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## The Law Revoking the Revenue Law (The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1373 ME

(29 September, 2011)

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts the following law.

1. This Law shall be called the Law Revoking the Revenue Law.
2. (a) The Revenue Law shall be revoked with this Law.  
(b) This Law shall come into force beginning assessment year 2011-2012.
3. (a) Tax imposition matters according to Revenue Law shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Law beginning assessment year 2011-2012.  
(b) Tax payer in carrying out the work according to subparagraph (a) shall offset the tax payment made in accordance with Section 12 of the Revenue Law.
4. Taxation matters and ongoing tasks according to Revenue Law before the assessment year 2011-2012 shall be done according to the provisions of the Revenue Law.
5. Tax exemption and relief according to Section 19 of the Revenue Law shall still be in force as the tax exemption and relief permitted by the Income Tax Law.

I sign in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**

President

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (29-9-2011)

Nay Pyi Taw (Pynmana)	6.93 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	6.50 inches
Kayan	5.00 inches
Thayawady	4.25 inches
Zaungtu	4.21 inches
Thazi	3.77 inches
Yangon (Kaba - Aye)	3.34 inches
Kyaikkhami	3.11 inches
Thayet	2.64 inches
Meiktila	2.36 inches
Yamethin	2.36 inches
Taungdwingyi	1.89 inches

## The Law Amending the Myanmar Stamp Act (The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1373 ME

(29 September, 2011)

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts the following law.

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Myanmar Stamp Act.
2. In the Myanmar Stamp Act, the expression "President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar may" shall be substituted by the expression "Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government may, with the approval of the Union Government".
3. The Sub-section (9) of the Section 2, the Myanmar Stamp Act shall be substituted by the expression "(9) Collector includes any Revenue Officer and any officer delegated by the Director General of the Internal Revenue Department;"
4. In Section 9 of Myanmar Stamp Act:  
(a) Sub-section (b) shall be inserted after the Sub-section (a) as follows-  
" (b) amend or *enhance* all or any of the amounts or values, description of instruments and proper stamp duties mentioned in

this Act including Schedule 1 annexed thereto, and"

(b) the Sub-section (b) shall be arranged as the Sub-section (c).

5. The Section 20 of the Myanmar Stamp Act shall be substituted by "Duty for any money expressed in foreign currencies" "20. Where an instrument is chargeable with *ad valorem* duty in respect of any money expressed in any currency other than that of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, such duty shall be payable in that foreign currency at the rate of one per centum on such amount or value instead of any proper stamp duty mentioned in schedule 1 annexed in this act."
6. In the Section 49 of the Myanmar Stamp Act, the expression "by the President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar" shall be substituted by the "by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government, with the approval of the Union Government".
7. the Sub-section (1) of the Section 70 of the Myanmar Stamp Act shall be substituted by "Institution and conduct of prosecutions." "70. (1) No Prosecution in respect of any offence punishable under this Act shall be instituted without the prior sanction of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government."

I sign in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**

President

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife attend 62<sup>nd</sup> National Day of PRC

YANGON, 29 Sept— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the reception to mark the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary National Day of the People's Republic of China held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife, deputy ministers, Yangon Region Ministers, senior military officers,

departmental heads and officials concerned and ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon, Charges d' Affaires ai and military attachés and guests.

On arrival at the hotel, the Vice-President and wife were accorded a warm welcome by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua. The Chinese Ambassador conducted the Vice-President and wife round the documentary photos on State visits of the leaders of Myanmar and China and those of Chinese traditional culture, sports and development displayed at the hall.

The reception started



*Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin being welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.*

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with the playing of National Anthems of the two countries.

Afterwards, the Vice-

President and wife together with the Chinese Ambassador cut the cake to mark the 62<sup>nd</sup>

Anniversary of National Day of PRC.

The Vice-President and wife and those present

enjoyed the dinner hosted by the Chinese Ambassador.

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*Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin at the reception to mark the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary National Day of the People's Republic of China.*

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### PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 30 September, 2011

#### Promote and protect human rights

Myanmar has transformed towards a democratic nation in a smooth and peaceful manner. A series of reform process in various sectors are being implemented to bring about democratization and economic development, and to improve livelihood of the people.

After swearing into office, the new government offered an olive branch to all the national race armed groups for national reconsolidation and the President also granted an amnesty, freeing over 20,000 inmates. Exercising the mandate vested by the

Constitution, the President will further granted amnesty at an opportune time.

Myanmar attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of human rights. The fundamental rights of its citizens are guaranteed by relevant provisions of the Constitution. As Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been formed, fundamental rights of the citizens will be promoted.

The new government has launched a series of economic, social and policy reforms to improve the socio-economic life the people. One of those measures is stepping up its efforts in alleviation of poverty. In Myanmar about 70% of the population resides in rural areas engaging in agricultural and livestock farmings. In order to boost the production and to enhance the economic development of rural area, the government has adopted forward looking economic policies.

These policies will lead to sustained, inclusive

and equitable economic growth which will in turn increase employment opportunities, promote agriculture development and reduce poverty. National Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Plan is today's top policy to alleviate poverty and to improve the livelihood of people residing in rural areas. The Central Committee and Work Committees were formed to supplement the eight tasks laid down in accordance with the National Plan. National efforts for achievement of economic and social development need to be supported by the international community. Lifting unilateral sanctions will contribute towards socio-economic development of the country.

