

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 7th regular session 7th day meetingKyaw Thu Htet
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The 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 7th regular session 7th day meeting was held yesterday morning at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall.

During the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced the placing on the record the bill to repeal the municipal law and the bill to repeal the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act 1948 that were confirmed by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw as being approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, the Hluttaw put on record the reorganization and extension of 3 wards in Rezua Town, Matupi Township, Matupi District, Mo Paing Lut town in Leshi Township, Sagaing Region, Naga Self-Administered Zone to be placed in Homalin township under the same name, reorganization and extension of a ward in Homalin Township and KhinU Township, along with the



Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win. **PHOTO: MNA**

renaming and reorganizing of 4 wards, 3 village tracts and 9 villages. Further there was the reorganization and extension of 34 villages and removal of 177 villages in Shan State Loilem District Laikha Township, along with the reorganization and extension of a village in Kunhing Township, as sent by the President's Office.

Afterwards, utilization of Ks 13,595.166 million from the emergency fund in the 2017 Union Budget Law sent by the



Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin. **PHOTO: MNA**

President's Office was explained by personnel of union level organisations, and the Hluttaw put it on record.

In the explanations, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing and Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Tha Oo,



Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing. **PHOTO: MNA**

representing Shan State government, explained about using the fund for works urgently required for the security of the Myanmar Embassy in Cairo, for setting up 4 border police force groups, constructing 230 KV Mawlamyine-Myawady power lines and the river bank erosion preventive works on the Myanmar side of Tachileik Township.

This was followed by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win

explaining to the Hluttaw about the matter of loans from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sent by the President. The Deputy Minister explained that the ODA Loan of Japanese Yen 14.949 billion from JICA was for Small and Medium Enterprises development project stage 2. The Deputy Minister added that the loan period is 40 years and interest is 0.01 per cent payable in two installments per year and, once the grace period is over, the loan amount will have to be paid back in two installments per year.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced that Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss the matter need to list their names.

During the day's meeting, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win submitted the 2018 Union Tax Bill to the Hluttaw, and the decision of the Hluttaw on the bill for amending the Drugs and Psychotropic Drugs Law was obtained and approved. ■



Central Women's Affairs Committee of the NLD holds Bogoyoke Aung San's birthday. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI (PANITA)**

Bogoyoke Aung San's birthday, Myanmar Children's Day events held at NLD HQ

THE 103rd birthday of independence architect and father of the Tatmadaw Bogoyoke Aung San and Myanmar Children's Day were celebrated at the National League for Democracy (NLD) headquarters yesterday morning. At the event, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun narrated the biography of Bogoyoke Aung San, and Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Nay Phone Latt conducted a question-and-answer (Q&A) ses-

sion with the youth on historical facts about Bogoyoke Aung San.

Kindergarten children recited poems and gave speeches in honor of Bogoyoke Aung San, and officials presented the children with gifts. The event was held by the NLD Central Women's Committee and the attendees were provided with Charity food.

Similarly, to commemorate the 103rd birthday of Bogoyoke Aung San and Myanmar Chil-

dren's Day, wards and townships in Yangon Region conducted various activities such as Q&A sessions about Bogoyoke Aung San and provided Charity food that included boiled peas and naans (a favorite of Bogoyoke Aung San).

Taxis also transported people for free between Bogoyoke Museum in Natmouk Road, Bahan Township, Yangon and Maha Bandoola Park. —Zaw Gyi (Panita) ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting

A JOINT bill committee meeting for the National Planning Bill and 2018 Union Budget Bill was held yesterday afternoon at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, in the second floor meeting hall.

The meeting was attended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, the Joint Bill Committee and Public Account Joint Committee chairman U

Aye Tha Aung, Joint Bill Committee and Public Account Joint Committee deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretaries and committee members, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members and officials from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — Myanmar News Agency ■

US Embassy in Yangon praises NCA signing

THE US Embassy in Yangon issued a press release yesterday praising the New Mon State Party (NMSP) and Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) for signing the Nation wide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

Though they warmly welcomed the new signatories,

the US Embassy acknowledged that this is only the first step towards sustainable peace.

The US Embassy expressed their hope to see more dialogue in the future, and the forming of a federal union in Myanmar. —GNLM ■

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