

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 8<sup>th</sup> regular session holds 3<sup>rd</sup>-day meeting

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THE second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's eighth regular session held its third-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday.

At the meeting, U Tin Maung Myint, appointed as a member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, was sworn-in in the presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Next, the Tax Administration Bill sent by the Union Government was submitted to the Hluttaw by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

### MPs to debate taking loan from CBM to cover Gov't account deficit

Later, the matter of taking a local loan from the Central Bank of Myanmar to cover the government accounts deficit of Ks641.029 billion, sent by the President, was explained by U Maung Maung Win and Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor U Bo Bo Nge. The Central Bank of Myanmar will issue government treasury bonds, which will be auctioned monthly to cover the deficit.

An announcement was then made for the Hluttaw representative who wanted to discuss the matter to enrol their names.

This was followed by Joint



U Tin Maung Myint sworn-in by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker during the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's eighth regular session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bill Committee member U Thein Lwin reading the committee's report on its findings and the report on the bill amending the Early Childhood Development Law, over which the two Hluttaws were in disagreement. An announcement was then made for the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enrol their names.

### Dy Ministers explain utilization of foreign loans

Later, the status of project-wise utilisation of foreign loans, approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw up to 31 March 2017, was explained by the deputy ministers.

Deputy Minister for Home

Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said 246 million yuan from the Exim Bank of China for procurement of vehicles and vessels for the Myanmar Police Force was obtained during the term of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. During the term of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, 50 million euros in loan was obtained from Poland to equip the Fire Services Department with firefighting vehicles and equipment. Similarly, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw explained the ministry's rural development and poverty reduction micro-financing loans provided to cooperatives through foreign loans. Some 3,899 pieces of farm machinery were sold to cooper-

ative member farmers under an instalment system. Under the poverty reduction regional development project phase 1, some 23 water distribution works were conducted in 23 townships of 10 states and regions.

In the poverty reduction regional development project phase 2, the construction of a roughing filter in Bago and Mawlamyine towns was coordinated and 50 per cent of the project works earmarked to be conducted in Sittway town were completed. Under the people centred projects, some 21,356 works were conducted in 12,011 villages in 63 townships. The Myanmar agriculture sector development project is helping to start small

businesses and has established 1,309 acres of systematic farmlands, said U Hla Kyaw. The deputy minister also explained the irrigation work development projects and the irrigation sector development project conducted in the Bago Region (west), the all-round agriculture development project in the eastern states of Myanmar and the Myanmar irrigation development projects that are being implemented.

### MPs debate Framework Agreement of International Solar Alliance

Following the explanation by the deputy ministers, Daw Nwe Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency (2), U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, U Aung Zaw Myint of Amarapura constituency, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago Region constituency (3), Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region constituency (10), U Aung Thikey of Seikpyu constituency, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Myint Oo of Magway constituency, U Khin Win of Magway Region constituency (2) and U Kan Oo of Salin constituency discussed the issue to sign the Framework Agreement of International Solar Alliance, sent by the President.

Following the explanation by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing, the Hluttaw approved the discussion. ■

## Mobile team provides health care to people in Buthidaung, Maungtau

THE Ministry of Health and Sports is providing healthcare services without discrimination to the local populace in Rakhine State, according to the medical code of ethic.

A mobile team from the Ministry of Health and Sports went to Buthidaung and Maungtau townships in Rakhine State on 20 and 21 May to strengthen the healthcare services being provided there.

The mobile team, led by the Ministry of Health and Sports, Deputy Director-General Dr. Thaung Hlaing from Nay Pyi Taw and head of Rakhine State Public Health Department Dr. Kyi Lwin, visited Buthidaung



Medical mobile team provides medical treatment to returnee at the clinic in Maungtau. **PHOTO: MNA**

People's Hospital on 20 May and Maungtau People's Hospital on 21 May to observe the healthcare services provided, the status of constructing a small blood bank and the ward extension works in the hospital. They also met with medical staff and provided the necessary support.

On 21 May, the team visited Taung Pyo (Letwe) Hospital in Maungtau Township, and

viewed the healthcare services provided by the hospital and the construction of additional wards and apartments for the staff. They also checked the preparations made to provide healthcare services to the returnees. Further, they visited the Hla Pho Khaung transit centre, where they inspected the preparedness of the clinic, obstetrics room and the medical teams. —MNA ■

## Weather

### Rainfall to increase in southern Myanmar areas

Rainfall is likely to increase in southern Myanmar areas in the next two days, as the weather is slightly cloudy to partly cloudy over the North Bay, and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal, according to the Myanmar Daily weather report issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology yesterday. The forecast for Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and neighbouring areas for today is isolated rain or thundershowers, and the degree of certainty is 100 per cent, whereas Mandalay and the neighbouring area will see

isolated rainfall or thundershowers, and the degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar's waters, and the wave height will be some 3-7 feet off and along Myanmar's coast.

### Low-pressure like to form over Southwest of Bay of Bengal

A low-pressure area is also likely to form over Southwest of Bay of Bengal within next 48 hours, according to observation of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department at 1.30 pm yesterday. —GNLM ■