With a view to maintaining and promoting friendly relations with all countries in the world, Myanmar is reaching out to the international community. Despite challenges, Myanmar determines to take definite and solid steps in implementing democratization process.

## Iran equips marine forces with 'cruise' missile



*Nasr 1 (Victory) missiles are displayed during the inauguration ceremony of the 'Nasr 1 cruise missile' production facility at an undisclosed location in Iran 2010.*

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TEHRAN, 29 Sept—Iran has equipped its naval forces with a short range "cruise missile," able to hit targets in

costal areas and warships within "200 kilometres (125 miles), the country's defence minister was quoted as

saying on Wednesday.

"Today we are witnessing the equipping of the Guards navy and army navy with ample numbers of the Qader cruise missile," General Ahmad Vahidi said, quoted by his ministry's website referring to the elite Revolutionary Guards who are tasked with defending Iranian waters in the Gulf.

"It has 200 km range and has ability to be launched quickly against warships and costal targets. It flies in low altitude, has high destructive power, (and is) lightweight with high

precision," he added.

He added that it could be fired from the coast or from vessels of different classes, increasing considerable the operational ability of the forces.

The Qader missile was unveiled last month by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, with Iranian officials dubbing it a "cruise missile" built entirely by local experts. The president said Iran's military arsenal was defensive, aimed at ensuring the country's "enemies do not dare attack."

Internet



*A wounded man receives treatment at a hospital after a landmine explosion in Shindand District of Herat Province, Afghanistan, on 27 Sept, 2011.*

XINHUA

## Five NATO troops, three Afghans killed

KABUL, 29 Sept—Two Afghan policewomen and a civilian were killed by a mine on their way to work Thursday, a day after another five NATO soldiers died in the 10-year war against the Taliban.

The policewomen and civilian died when their vehicle was blown up by a remote-controlled mine on their way to work at the civilian airport serving the western City of Herat, officials said. Three foreign soldiers were also killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) in eastern Afghanistan Wednesday,

the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said, along with two others in separate incidents.

The latest deaths came a day after the United Nations released figures saying that violent incidents in the Afghan war increased nearly 40 percent in the first eight months of this year compared to the same period last year.

ISAF, which is leading efforts to reverse the Taliban militancy, disputes the figures, calling them "inconsistent with the data that we have collected". Moham-



*Members of the Afghanistan National police examine a damaged police car after a blast near the airport in Herat on 29 Sept, 2011.*

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mad Rafiq Shaheer, a spokesman for Herat hospital, said: "A remote-controlled mine explosion on a police vehicle on the Herat airport road has killed three people, two policewomen and a civilian, and wounded

10 people, four policewomen and a policeman and five other civilians."

Internet

## Eight people killed, nine wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept—Eight people were killed, including five family members, and nine wounded in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Iraq Wednesday, the police said.

In Iraq's western Province of Anbar, two civilians were killed and another wounded when a sticky bomb attached to their car detonated in central the provincial capital City of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, a source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In Diyala Province, a civilian was killed when gunmen attacked him with their assault rifles in front of his house in the town of Hibhib near the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeastern of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command anonymously told *Xinhua*.

Also in Diyala Province, Iraqi security forces carried out search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested 12 suspects, including nine wanted individuals, and found three caches of weapons and explosives, the source said.

In Baghdad, a traffic police officer, was seriously wounded by gunmen using silenced weapons in Baiyaa District in southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

*Xinhua*

## Fire at Shell's Singapore refinery

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept—Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell said Thursday that a major Singapore refinery was on fire and that firefighters have contained the blaze but were still working to completely extinguish it.

"We believe it was an accident. A full investigation will be

conducted once the fire is put out," the company said in a statement.

The fire broke out Wednesday at the Shell refinery in Pulau Bukom, an islet five kilometres (three miles) off Singapore, and prompted the evacuation of non-essential staff. About 100 firefighters from the

Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) and 250 "essential" Shell personnel worked overnight to contain the blaze.

The plant, Shell's biggest in the world in terms of crude distillation capacity, produces fuels, lubricants and specialty chemicals, mostly for export.—*Internet*



*This photo taken on 28 Sept, 2011 shows a fire at Royal Dutch Shell's Pulau Bukom offshore petroleum complex in Singapore.*

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**FACETS seals \$ 10 m in sales** Business



YANGON, 29 Sept—The recently concluded FACETS Sri Lanka 2011 exhibition has been very successful with entrepreneurs sealing deals of over US \$ 10 million during the four day event held at the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Memorial Exhibition Centre in Colombo last week.

The Chinese delegation which attended event has made transactions to the value of over US \$ three million. More than 7300 visitors attended the show of which more than 1300 being foreign visitors. The topmost preference for foreign buyers was the Ceylon Blue Sapphire.

Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association (SLGJA) Secretary Ziqifi Ismail speaking to the *Daily News Business* said the Russian delegation too made high value purchases and their total sales exceeded US \$ one million. There was a 14-member delegation from Moscow organized by the EDB and two Chinese delegations for this year's show.

"With the overwhelming success we are now confident that the gem and jewellery exports could reach US \$ 1 billion

export target set by the government by 2016.

"In 2010, Sri Lanka exported diamonds and jewellery to the value of US \$ 335 million and US \$ 70 million worth gems.

