

Pyithu Hluttaw

Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds 15th-day meeting

THE 15th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the assembly, six questions concerning the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation were answered, a report submitted, a bill received reported, another bill put up for deliberation, and a motion discussed and asked for approval.

U Sein Han of Kanma constituency raised a question asking whether there are plans to conduct inspections on the state-run money lending business of the Kanma Township Cooperatives Society Ltd. on its renting of stores and houses that are not in line with enacted laws, and what actions will be taken against them.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied that proper instructions have been given to all township departments of cooperatives to properly manage the rented spaces to ensure no illegal items or alcohol consumption is carried out in the premises. He



U Sein Han. PHOTO: MNA

said the Kanma Township department also acquires a signed agreement from the tenant to follow the law. He said that there are currently no cases of department of cooperatives property being mishandled, but added that perpetrators will have action taken against them in accord with the Cooperative Societies Law.

Tender processes follow President Office's guidelines

Daw Nan Kham Aye of Namtu constituency raised a question asking what guidelines the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation follows when ad-



U Hla Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA

vertising tender offers, whether there are different guidelines for states and regions, and who is the authority that scrutinizes items from a successful tender and ensure they reach the designated location.

Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that the tender process follows the guidelines and instructions set by the Office of the President, which applies to all states and regions. He said that under the administration of the state and region government, the Tender Committee, The Floor Price Calculation Committee, Tender Accepting

and Scrutinizing Committee, and the Quality Review Committee are formed to verify set standards in relevant businesses, specifying rules for the tender process, advertising in newspapers and media, inviting tender applicant companies and media to explain the rules before the tender deadline approaches, and scrutinizing the technological and quotation concept notes on the deadline of a tender.

The deputy minister said all departments and universities under the ministry use the tender process. The Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management advertises tender offers for construction projects exceeding Ks 100 million.

Holding documents accessible only by owners

U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung constituency raised a question on whether the plot of land at Holdings No. 118/C in Kyaukpadaung Township is registered in the township land statistics department and why the relevant ministry has not supplied a copy of the Holdings' map to the MP, even though they have the responsibility to do so. Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that the particular plot of land at Holdings No. 118/C is registered with U Than Myint and its documents are archived at the Township Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics. He said only the true landowner or a legal representative can access or request copies of the land's documents.

Similarly, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw also replied to questions raised by U Sai San Thein of Mongnai constituency on whether there are plans to expand Namtun creek, Namsalai creek, Naungon creek, Naungkyaw pond and Lwaisel pond in Mongnai Township; U Naing Naing Win of Tamu constituency on whether permits for establishing farmlands will be granted to local residents in Yannyeynaung Village, Indine village-tract, Tamu Township; and U Tin Aye of Met-mung constituency on whether there are plans to construct a District/Township Rural Development Department building and District/Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department building.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Ninth regular session of Second Amyotha Hluttaw holds 15th-day meeting

DURING the 15th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, asterisk marked questions were answered and MPs discussed the Boundary Measurement and Demarcation Bill.

Implementing CBT in endangered Salone ethnic settlements

Dr. Khin Maung Win of Taninthayi Region constituency 11 raised a question on whether community-based tourism (CBT) will be implemented in the ethnically endangered Salone (a) Moken islands of Makyonegalat, Nyaungwi, Jarlan, Jarohn and Langan in Kawthoung District and to protect the settlements, coasts and bays of the islands from the monopolization of hotels and tourism companies.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung replied that a pilot project for



U Sai Ohn Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA

implementing CBT in the Taninthayi Region is being carried out in Samhlam Village in Launglon Twp, and will eventually be followed by Donenyaungmhine Village in Kyunsu Twp, Myeik District and Makyonegalat Village in Kawthoung Twp, Kawthoung District. He also said monopolization will not occur as hotels and tourism companies operating on the islands will require permission from the Myanmar Investment Commission, land lease agreements and BOT



U Ohn Maung. PHOTO: MNA

contracts, and permits from the regional government and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Priority given to paving concrete roads in Sittway-Buthidaung pathway

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency 3 raised a question on whether the Mayu bridge on the Sittway-Mayu pathway will be constructed running through Muse island.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin replied

that the Sittway-Ponnagayun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung pathway connecting Sittway Town to Buthidaung Town in Mayu area has been constructed, allowing for direct travel by vehicles along the 79.1-mile road and the nine bridges, each a 180-feet and over, connecting them. Currently a project is underway to upgrade the pathway to a concrete road that will allow vehicles to access the road in all weather, taking only 3:30 hrs from Sittway to Buthidaung, he said. He added that concrete roads are also being paved from Angumaw to Maungtaw.

