

## Pyithu Hluttaw

## Pyithu Hluttaw MPs to debate Mobile Payment System

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THE second Pyithu Hluttaw's eighth regular session held its third-day meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday, where U Sai Oo Kham of Hsen-wi constituency tabled a motion urging the Union Government to use the mobile payment system for the ministerial departments, the public, business enterprises and other relevant sectors.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the Hluttaw's decision to discuss the motion.

U Sai Oo Kham mentioned that using technology was an effective tool to enhance the country's social, education, healthcare and business sectors, besides improving its productivity sectors. "We can overcome difficulties rapidly, if we can apply the mobile payment



Pyithu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

system and e-Government using ICT (information and communication technology), and can speed up the mechanism of the government and public

services at the same time. In this regard, technology plays a vital role to enhance clean government and good governance, and ensure transparency

and mastery of the respective fields. Mobile payments can reduce costs; gain the public's trust; provide better services; reduce malpractices; eliminate

bribery and corruption; reduce the troubles in keeping personal files, data and documents; increase transparency, openness and accountability; create social, education, healthcare and employment opportunities; and accelerate the state mechanism.

The use of the mobile payment system has many benefits and advantages such as creating job prospects and economic opportunities, promoting the economic development of the state, facilitating the socio-economic status of the people, and helping with poverty alleviation for people across the country. A Hluttaw representative supported the motion and Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced that the motion had been accepted for discussion.

The fourth-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's eighth regular session will be continued on 17 May. ■

## Amyotha Hluttaw

## Amyotha Hluttaw discusses aquatic exports and use of alluvial land

U AUNG KYI NYUNT of Magway Constituency (4) raised a question asking about the Union Government's plan to remedy the trade sanction imposed on the country which greatly affects the export of aquatic products to Saudi Arabia, the US and the EU.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied that the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture in Saudi Arabia is temporarily halting imports of aquatic products from Myanmar, Viet Nam, Bangladesh and India starting from 1 April. The reason for this is due to an announcement from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in Saudi Arabia on 30 January claiming that aquatic imports from Southeast Asian countries carry two strains of diseases, one of them being the white tail disease. Saudi Arabia has referred to the quarterly aquatic animal disease report and has submitted a report to the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health).

The Deputy Minister also said they have contacted the Saudi Arabian Embassy to notify them that, according to the OIE report, the white tail disease only affects freshwater prawns



U Hla Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA



U Maung Maung Latt.



U Win Maung. PHOTO: MNA

and not any species of fish. They have requested the Embassy to review the sanctions to resume trade of aquatic products. He said they are preparing to invite representatives from the Saudi Arabian FDA to come and inspect the prawn farms and factories in Myanmar.

The Deputy Minister said the US had permitted the Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP) to Myanmar on 13 November 2016, but Myanmar has been exporting aquatic products to the US even before the GSP permit. The National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) halted imports of aquatic products due to the accidental killing or injuring of marine mammals, which violates

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the US Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The Deputy Minister said they have sent an email to the NMFS which explains Myanmar's protections in place for marine mammals and conservation efforts for aquatic resources.

The Deputy Minister also said Myanmar has been implementing the National Residue Monitoring Plan (NRMP) since 2014 to export aquatic products to the EU. He said they are upgrading technology to produce high-quality finished products for exporting and also working for aquatic resource conservation, food safety, and development of the fishing industry.

U Maung Maung Latt of Sagaing Constituency (9) raised a question asking whether construction of an embankment wall along the canal of Tawetchaung weir in Temu Township in Sagaing Region is approved.

Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that they have petitioned to the state government to include the re-fortification of the embankment wall that eroded in 2017. He said the estimated cost is Ks15 million, and approval for the re-fortification will depend on whether funds will be allotted.

U Win Maung of Magway Constituency (6) raised a question asking whether the land boundaries will be redrawn for alluvial land in accordance with either the India ground survey or military maps.

The Deputy Minister replied that agricultural land administration departments have been conducting ground surveys since 2012 in accordance with the Farmland Bylaw Article 108 and Article 109. He also said that dividing up alluvial land does not concern land boundaries and therefore a specific survey does not need to be carried out.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Daw Nwe Nwe Aung read the committee's report on the Forestry Bill sent with amendment from the Pyithu Hluttaw. Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then asked MPs wishing to discuss the bill to register their name.—Aung Ye Thwin ■



# Dinner held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark National Day of Norway

A DINNER commemorating the National Day of Norway was held at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Present at the event were Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environment Conservation U Ohn Win, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, officials from the ministries and invited guests as well as Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Tone Tinnes and officials from embassies.