Gem and jewellery contributes 5% to our total exports earnings. Gem and other mining also was the top sector contributing to the 15.5% growth in Mining and quarrying sub sector in 2010. There are more than 600,000 people engaged in the gem mining to market cycle." Minister Rishad Bathiudeen said on the opening day of the exhibition. Sri Lanka's gem (only) exports in 2010 first half stood at US \$ 35.76 Million and in the first half of 2011, in rose to US \$ 48.46 Million showing leap of 35.5%. The major buyers of Sri Lanka gems are Hong Kong, USA, Thailand and Switzerland.

Emerging Markets for gems and jewellery are China, Russia, and Brazil. FACETS Sri Lanka 2011 was organized by the Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association (SLGJA).

The show was sponsored and endorsed by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority

(NGJA) and the Export Development Board of Sri Lanka (EDB).

Most of the exhibitors who expressed their views about the success of FACETS Sri Lanka 2011 reconfirmed their participation at next year's show.

The Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association (SLGJA) was recognized as the Apex Trade Association representing the gem and jewellery industry of Sri Lanka in the 2003 budget of the Government of Sri Lanka.

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*A Qantas plane takes off at Sydney's airport as people fish near the runway in Sydney on 24 August, 2011.*

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**Australia watchdog approves Qantas, American Airlines JV** Business

SYDNEY, 29 Sept—Australia's competition regulator has given final approval for a transpacific alliance between Qantas Airways and AMR Corp's American Airlines, it said on Thursday.

The airlines will coordinate operations on

services between Australia/New Zealand and the United States and on their respective services which support these transpacific routes.

"The ACCC does not consider that the JBA will have any anti-competitive effects, as Qantas and American Airlines do not

currently provide any overlapping direct services on the transpacific routes," said Rod Sims, Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The venture would benefit passengers, the ACCC said.—Reuters

*In this on 23 Sept, 2011 photo, cashier Joyce Mackie, right, comes to the aid of a customer having a problem at a self-serve checkout station at a Big Y supermarket in Manchester, Conn. A growing number of supermarket chains are bagging their self-serve checkout lanes, saying they can offer better customer service when clerks help shoppers directly. Big Y Foods, which has more than 60 southern New England locations, recently became the latest to announce it's phasing them out.*

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**Developed countries could draw lessons from emerging economies' success** Business

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept—Rapid and sustained economic growth achieved by emerging economies is one of the most important long-term trends shaping the global economy, from which developed countries could also draw some important lessons, US Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said on Wednesday.

Speaking at an economic event held in Ohio, the Fed chief noted that "by some measures at least, developing and emerging market economies now account for more than one-half of global economic activity, up substantially from less than one-third in 1980."

Among the emerging economies, the Asian "growth miracle" is the most conspicuous success story, with the case of China being particularly

dramatic, said the central bank chief, adding that "growth in Chinese output per person has averaged roughly 9 percent a year, putting per capita output about 13 times higher now than in 1980."

Macroeconomic stability, increased reliance on market forces, and strong political and economic institutions are important for sustainable growth, he stressed.

Bernanke noted that advanced countries should also focus on disciplined fiscal policies, the benefits of open trade and the need to encourage private capital formation while undertaking necessary public investments, including high returns to education and promoting technological advances.—Xinhua



Health

*Ground beef patties are stacked at a meat packing and distribution facility in 2008 in San Francisco. Tyson, the biggest meat processor in the United States, is recalling 131,300 pounds of ground beef sold in 14 states after an outbreak of e.coli in Ohio, US food inspectors said Wednesday.—INTERNET*

**(The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 3)...***(from page 16)*

- “(d) If the tax payer fails to submit annual financial report or accounts or fails to appear, the head of the township Internal Revenue Department can levy tax based on collected data. Before levying tax, he or she can investigate anyone and demand any information necessary.”
9. The sub-section (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 15 of the commercial tax law shall be substituted as follows:
- “(a) person who will leave country for good  
(b) person who ceases to carry on his/her business  
(c) person who organizes entertainment
10. In the Section 19 of the commercial tax law,  
(a) the sub-section (a) shall be substituted as follows:-  
“(a) If the tax payer is not satisfied, he or she may appeal to—  
(1) Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Head of Corporation Tax Office if the amount of tax is more than K 30000;  
(2) Tax Appellate Tribunal if the amount of tax is more than K 100,000 which is the decision of Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Head of Corporation Tax Office;  
(3) Supreme Court of the Union for legal affairs resulted from the decision of the Tax Appellate Tribunal.”  
(b) The sub-section (f) shall be substituted as follows:  
“(f) The decision of the head of the township Internal Revenue Department or head of Corporation Tax Office must be the final if the tax amount is not more than K 30,000 the decision of the lead of Region/State IRD must be the final if the tax amount is less than K 100,000 and the decision of the Tax Appellate Tribunal must be the final for the tax of more than K 100,000 without legal affairs.
11. In the Commercial Tax Law,  
(a) the phrase in the Section 21 “not more than 10 per cent of the money shall be payable as a fine” shall be substituted by the phrase “equal to 10 per cent of the money shall be payable as a fine”.  
(b) the phrase in the Section 21 (a) “Union Government” shall be substituted with the phrase “the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of

the Union phrase”; the phrase “not more than 10 per cent of the tax shall be payable as a fine” shall be substituted with the phrase “equal to 10 per cent of the tax shall be payable as a fine”.

