

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses two motions, two bills, land use

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 8th regular session held its eighth-day meeting yesterday morning, where the bill amending the Myanmar Red Cross Society Law was approved.

At the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, a motion and a bill tabled and a report read and explained.

In the question and answer session, Dr. U Saw Naing from South Okkalapa constituency asked if there is a plan to use part of the former central market site at the corner of Thitsar and Waizayantar Road in No. (8) Ward, South Okkalapa Township, as a township hall. Deputy Minister Rear Admiral Myint Nwe said the land in question is 5.245 acres in area and, according to the Yangon City Development Committee, City Planning & Land Administration Department record dated 14 September 2012, it is marked as land owned



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe. **PHOTO: MNA**

by the Ministry of Defence. As the Ministry of Defence had future plans for the Tatmadaw on that land, there is no plan to use part of this land as a township hall, said the Deputy Minister.

Replying to a question raised by U Nyan Hein of Thanbyuzayat constituency on a plan to release the military-owned Shwephyu Yadana golf course in Thanbyuzayat Township to the public, Deputy Minister for Rear

Admiral Myint Nwe said the golf course is situated on land allocated for Infantry Regiment (31) and was constructed as a nine-hole golf course in 1981 jointly by the then-Thanbyuzayat Township People's Council Chairman U Won Hrein, Commanding Officer, No. (31) Regiment and Second-in Command.

In 2005, the golf course was named Shwephyu Yadana Golf Course by Lt-Gen Maung Bo and had a fund of Ks6,964,600. It had a monthly income of Ks355,000 and expenses of Ks280,000 for five workers. The remaining income and funds were used to maintain the golf course and the duty of golf course chairman was assigned to U Hla Shwe, Assistant Director, Township Planning Department, Thanbyuzayat Township.

According to records, 95.25 acres were designated as a golf course area, but only 79.94 acres was being for Shwephyu Yadana Golf Course.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Qatari Ambassador Mr. Hassin Bin Mohamed Rafei Al-Emadi in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives outgoing Qatari Ambassador

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received outgoing Qatari Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Hassin Bin Mohamed Rafei Al-Emadi, who has completed his ambassadorial duties in Myanmar, in the guest hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw at 1 p.m. in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they

discussed and exchanged views on matters related to bilateral relations and cooperation, investment and bilateral economic development. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung alias U Tun Tun Hein and other officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses agriculture, supports GAP implementation

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THE second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session held its eighth-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning, where a motion urging the government to implement the good agricultural practices (GAP) system in the country was supported by the Hluttaw representatives.

During the question-and-answer session, U Aung Myo of Sagaing Region constituency 2 posed a question on the plan(s) to formally provide work permits to fish, prawn and other breeding ponds that were in operation according to prevailing laws before the enactment of the 2012 Farm Land Law, so that the ponds can be made collateral for an investment bank loan. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied that the work permit for breeding ponds was being granted according to the Farm Land Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law and the related rules, depending on the



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



Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

type of land that was being applied for. The Myanmar Economic



U Min Naing of Sagaing region constituency 12. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bank has been accepting these lands as collateral according to its loan policy and is providing

Finance is discussing the matter of using these lands as collateral for the investment bank loan, according to the prescribed law, rules and procedures. As such, this matter must be coordinated with the relevant departments, said the deputy minister.

The deputy minister also replied to questions raised by U Min Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 12 and U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6.

A motion urging the government to implement the GAP system in the country, tabled by U Hla San of Magway Region constituency (1), was then discussed with support from Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago region constituency (3), U Ba Myo Thein of Yangon Region constituency (5), Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State constituency (8), Dr. Daw Tin Tin Win of Bago region constituency (5), U Htay Oo of Yangon Region constituency (2) and U Khin Win of Magway region constituency (2).

The ninth-day meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session will be held on 30 May. ■

loans to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), said the deputy minister.

The Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank also granted an agriculture loan to farmers, and short- and long-term loans were provided under the JICA Two Step Loan to purchase farm machinery, said the deputy minister.

For breeding ponds that are operated illegally, owners/operators need to officially apply for the work permit and pay the prescribed fines. This was notified to states and regions by the central farmland management group. The Ministry of Planning and