

CSOs to help Sagaing Region Parliament with its Legislative Process

August 21, 2017

[Local] Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) would help Sagaing Region Parliament in collecting the public suggestions and data for its legislative issues said committee member U Soe Win Swe.

The region parliament speaker, [parliament] affair committee chairpersons and Monywa Town based CSOs held a meeting for the first time at the region parliament conference hall on August 20.

"We are ready to give support the parliament representatives in providing public suggestions on legislative process. These data will not harm the current authorities and the government. The actual facts are for having a fair law for the public" said U Soe Win Swe, CSO committee member at the meeting.

Monywa Town based CSOs' Cooperation Committee conducted survey on August 5 for the municipal committee of Monywa Township by collecting public suggestions randomly from 500 people through their households and other public areas, which



was published as a report and submitted to the parliament.

The CSOs from 10 townships across the region are conducting public survey to amend the municipal law, and they will then submit the fact-findings to the region parliament officials.

"I am glad that CSOs will work along with the Hluttaw affair committee. The

committee also welcomes it," said Daw Nilar Lwin, chairperson of Sagain Region Parliament Legislative Committee.

It's reported that the current parliament has [thus far] amended and approved the micro finance law and freshwater Fishery Law, and it is still preparing to amend the municipal law.

Reference: 7daydaily.

Magway Region Parliament to discuss Fund Allocation returned by Former Chief Minister

August 15, 2017

Magway Region Parliament would discuss on allocations of returned fund from the region's former government, for respective purposes, including purchasing advanced hydraulic garbage collection vehicles.

Previous government returned more than 3000 million Kyat [collected as taxation] from small-scale oil produc-

ers. The returned fund would be allocated for regional development projects.

Dr. Khin Maung Aye, the minister of social affairs and spokesperson of the Regional Government, said that since it has to be discussed step by step and the approval has not been made yet, purchasing the garbage collection vehicles was only set aside.

The Hluttaw is very carefully work-

ing on the projects for each of 25 townships across the region, equally, with the allocated fund returned by the Magway Region's former government, according to the [current] Chief Minister.

The Magway Region's Hluttaw meeting (3/2017) will take place on August 30, and Hluttaw will discuss about the projects, allocated funds, and will make approvals.

Reference: The Voice Daily

State Parliament urges to take action against Mawlamyine Cement Limited (MCL)

August 18, 2017

Mon State Parliament's Planning and Economic Affair Committee will urge the authorities to take charge against Mawlamyine Cement Limited (MCL) as they have been producing electric power for their own purpose without the permission from the Union Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

MCL is located in Mon State, Kyaikmaraw Township and expects to produce 5,000 tons of cement per day, has been operating its factory [on test run] with 40 mega watt of electricity produced by coal-powered [plant] and bio waste.

On July 7, the Planning and Economic Committee submitted the Union Ministry of Electricity and Energy the report with the fact findings of the MCL's [operation with its] electricity production.

Following the report, the committee then received a reply letter from the Union Ministry of Electricity and Energy on August 15 which was stated that the [union] government and MCL officials had discussed over the case of producing 40 mega watt of electricity and the Union [government] had yet given green-light for the operation, according to U Aung Kyaw Thu, the chairperson of Mon State's Planning and Economic Committee.

However, MCL's spokesperson U Zaw Lwin Oo said " We have to take a permission from the Union if it is more than 30 mega watt. We submitted the union [for the permission] a year ago. [Now] the factory is operating with the permission."

U Zaw Lwin Oo also said that MCL already received the permission from the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection to test run from January 16, 2017 to January 15, 2018. The [MCL] company already received one-year interim but temporary [permission] to produce the electricity and utilization for the factory's operation since May 16, 2017.

Reference: 7daydaily

Magway Parliament Speaker instructs to inspect whether school notebooks meet the standard

August 20, 2017

Magway Region Parliament Speaker apprised whether the free notebooks which were distributing across the region met the same standard as submitted to the Parliament by the government in 2nd week of August.

The instruction was given to the MPs during the meeting of education and health committee, in August 2nd week, according to U Aye Kyaw, a Hluttaw representative [MP].

Dr. Khin Maung Aye, minister of social affair from the region government requested MPs to check whether the notebooks were in as same quality as the government previously submitted to the parliament during their filed visits said Deputy Speaker U Zaw Myo Win.

"Currently we have only finished checking 2 or 3 schools and found out that 1 in 5 books do not match the quality as the government submitted. However, I think if we can check from the start we can solve it out. Students may be using the same book which they purchase from outside." said U Aye Kyaw, the regional representative of Aung Lan Constituency.

Reference: 7daydaily



Photo News

Ethnic Affairs Committee of Kachin State Parliament and state/district education officers had discussion over teaching ethnic languages at primary schools in Kachin State on August 14.

Reference: Z. Naw Li Facebook

Karen State Parliament approved farmland tax bill

July 26, 2017

Karen State Parliament approved the bill of Karen State farmland tax on July 25.

According to newly approved Karen State's farmland tax law, in terms of the tax rate, it would be set as standard rate, but not be a burden to the public [tax payers], said U Than Naing, Minister of Karen State Planning, Finance and Municipal Ministry.

The new farmland tax law comprised 10 charters and 30 articles. According to the land tax law types in the Karen State, there are 8 types of land (myay myo gyi) in Kauk Gyi/Kauk Layin tax (the tax for some kinds of quick-yield paddy and slow-yield paddy), and there are 3 types of land (myay myo gyi) in Kaing/Muyin (Barley) tax. The tax rate has been changed to 300 Kyat from previous price, 1 Kyat and 25 Pyar, and to 1,000 Kyat from 5 Kyat.

Reference: DVB



Photo: Z. Naw Li

Illegal tissue-banana cultivation case submitted to Kachin State Parliament

August 3, 2017

Kachin State Parliament representative U Z. Naw Li @ Zahkawng Kham Yay submitted the case of illegal tissue-banana plantations at the meeting of Kachin State Parliament's 8th regular session.

In the submitted motion, U Z. Naw Li, the representative of Waingmaw Constituency 2, urged the state government to monitor the case of illegal tissue-banana plantations in the Waingmaw and Myintkyina townships, and work properly for the benefits of the country and local residents.

The proposal by U Z. Naw Li also stated that the Chinese entrepreneurs, claimed with the citizenship, are growing the banana plantations. There are the cases of illegal plantations and using exceed set of land area. Due to the fertilizer applied in the banana plantations, the soils would be damaged, and there are also the land issues.

The proposal was discussed by representatives from Mansi, Bhamo, Momaik, and Mohnyin townships. All the representatives also voted in favor the proposal, and the proposal was then approved by the parliament.

Reference: RFA, the Voice, Z Naw Li Facebook

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■ On August 15, a meeting of Sagaing Region Parliament [house] speaker, deputy speaker, and chairpersons and secretaries of Hluttaw affair committee was held.

At the meeting, Daw Suu Myat Htet, chairperson of Hluttaw affair committees, proposed for "Permission to cast confidential votes for the respective matters at the Parliament" which could help prevent having causes of misunderstanding and [personal] grudge. In response, the [house] speaker said paper votes and ballot boxes would be first arranged for the confidential voting since the Parliament could yet provide pressing bottom devices.

Reference: Suu Myat Htet/Facebook

■ The head of the Sagaing Region Parliament office and of Chin State Parliament office held a video conference on August 11.

Reference: Sagain Region Hluttaw