12. In the Section 22 of the Commercial Tax Law,  
(a) the phrase in the Sub-section (a) (iii), “can carry with it up to a one-year prison sentence and/or fines up to K5,000” shall be substituted by the phrase “can carry with it not more than one-year prison sentence and/or not more than K100,000”.  
(b) the phrase in the Sub-section (b) “can carry with it up to three-year prison sentence and/or fines up to K10,000” shall be substituted by the phrase “can carry with it up to not more than three-year prison sentence and/or fines not more than K300,000”.
13. The Sub-section (a) of the Section 27 of the Commercial Tax Law, shall be substituted by the following paragraph:  
“(a) if foreign exchange income is earned from trading a good or providing a service, foreign exchange tax rate may be imposed on the foreign exchange income.”
14. The Sub-section (b) of the Section 28 of the Commercial Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:-  
“(b) the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government may release notification to demand which lists comprising which facts in accordance with the Sub-section (b), Section 14 of the Commercial Tax Law for any kind of cash obtained or any kind of tax levied.”
15. The Section 29 of the Commercial Tax law shall be substituted as the follows:-  
“29. To be able to exercise provisions in this law successfully, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government  
(a) may release necessary bylaws, rules and regulations with the agreement of the Union Government.  
(b) may release necessary notifications, orders, directives and rules and regulations.”
16. The Section 31 and Section 32 of the Commercial Tax Law shall be revoked.

I sign according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**  
President  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**(The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 4)...***(from page 16)*

10. The phrase “selling, exchanging or transferring” in Section 13 of Income Tax Law shall be substituted with “selling, exchanging or transferring in any other ways”.
11. Section 15 of Income Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:-  
“15.(a) Any person who has taxable income or make profits from property and personal belongings in a year will have the duty to pay income tax at the time the income is received.  
(b) Anyone who is assumed, on basis of facts and figures acquired by Head of Township Internal Revenue Department, to have taxable income or make profits from property and personal belongings in a year shall be levied income tax.”
12. In Section 16 of Income Tax Law,  
(a) In sub-section (a), the phrase “But, if the income is profits from property and personal belongings, the tax shall be paid within 30 days from selling, exchanging or transferring property and personal belongings in other ways” shall be inserted.  
(b) The phrase “issuing notification by the Union Government” in sub-section (e) shall be substituted with “issuing notification by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government with the approval of the Union Government”.  
(c) In sub-section (g), the phrase “The Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government shall set fine for such failure by issuing notification” shall be inserted.  
(d) The phrase “the amount not exceeded 10 per cent shall be demanded as fine” shall be substituted with the phrase “the amount equal to 10 per cent shall be levied as fine”.
13. Explanations in Sections 19 and 32 shall be revoked.
14. The phrase “the Union Government” in Section 21, sub-section (a), explanation of Section 33, explanation of Section 35, Section 38, sub-section (a), Section 47, sub-section (c) and Section 50 of Income Tax Law shall be substituted with the phrase “the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government” respectively.
15. The phrase “in accord with Myanmar Revenue Act or in accord with this

law” in Section 22, sub-section (a) of Income Tax Law shall be substituted with “in accord with this law”.

16. Section 31 of Income Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:  
“31. The Union Government-  
(a) shall adhere to agreements in any treaty signed with any other country or any international organizations regardless of other provisions in this law.  
(b) may issue this treaty in Myanmar Gazette.”
17. The phrase “appellate tribunal” in Section 32, sub-sections (b) and (d) of Income Tax Law shall be substituted with the phrase “Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Corporation Tax Office” respectively.
18. In Income Tax Law-  
(a) The phrase “100 Kyats” in Section 33, sub-section (c) shall be substituted with the phrase “1000 Kyats”.  
(b) In Section 33 (a), the phrase “if it is 500 Kyats” shall be substituted with the phrase “if it does not exceed 30,000 Kyats” and the phrase “if it is 10,000 Kyats” with the phrase “if it does not exceed 100,000 Kyats”.  
(c) the phrase “up to 10000 kyats” comprised in Sub-Section (b) of Section 38 shall be substituted with the phrase “not more than 100,000 kyats”.
19. The word “the groups assigned duty by the Union government” comprised in Section 42 and Section 44 of the Income Tax Law shall be substituted with “Head of Township Internal Revenue Department, Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Head of Corporation Tax Office, the group formed under Section 7 and the duty-assigned persons and groups” respectively.
20. Section 43 of the Income Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:-  
“43. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department, Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Head of Corporation Tax Office, the group formed under Section 7 and the duty-assigned persons and groups shall have authority, entrusted to the court in accord with the civil law, in practising the authority under this law. Moreover, those persons or groups shall be known as court.”

*(See page 6)*

**(The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 4)...**

(from page 5)

- 21. In Section 45 of the Income Tax Law-
  - (a) the word "that group" comprised in the body text shall be substituted with the word "that person".
  - (b) after sub-section (b), sub-sections (c) and (d) shall be inserted as follows:-
    - "(c) in carrying out tasks of sub-section (a) and sub-section (b), Head of Township Revenue Department shall submit Region or State Internal Revenue Department or Corporation Tax Office in advance and seek permission. If urgent case emerges, search warrant shall be demanded from respective township judge for undertaking such task. In so doing, findings shall be reported to Township Judge and respective Region or State Head of Internal Revenue Department or Head of Corporation Tax Office as quickly as possible.
    - (d) if any task is carried out in accord with sub-sections (a) and (b), it shall be performed in the presence of taxpayer concerned or representative and two witnesses."
- 22. In the Income Tax Law-
  - (a) the word "or the appellate tribunal" in the sub-section (a) of Section 46 and the word "or of appellate tribunal" in sub-section (a) of Section 47 shall be cancelled,
  - (b) the word "the group formed under Section 7" in sub-section (b) (i) of Section 46 and the word "the group" in sub-section (b) (ii) of Section 46 of the Income Tax Law shall be substituted with "Head of