A documentary video of Norwegian National Day was shown, followed by the opening of the National Day event by playing the national anthems of Myanmar and Norway.

In her speech at the event, Norwegian Ambassador Ms. Tone Tinnes said Norway is co-operating with Myanmar in the hydroelectric, oil and gas sectors and providing assistance to ensure access to electricity for all by 2030. The Myanmar-Norway Business Council plays an important role for Norwegian companies to operate in Myanmar, and Norwegian companies are



Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing welcomed by Norwegian Ambassador Ms. Tone Tinnes at the dinner commemorating the National Day of Norway in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

already investing in Myanmar, Ms. Tinnes said. Memorandums of Understanding on the fisheries and petroleum management sectors are expected to be signed in the near future, she added.

In his speech at the event, Union Minister U Win Khaing expressed his delight to Norway for standing with Myanmar people in peace, reconciliation and democracy matters in Myanmar, removing the sanction imposed by European countries, supporting the development of the hydroelectric sector and assisting in environmental conservation in Myanmar. Well-known Norwegian companies are investing in Myanmar and are practicing Corporate Social Responsibility

(CSR), business practices that are greatly appreciated, the minister said.

Norway is considered as an important ally of Myanmar and its development. President U Win Myint mentioned social economic development of Myanmar being a priority of the government, and the assistance of Norway being very beneficial to build a democratic federal union of Myanmar. The Union Minister noted the cooperation to promote friendship between the two countries and its people. The Norwegian Ambassador, Union Ministers and invited guests had dinner together after taking commemorative group photos. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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## Five Defence Services Personnel representatives substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute five Defence Services Personnel Representatives who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following five Amyotha Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 2/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016, the Notification 27/2016 of the commission dated 14-11-2016 and the Notification 3/2017 of the commission dated 26-1-2017 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second Multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2015.

(1) BC 18399 Col Than Htay	BC 20870 Col Khin Maung Naing
(2) BC 21750 Lt-Col Myint Thein	BC 27466 Lt-Col Aung Tun Lin
(3) BC 24927 Lt-Col Ye Naing Oo	BC 19378 Col Aung Kyaw Soe
(4) BC 31401 Lt-Col Than Tun Myint	BC 63106 Captain Daw Pan Ei San
(5) BC 33445 Maj Win Naing	BC 31314 Lt-Col Myo Tun Aung

(Hla Thein)  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

# China-Myanmar (Yangon) Trade Fair 2018 to be held this month

THE China-Myanmar (Yangon) Trade Fair 2018 will be held from 17 to 19 May at Myanmar Event Park (MEP) in Yangon to promote bilateral trade between the two neighbouring countries and enhance economic cooperation with China.

The China-ASEAN Yangon Trade Fair will showcase 200 booths from 103 companies, exhibiting building materials, hardware, lighting products, food, farming machinery and household utensils and others.

The trade fair is set to be held in the China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) Secretariat, Trade Development Bureau (TDB) of Ministry of Commerce of China, Department of Trade Promotion of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar and WorldEx-SingEx Exhibitions



Press Conference on China-Myanmar (Yangon) Trade Fair 2018 **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

(Guangzhou) Co., Ltd., with the assistance of the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

The trade fair is the first in

Myanmar for CAEXPO.

CAEXPO Cambodia was held from 30 March to 1 April in Phnom Penh as well as CAEXPO Mechanical and Electrical Products Exhibition (Viet Nam) 2018 was held from 29 November and 1 December in Ho Chi Minh City.—Phoe Khwar ■

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw's 8<sup>th</sup> regular session holds 2<sup>nd</sup>-day meeting

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Similarly, questions raised by Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency (9) and U Mya Min Swe of Magway Constituency (9) were answered by Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi.

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Lal Min Htan read and explained the report of the committee on the Myanmar Historical Commission Bill, approved and sent by the Pyithu

Hluttaw with amendments for the Amyotha Hluttaw to discuss. The bill committee recommended to the Hluttaw to approve the bill, as approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker then requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enrol their names.

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