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Hluttaw Reduced 20 Billion MMK from the Appropriation for Investment of Ayeyarwady Regional Gov't

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According to the Public Budget, Planning and Finance, Economic and Trade Development Committee, 20 billion MMK from the budget appropriation for 2018-2019 financial year submitted by Ayeyarwady regional government were reduced by Regional Hluttaw.

U Aung Thu Htwe, the head of that committee, said that the budget appropriation for the financial year divided into two parts was submitted. . There were over 182 billion for the appropriation from October, 2018 to September, 2019. He continued that as there were many appropriations and plans, Hluttaw was reported to amend and draw the budget plan with over 162 billion by reducing the rest 20 billion.

A member of parliament said that as there were requests not only for the plans actually needed to be carried out for the sake of Public but also for buying materials and furniture for office use, cars and major repairs of cars, the heads of the respective departments were asked to report and explain in the session of Hluttaw Committee and the request of capital fund for major repairs of department cars and the budget request of 800 lakhs to buy police traffic cars for Chief Minister were reviewed.

According to the Public Account, Planning and Finance, Economic and Trade Development Committee, it was known that what the regional government submitted to the regional Hluttaw 5 for 2018 – 2019 financial year: part one is from April, 2018 to September, 2018 and part two is from October, 2018 to September, 2019, Hluttaw approved only the total appropriation for investment and the rest will be approved by Hluttaw by drawing the detailed budget plan depending on the financial support of Union. *Reference : The Voice Daily*

Yangon Regional Gov't Would Meet with Businessmen to Include Their Suggestions in Tax Law



November 24, 2017

For the purpose of including the suggestions of businessmen in tax law for upcoming year, Yangon regional government would meet and discuss with the businessmen.

U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of

Yangon, said that as there were difficulties to amend the law after Hluttaw had approved the tax law, that meeting would be to include the voice of businessmen since the time of drawing the bill.

On 24th November, Vice President U Myint Swe and Chief Minister of Yangon U Phyo Min Thein met with businessmen in UMFCCI (Yangon).

Tax law has to be legislated every year and includes the rates of tax to be paid for the budget year. When the government finishes the bill, it has to be submitted to Hluttaw and members of parliament will have to discuss the facts included in the bill. *Reference : 7daydaily*



RC2 will be Transferred to Yangon University



November 23, 2017

At the end of August of this year, U Kyaw Kyaw Htun, regional member of parliament from Hlaing Township, asked the question in Hluttaw if there was the plan to renovate the universities in Yangon region to be right standard and to repair the damages in the branch of present Practising School, Yangon University of Education/ former Yangon University Hlaing Campus (RC2). U Naing Ngan Lin, Minister of Social Welfare from Yangon regional government cabinet answered that (Hlaing Campus, former RC-2) would be transferred to Yangon University



and the damages would be repaired depending on the budget.

Hlaing Campus (former RC-2) which is now the branch of Practising School, Yangon University of Education is being repaired to be transferred to Yangon University and it is almost finished. A worker from the site said that they have to set all the electric cables in six school buildings of RC-2 and repair those to be in an original style. The work of repairing the buildings was started to do a month ago. *Reference : Popular News Journal*

The Proposal to Minimize the Qualifications for recruiting the teachers for Northern Rakhine

November 22, 2017

The proposal was submitted to Rakhine State Hluttaw to urge the Union Government by Rakhine State Government that as a special plan, Ministry of Education should minimize the qualifications for recruiting primary school teachers for remote regions including Buthidaung and Maungdaw in Northern Rakine State.

That proposal was submitted by U Zaw Zaw Myint (Buthidaung Constituency-1), State Member of Parliament, at the first day of sixth regular session of Rakhine State Hluttaw on 21st November.

U Zaw Zaw Myint said that although it was good that Ministry of Education set the policy of qualification such as graduate, high school graduate, etc., to employ primary school teachers for all over the country, the youths with the qualification of grade 9 and grade 10 in the local villages could be employed to be the primary school teachers if the qualifications were minimized for the ethnic regions including Northern Rakhine.

U Aung Win (Myay Pone Constituency) agreed and discussed that the proposal and the plebiscite were held to continue whether to discuss it or not. As there was no one who objected to the proposal, it would be continued to discuss at Hluttaw.

Due to the terrorist activities during last August, 400 schools in the villages at borderland in the regions of Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Yathae Taung in Northern Rakhine were closed. According to the Administrative Office of Education of Rakhine State, there were over 150000 students and 2482 teachers in those schools which had to be closed.

Reference : Irrawaddy



Children Hluttaw in Mandalay



November 21, 2017

In World Children's Day which is on 20th November, 2017, Children Hluttaw was held for a while as "Children's Takeover" plan by Mandalay Regional Hluttaw in collaboration with UNICEF.

"In the World Children's Day, children performed to replace the place of the elders. To be practical, Hluttaw arranged for them not to give the speech in the wrong way," explained U Aung Kyaw Oo, Speaker of Mandalay Regional Hluttaw.

In that ceremony, about 50 students

from private high schools, government schools and universities in Mandalay participated and performed asking questions in the places of Hluttaw Speaker, Members of Parliament and Ministers, answering the questions as the respective Ministers, submitting the proposal, accepting and discussing them.

"That plan is nice. I welcome it for making the children understand and familiarize with the culture of Hluttaw and Democracy," said U Lin Lin Htun, a local of Mandalay.

Reference : Mandalay Regional Hluttaw Facebook Page, The Voice Daily

Short News

■ Magway Regional Hluttaw, Sagaing Regional Hluttaw and Tanintharyi Regional Hluttaw will have emergency sessions in the last week of November, 2017. Those sessions will be held to be able to discuss and approve the budget for the first six months from April to September of 2018 – 2019 financial year. The rest of State and Regional Hluttaw will hold the sessions to discuss and approve that supplementary budget.

Reference - Multiple News Sources

The Proposal to Form More Ethnic Villages in Maungdaw Will be discussed in State Hluttaw

November 26, 2017

It was decided to continue to discuss the proposal to found more villages of Rakhine ethnics by gathering Rakhine and other Rakhine ethnic groups from Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Yathae Taung and other townships in Rakhine.

At the sixth regular session of Rakhine Hluttaw held on 24th November, U Kyaw Lwin (Kyauk Phyu Constituency -1), State Member of Parliament, submitted that proposal and U Kyaw Zaww Oo (Sittwe Constituency -2) agreed and discussed it. Proposer U Kyaw Lwin said that as the local people dared not live in ethnic villages and migrated to other regions due to the attack of Bengali terrorists in Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Yathae Taung Townships, the whole land would be lost if the ethnic villages could not be gathered and founded.

Some members of parliament said that after the terrorist attacks on 25th August, the local from the ethnic villages in Maungdaw region migrated to other regions and some didn't come back. Hluttaw decided to continue to discuss that proposal as there was no objector.

"We cannot do anything if there are no people according to geopolitics. We need people for that. The government has to arrange for the people (ethnics) to be able to live in sustainable safety. We can protect the land only in this way," said a local from Maungdaw.

At the moment, Rakine government cabinet starts the processes of reconstruction of some ethnic villages burnt by the terrorists.

Referenc : 7Day Daily