- Township Internal Revenue Department".
- 23. Section 51 of the Income Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:-
  - "51. In implementing the provisions of this law, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union government shall
    - (a) issue necessary bylaws, rules and regulations in accord with the approval of the Union government,
    - (b) issue necessary notifications, orders, directives and procedures."
- 24. Sub-section (b) of Section 52 of the Income Tax Law shall be substituted as follows:-
  - "(b) the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union government shall prescribe announcement of notification to keep forms of accounts with the content of data for any type of incomes or any type of taxpayers."
- 25. "Chapter (XVIII), Effective Assessment Years of Myanmar Revenue Act" involved in the Income Tax Law shall be cancelled, and Section 59 shall be substituted as follows:-
  - "59. Of the levied tax from individual persons of respective townships, the Union government shall transfer the prescribed percentage for respective townships to the funds of Township Development Affairs Committees concerned.

I sign according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**  
President

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung paid an inspection tour of Rakhine State on 28 September morning.

On arrival at Hakuryu-5 drilling machine of Mya (Myauk) Development Well No. D, after hearing reports by Daewoo International Corporation Senior Vice President Mr Si-Bo Joo on progress of drilling Mya (Myauk) development wells and tasks to be carried out, the Union Minister left instructions calling for precise tasks according to technological method, to completing the remaining tasks in time, using condensate systematically, and taking preventive measures against natural disasters. The Union Minister then presented fruit baskets to the foreign technicians and workers of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, who are serving at the work. The Union Minister and the chief minister ignited the valve to launch the natural gas igniting test of Mya (Myauk) Development

**Shwe gas field development tasks inspected**



Daewoo International Corporation Senior Vice President Mr Si-Bo Joo presents exploration of Mya (Myauk) development well's future plans to Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.—MNA

Well No. D.

Next, they continued the inspection tour of Kyauktalone Village where there soon would have a new school building of Basic Education Primary

School being constructed with funds of social development programme under Daewoo International Cooperation, and the generator donated by the cooperation to Kyaukpyu.—MNA

**Yangon Region Auditor General meets Vietnamese Deputy Chief State Auditor**

YANGON, 29 Sept—Yangon Region Auditor General U Myint Aung received a six-member delegation from the State Audit Office of Vietnam (SAV) led by Deputy Chief State Auditor Mr. Cao Tan Khong at the meeting hall of the

Auditor General's Office at 10 am here today.

Both sides exchanged experience on auditing tasks and matters related to promotion of bilateral cooperation in doing auditing activities.—MNA



Yangon Region Auditor General U Myint Aung receives Deputy Chief State Auditor Mr. Cao Tan Khong of State Audit Office of Vietnam (SAV) and party.—MNA

**Japanese woman killed in attempted rape in Kyaukpadaung Tsp**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—A Japanese tourist was killed while defending herself against an attempted rape by a motorcycle taxi driver in Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region Wednesday. The Myanmar Police Force is taking actions to bring the rapist to trial.

According to investigation of Kyaukpadaung Police Force, Japanese citizen Ms. Shiramatsu Chiharu arrived NyaungU via Yangon by air on 27 September evening and went to Kyaukpadaung by car yesterday. Then, she toured Kyaukpadaung and bought return ticket for NyaungU. But, she cancelled the ticket and hired motorcycle taxi of Min Theik around 1 pm to take photos of roadside sceneries. Along Kyaukpadaung-NyaungU motor road, the Japanese tourist took pictures of roadside views till the mile post No 4/5 at the feeder road to Nyaungngyinyin Village. He then took her to pigeon pea plantation about two miles from the feeder road and

attempted to rape her who struggled with the rapist and cried for help. The rapist throttled her and she lapsed into unconsciousness. Female paddy transplanters near the scene heard her scream and saw the criminal dragging the victim covering her mouth. When the rapist was arrested after the report of female transplanters, the victim was found unconscious and she died at 6.45 pm on the way to Kyaukpadaung People's Hospital on the ambulance. The police force reported that US, Japan and Myanmar currencies were found along with camera, MP-4, spectacles and personal accessories from her backpack. The case is unintentional murder resulted from attempted rape and not attempted robbery. Today, forensic pathologist from Mandalay People's Hospital performed autopsy at Kyaukpadaung people's Hospital. Kyaukpadaung Police Station is charging Min Theik living at Thayaaye Ward in Kyaukpadaung, 39, son of U Swe Nyein for murder case.—MNA

## Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 28<sup>th</sup> day

### Seven questions answered, one proposal under discussion, two Hluttaw Committees renamed, two new proposals submitted and one Bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — The 28<sup>th</sup> day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 377 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Seven questions were raised and answered, one proposal was under discussions, two Hluttaw Committees were renamed, two new proposals were submitted and one Bill was approved at the today's Hluttaw sessions.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied to three questions on administrative matters raised by three representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade Nannpan village-tract in Nyaungshwe Township as the village-tract was a sub-township in the past and now it possesses township characteristics such as basic education high school, people's hospital, market and police station and measures to be taken for upgrading of the village-tract as a township**, the Union Minister replied that Section 53 (a) in Chapter (2) of the State Constitution states **if there arise a cause to re-delineate the territorial boundary of the Region or a State, the prior consent of the electorate residing within the township concerned shall be obtained** and Section 54 states **where there arise a situation to alter or form the territorial boundary or change the name of a village, village-tract, ward, town, township or district of a Region, State, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone concerned, the President shall act, as necessary, upon the recommendation of the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.**

