was rejected in Hluttaw.

MP U Soe Myint from Pyawbwe Township constituency requested the operation of banks and official money changers for foreigners during long holidays. Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung said some foreign local banks of KBZ Bank, AYA Bank and CB Bank have planned to set up money changers at airports, Shwedagon pagoda and major shopping centres and preparations will be made to operate money exchange counters by next Water Festival. Some private banks will also set up foreign exchange ATMs in Yangon and Mandalay during this fiscal year. --MNA

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