The deputy minister said the pathway to be constructed through Muse island, as part if the Sittway-Ponnagayun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung pathway will require building three bridges measuring 4,300 feet, 550 feet and 14,300 feet respectively. He said the costs for this part of the pathway is too high and priority is given to complete paving the concreted roads on the original pathway.

He added that a prefeasibility study will be conducted to include the pathway through Muse island in the long-term road network development program.

Gottwin bridge to attract tourists, land confiscation act may be enforced

U Sai Ohn Kyaw of Shan State constituency 4 raised a question concerning the project for Nawngkhio Town bypass project in Kyaukse District, Shan State (North), also called the new Gottwin bridge access road project.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied that the bypass and Gottwin bridge will be constructed 696 meters from the world famous Goteik viaduct, and once completed will allow a view of the famed viaduct thus attracting world travelers. The bridge will be built using the balance cantilever method combined with cable stayed, a technique never before seen in Myanmar.

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President U Win Myint accepts credentials from the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile

H.E. Mr. Christian Rehren Bargetto, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letter of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:45 am yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Inter-

national Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, U Min Thu, Deputy Minister for the Office of the President and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Thant Sin.—MNA ■

President U Win Myint receives the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Chile at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chilean Ambassador to Myanmar



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PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to Myanmar Mr. Christian Rehren Bargetto at the Pyithu Hluttaw guest hall

in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed promoting the bilateral relations between Myanmar and Chile, cooperation pro-

cesses between Hluttaws, cooperation processes in legislations between the two countries, trading, investment, agriculture and mining.—MNA■

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Ambassador of the Republic of Chile



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AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, Mr. Christian Rehren Bargetto at the Amyotha Hluttaw guest

room in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation between the two countries in agriculture, education and health sec-

tors and procedures of the Hluttaw. Also present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA■

Union Minister for Commerce receives Chilean, Italian ambassadors separately

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint received Ambassador of Chile to Myanmar Mr. Christian Rehren Bargetto and Italian Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs. Alessandra Schiavo separately at his ministry yesterday.

During the meeting with the Chilean Ambassador, the Union Minister discussed exporting Myanmar's aquatic and agricultural products to Chile and invited technology and investors from Chile to mining sector of Myanmar as the South American country possesses

high mining technology. They also discussed exporting Myanmar's agricultural products to Chile with "Zero Tariff".

At the meeting with the Italian Ambassador, they friendly discussed matters on technical assistance from Italy for boosting Myanmar's export and development of basic infrastructure and human resources, and cooperation in development of Small and Medium Enterprises and agricultural sector with the technical and financial assistance from Italy.—MNA■

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The deputy minister said the project cost will be partially covered by Oriental Highway Co. Ltd and will require two separate expenditure of Ks 40 billion and US\$ 120.77 million. He said the bypass and bridge will take up 169.99 acres of agricultural land in Kyaukme Twp and 329.74 acres of agricultural land and forest area in Nawngkhio Twp. He said 36.35 acres of the combined areas are state-owned and thus require no compensation. The remaining 463.38 acres belong to 283 local residents and a total compensation capital of Ks 6.173 billion has been acquired in the fiscal year 2017-2018, handled by

the Department of Bridges.

The deputy minister said 73 per cent of the compensation has been paid to local residents and he urged regional Hluttaw representatives to negotiate with the 62 local residents who have yet to accept the compensation. He added that Union Government has approved of the Shan State government's appeal to follow the 1894 Land Confiscation Act if negotiations fail.

MPs suggest amendments to national boundary bill

MPs then discussed the Boundary Measurement and Demarcation Bill.

The bill was discussed by Dr. Kun Win Thaung of Kachin State

constituency 11, U Win Myint from Magway Region constituency 8, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency 5 and U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency 10. Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that the Pyithu Hluttaw has sent back with amendments the 2017 Myanmar Gemstone Bill, sent with approval by the Amyotha Hluttaw. He called for MPs interested in discussing the bill to enroll their names.

The 16th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held on 7 September.—Aung Ye Thwin■

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends ASEM Conference on “Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons”

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye attended the first day of ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Conference on ‘Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons’ in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Union Minister then attended the ministerial-level dialogue of Prime Minister of Republic of Korea Mr. Lee Nak-yeon and ministerial level officials from the ASEM Conference attended countries.

Speaking at the dinner which was held after the conference, the Union Minister appreciated the efforts of the Asia-Europe member coun-

tries for promoting the rights of older persons’ health, poverty alleviation and protection from discrimination.

He expressed his belief that ASEM Global Ageing Center (AGAC) would play a leading role in the efforts.

His ministry has provided fundamental human rights to the people including older persons, after laying down policies in accord with the democratic standards, he said.

Social pensions have been provided to over 45,000 older persons aged over 90 since 2017.