While the process of submitting recommendation to the President was in progress in accord with the law, the President Office will have to seek the consent of the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding alternation and formation of village, village-tract, ward, town, township by sending a letter to the Ministry of Home Affairs. General Administration Department of the ministry will have to seek a case file comprising a field report of Region/State commissioner concerned, meeting minutes of Region/State government concerned the recommendation of the Chief Minister and the map made by Region/State General Administration Departments concerned.

After scrutinizing the case file of Region/State General Administration Departments concerned, the ministry will have to report to the President Office. The President Office has to scrutinize again and send a letter to the ministry to continue to report to the meeting of Union Government. If the Union Government approves it, the Ministry of Home Affairs will have to take necessary measures in order to issue the notification.

Regarding the question, it is required to take necessary measures in accord with the provisions of Section 53 and 54 of the State Constitution and the abovementioned procedures.

Regarding the question raised by U Tin Tun of Shwegyin Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to open Passport Issuance Offices in Nay Pyi Taw and seats of Region/State governments as those from far-flung regions including Myitkyina and Kawthoung are to take out passports in Yangon as Passport Issuance Office is located in Yangon, the Union Minister replied the passports were once issued by the Office within a month. With the aim of relieving the time difficulties in passport issuance process, now passports can be taken out within three weeks since after 1 July 2011. According to the security concern, it can take two or three weeks to scrutinize background history of applicants and whether



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they are in black list. So it takes three weeks to issue passports. Starting from 1 April 2011, Machine Readable Passport (MRP) system has been introduced in accord with specifications of International Civil Aviation Organization. Under MRP system, blank passports have to be issued from a single place as they are security documents and they have to be printed with the use of security machines.

So there is no plan for the extended opening of Passport Issuance Offices in Nay Pyi Taw and seats of Region/State governments.

Although there is no plan to open Passport Issuance Offices in seats of Region/State governments in accord with the security concern, home service is being given to the aged and ailing persons. Any one, if necessary due to a certain reason, may apply to Home Service division of Myanmar Passport Issuance Office (Yangon).

Regarding the question raised by Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency who asked why inmates, who are separated from other ordinary inmates in prisons and kept in separate cells like special inmates, are not allowed to enjoy the privileges that can be enjoyed by ordinary inmates and whether they will be able to enjoy the privileges or not, privileges are being given to inmates who are serving prison terms in jails in Myanmar in accord with the Jail Manuals. Ordinary and special remissions are being granted to shorten their prison sentence in accord with the law. Paragraph 838 of the Jail Manuals states that inmates can enjoy two days a month each for good moral and following jail disciplines and for taking part in cottage industries of the jail and their dutiful performance in daily tasks under normal remission of their prison sentence.

Paragraph 841 states that inmates who carry out daily tasks on weekends and gazetted holidays can enjoy three days remission of their prison sentence once in three months. Paragraph 848 states that special remissions of their prison sentence are being allowed in accord with the specifications by the director-general, district deputy commission and officer-in-charge. While allowing special remission of their prison sentence, every inmate who has a right to enjoy ordinary remission of their prison sentence or not are granted to enjoy special remission of their prison sentence in accord with Paragraph 847 for their special performances.

Regarding the cells of jails in Myanmar, paragraph 860 of the Jail Manuals states that Jails, if necessary, are to have cells required for inmates to be kept separately and to be consigned to solitary confinement. In accord with set standards and recommendation of chief inspector, a cell can be used for solitary confinement. All cells are to be in a situation where inmates are not allowed to communicate with other inmates and the every cell must

have a small compound to let inmates for fresh air. Cells are to be used as follow:-

- (a) to sentence inmates to be consigned to a solitary confinement in accord with article 73 and 74 of penal code.
- (b) to use the way of keeping inmates separately and consigning them to solitary confinement in accord with Jail Manuals.
- (c) inmate would have to be held in a confined space separately in accord with paragraph 438 of Jail Manuals if the in-charge of the jail assumed an inmate who is living together with other inmates would cause disruption to jail disciplines or stimulate and attract other inmates to violate jail disciplines.
- (d) Inmates with unsound mind who are needed to guard and check.
- (e) Ailing inmates who are needed to check their health condition, inmates who suffer from diarrhoea, inmates who are in poor health, inmates who hurt themselves in a dangerous way to feel mental and physical pain, inmates infected with infectious diseases or injured inmates are to be held.
- (f) the provision states to put those under death sentence in confinement

The prisoners are allowed to meet their relatives once a week and inmates once every two weeks. Paragraph 784 (5) of the jail manuals states in general, it shall not exceed 20 minutes for meeting the guests; however the meeting duration may be exceeded under decision of the in-charge of the jail. As there are many numbers of prisoners and inmates at the jails as well as many numbers of guests, guest meeting time is limited. The prisoners and inmates at small jails and work camps are allowed some longer guest meeting time. Families of inmates and prisoners are allowed to stay at rehabilitation camps day and night.

In accord with the amnesty order (order No. 28/2011) of the President Office dated 16-5-2011, all prisoners and inmates have been granted one year each remission from their prison sentence. Rights of inmates are granted to all inmates at Myanmar jails in accord with the Jail Manuals. Remissions are allowed for the inmates' behaviors in following the rules and regulations of jail and participating in tasks of jail.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to two questions on rail transportation raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Kin Sein of Thayetchaung Constituency said that **as railroad were constructed passing farmlands, forests and mountains, horticultural farms, rubber**

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farms and oil palm farms in Tainthayi Region, local people lost lands of crops and rubber farms. He asked whether there is a plan to re-consider loss of rural people in building railroad construction. The Union Minister replied that the railroads are constructed by passing the farmlands and horticultural farms to avoid losses of the local people. In choosing railroad and stations, it is necessary to take care of selecting the alignment by adjusting the distance of towns/villages. In building the embankment for the railroad, the surface of the embankment must be 20 feet wide and its steep ratio is 1:2 for safety of trains. Therefore, the 10 feet high embankment will be 60 feet wide base area of the embankment. Moreover, soil is to be taken from 10 feet wide area, which is 25 feet distance from of the embankment. Thus, the area must be 130 wide for a railroad.

Directives have been issued to officials concerned for minimizing loss of horticultural farms, rubber and oil palm farms of the local people in taking necessary railroad area as much as possible. Officials at different levels are ordered to supervise such tasks.

Daw Nan Say Owa of Hpa-an Constituency asked whether there is a plan to run trains along Yangon-Mawlamyine-Hpa-an railroad or Yangon-Thaton-Hpa-an railroad for convenient traveling and saving transportation cost of commodities of local people from Papun, Hlaingbwe, Kawkareik and Myawady townships. The Union Minister replied that with regard to Yangon-Thaton railroad section, Yangon-Thaton-Myaingale railroad is 160 feet long and trains run along it at present. If the railroad is stretched to Hpa-an, the railroad will be six or eight miles long depending on the bridge crossing Thanlwin River and Hpa-an Station. The existing Thanlwin river crossing bridge cannot withstand the weight of train, so it is necessary to build a separate bridge across Thanlwin River.

If a railroad leading to Hpa-an is constructed from Yangon-Mawlamyine, the length of railroad will be added with 25 miles more in addition to construction of Attaran and Gyaing river crossing bridges. Of the two, Yangon-Thaton-Myaingale-Hpa-an railroad is more suitable. Before building Thanlwin River Bridge, railway stations should be built at the top of the existing motor road implementing the railroad construction project. Myanma Railways is to build 2255 miles long railroads in 13 railroad construction projects across the nation. So far, a total of 475 miles long railroad has been constructed, and the remaining 1780 feet long facilities are under construction. On completion, permission will be sought from the government for construction of the railroad leading to Hpa-an, and it will be implemented.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein replied to two questions on transport sector raised by Hluttaw representatives.

U Ba Htee of Yanbye Constituency said that as vessels of Inland Water Transport did not dock at Yanbye as of 19-3-2011, the local people face difficulties in transport. He asked whether there is a plan to regularly run vessels of IWT for smooth transport of local people. The Deputy Minister replied that Rakhine branch of IWT manages running of 21 vessels along Sittway-Buthidaung, Sittway-MraukU, Sittway-Taungup and Taungup-Manaung water courses. Of them, Sittway-Taungup is scheduled three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The vessel that left Sittway on Monday arrives at Yanbye Port regularly. Moreover, the vessels that left Sittway on Wednesday in first and third weeks dock at Yanbye Port.

However, the average number of passengers was less than 10 persons at Yanbye Port and less commodity. The vessels were in balance of cost efficiency, and so the run of vessels were suspended as of 1-7-2011. Despite

suspension of vessels of IWT, private motorboats run three days a week along Yanbye-Taungup route. As Yanbye-Kyaukpyu motor road has been constructed, private bus lines are in operation. The passengers go to Sittway by vessel through Kyaukpyu Port.

At present, number of passengers and volume of commodity is imbalance with income and cost of water way transport at Yanbye Port. IWT is placing emphasis on smooth transportation of people. When the number of passengers and volume of commodity increase, IWT will resume runs of vessels.

U Tun Aung Kyaw of Ponnagyun Constituency said that as sandbanks form at the entrance of creek leading to Ponnagyun and vessels of the government cannot dock at Ponnagyun at ebb-tide, the local people face loss in trading. He asked whether there is a plan to dredge silts the mouth of creek at Kaladan River to Ponnagyun for better water way transport.



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*Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency shooting questions.*

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The deputy minister replied that Kinchaung Bridge across Ponnagyun Creek was built on Sittway-Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw Road. A dyke blocks upstream of the creek was built for the railroad. Therefore, the blockage of water way in Ponnagyun Creek (Kin Creek) causes difficulties for boats in their runs. For ensuring better transport of passengers and commodities of Ponnagyun, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems is to make survey along the water way. Moreover, worksite vehicles and other materials including dredger are to be moved for dredging silt.

Hence, there is no plan to dredge silt at the entrance of water way to Ponnagyun. If some other places need dredging silt in Rakhine State, all the tasks of dredging will be undertaken.

With regard to question of U Tun Aung Kyaw, it was reported that the Ministry of Rail Transportation is removing the blockage on the water way in Ponnagyun Creek (Kin Creek) built for Sittway-Kyauktaw railroad, and arrangements are being made for construction of the railroad bridge.