Starting from this October, the social pensions will be



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for the photo at 3rd ASEM Conference. **PHOTO: MNA**

provided to the older persons aged over 85, and the number of aged people who receive social pensions will reach over 150,000 across the nation.

Myanmar is carrying out the Sustainable Development

Goals (2018-2030) set by the United Nations Development Programme, the Union Minister explained.

The Union Minister was accompanied by the Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of

Korea Thura U Thet Oo Maung at the meeting.

The ASEM Conference on “Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons” will be held until 7 September.

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Third Anniversary of China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation held

THE third anniversary of the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (Myanmar) (CFPA-Myanmar) was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University yesterday.

Deputy Director-General of the Higher Education Department Dr. Nay Win Oo delivered a speech at the ceremony. Counsellor of the Embassy of the People Republic of China in Myanmar Mr. Yang Shouzhang, and Deputy Secretary General of China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation Mr. Chen Hongtao also delivered speeches. Director for International Development Department of CFPA Mr. Wu Peng, reviewed and discussed the works of the CFPA Myanmar team.

Afterwards, scholarship

recipient students entertained with music, and on behalf of them, a student gave word of thanks.

Next, Deputy Director-General Dr. Nay Win Oo, Deputy Secretary General of CFPA Mr. Chen Hongtao, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy Mr. Yang Shouzhang and officials presented the scholarships to the student representatives of the University of East Yangon, University of West Yangon and Yangon University of Economics (Ywar Thar Gyi).

The China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation has been operating 10 projects in Myanmar for three years, and has granted scholarships worth Chinese Yuan ¥1.695 million to 1,300 university students.—MNA ■



Deputy Director-General Dr. Nay Win Oo delivers the speech at the third anniversary of China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (CFPA) ceremony. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Next, Daw Thandar, member of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee on Citizen’s Fundamental Rights, read the committee’s report to the assembly. MPs interested in discussing the report were asked to enroll their names.

It was then announced that the Second Bill Amending the Myanmar Pearl Law, sent back with amendments from the Amyotha Hluttaw, has been received and MPs interested in submitting amendments to the bill were asked to enroll their names.

The Pyithu Hluttaw then deliberated on the Literature and Art Copyright Bill, sent back with amendments from the Amyotha Hluttaw, after which the Pyithu Hluttaw approved the bill.

MPs discuss motion urging proper research for TVET

U Tin Maung Win of Seikan constituency tabled a motion urging the Union Government to properly research the number of required skilled workers, technicians and engineers in the country so that appropriate policies and strategies can be put in place concerning opening new branches of technical high schools, government technical institutes and technical universities in implementing the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Myanmar.

Daw Khin Hnin Thit of Pandaung constituency discussed the motion saying that some

countries teach technical and vocational education alongside basic education subjects, thus nurturing skilled professionals who will implement government policies. She said India produces 135,000 technicians a year, while Singapore produces 70,000, and Myanmar just 10,000. She said people need opportunities to utilize the technical or vocational skills they have acquired. Failure to create employment for them signals a weakness in national policies, she said. She said the motion urges research to properly see which variety of technicians and how many are required in the relevant sectors so that compatible and supportive national policies can be set, and thus she agrees with the motion. U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung constituency also discussed the motion saying the ministry of technology is organized under the Ministry of Education but a deputy minister has not been appointed for the technological sector. He said setting policies and strategies and performing research to develop the technological education aspects should be carried out. He said there should be a motivating force to ensure more emphasis on technological aspects. He said the Ministry of Education should broadly implement sectors relating to technology. He advised that appointing a deputy minister for technology will be suitable for undertaking technological development.

The motion was further discussed by U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun constituency, U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency, U Ohn Khin of Palaw constituency, U Sai Oo Kham of Hsenwi constituency, U Aung Thike of Seikpyu constituency, Dr. Daw Thet Thet Khine of Dagon constituency, Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency, U Min Thein of Taungtwingyi constituency, Dr. Daw Khin Nyo of Dedaye constituency, U Myo Naing of Chanayethazan constituency, and U Tin Ko Ko Oo (a) U Atut of Bilin constituency. Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun replied to the motion saying that the National Education Strategic Plan (NESP) 2016-2021 was launched after researching the requirements of skilled workers, technicians and engineers in Myanmar so that the necessary job opportunities, teaching staff, teaching aid and materials, and infrastructure can be included in the respective state and region’s budget proposals. He said the Ministry of Education has carried out and accomplished all the criteria in the tabled motion and accepts the motion as it encourages further multi-technical and vocational education for the country. After some deliberation, the Pyithu Hluttaw approved the motion. The 16th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 7 September.—Myo Myint, Han Lin Naing ■