As regard the proposal to adopt firm monetary policies for stability and development of national economy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to ensure foreign exchange rate under the law in conformity with the market submitted on 23 September by Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, four Hluttaw representatives participated in the discussions. Of them, U Win Myint of Myingyan Constituency and U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta Constituency said that officials concerned are still making efforts for monetary affairs at home and abroad, so the proposal should not be submitted, and it should be put on record. U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency and U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency said that instability of exchange rate is not in line with the law, new era and market. Thus, a foreign exchange rate in conformity with the market and era should be fixed



*Union Rail Transportation Minister U Aung Min responding to queries.*

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as quickly as possible, and they supported the proposal.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than said that the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Central Bank of Myanmar emphasizes adopting the financial and monetary policies to contribute to market economy. Financial policy annually adjusts expenditures of the State for economic development of the nation and uplift of living standard of the people. Moreover, emphasis is to be placed on harmony of stability of local good prices, better situation for balance sheet of foreign exchange, amount of loans, amount of money and interest rates for strengthening the local currency kyat by realizing the monetary policy. In so doing, monetary works are to be undertaken in line with law, rules, regulations and procedures. And, effective payment, repayment of loans and systematic measures of monetary system are being implemented.

Central Bank of Myanmar strictly supervises banks to follow reserved money requirements, ratio of capital sufficiency and ratio of money meeting international standards by practising monetary policy. In realizing the monetary policies, the interest rate policy and sale of treasury bonds are depended on stability of macro-economy of the State and monetary situation. Therefore, firm monetary policies are adopted.

It is necessary to place special emphasis on foreign exchange rate in conformity with the market as it is important for State economy. The Central Bank of Myanmar has made necessary preparations for fixing official foreign exchange rate by taking expertise and advices of IMF. On completion of process of the foreign exchange rate, official foreign exchange rate can be fixed under rules and regulations in conformity with the market. The official foreign exchange market will be put under control of CBM.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo reported that she would like to seek decision of the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw replied that as the ministry concerned is carrying out the task regarding the proposal, it does not need to submit more proposal, and the proposal will be put on record. While witnessing the endeavours of the ministry, respective Hluttaw committee will help implementation of the tasks concerning her proposal.

The chairmen and secretaries of Hluttaw committees held a meeting on 26 September to amend the Transport and Construction Committee as the Transport, Communication and Construction committee chaired by U Thein Swe of An Constituency and the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Committee as the Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Committee chaired by U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency.

The supplementary and amendment of the committee titles were submitted to the Hluttaw, and the Hluttaw approved it.

Daw Mi Yin Chan of Kyaikmaraw Constituency submitted a proposal to amend Laws for Women's Affairs and U Hla Tun of Khamti Constituency, for continued opening of University for Development of National Races.

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## Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 27<sup>th</sup> day

### Five questions answered, one review approved and put on record, one new proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 27<sup>th</sup> day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 211 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present at the session.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 raised a question about “whether there is a plan to give permission to issue private dailies comprehensively authorized by private part”. In response, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said that 961 permits for circulation of books and periodicals have been issued in Myanmar; those with permits are publishing books and periodicals in their own fields; 159 weekly journals and 149 monthly magazines are in circulation; and 34 journals come out on Monday, 17 on Tuesday, 21 on Wednesday, 17 on Thursday, 19 on Friday, 11 on Saturday, 13 on Sunday and 26 fortnightly, distributing news and knowledge to the public as daily newspapers.

He highlighted that periodicals are to stick to Section 354 of the Constitution which says “Every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of the rights to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality.”

According to the provision, media men have not only the rights to write and publish freely but obligations to safeguard the national security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility; they have responsibility to not be contrary to laws enacted for public order and morality as they are allowed to publish freely; the phrase “public order and morality” is far-reaching; sometimes it can be prescribed in laws and sometimes it cannot be; provisions related to the phrase in laws are to be adhered to and things that cannot be defined in laws are to be obeyed under consideration; the provision of the Constitution requires the journalists to exercise “press freedom and accountability” and “press freedom and consideration” concurrently, the Union minister said.

The Union Minister added that the lessons of the past are to be taken while looking forward to the future; a wide range of private periodicals and newspapers were published when the country was adopting parliamentary



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democracy system; of them, the majority failed to take the authentic role as fourth estate, creating stories with party loyalty, personality cult and ism excessively and leaving the country amid personal hatreds and disagreements among the people.

The Union Minister quoted the President as saying, “Laws regarding news media, the fourth estate, which do not commensurate with current reality are to be amended in accord with the provisions in the Constitution,” at the first regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Ministry of Information is managing amendments, cancellation and drafts of news media laws to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to create the situation for news media as prescribed in the Constitution, said the Union Minister.

He went on that, before the approval by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, media reforms and relaxations are being made to the extent allowed by the existing media laws; the actions are intended to keep the functions of media ready for the news media laws to be passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; some of reforms and relaxations include the decrease of press scrutiny policies from 21 to 12; the change was made in the light of policies being practiced in most world countries including ASEAN nations; and so, the policies of our country is to assume to be the same with international standards.

He continued to say that periodicals and publications

are allowed to constructively criticize and comment on any individual, organization or department within 12 press scrutiny policies while the exercise of “press freedom and accountability” and “press freedom and consideration” simultaneously is being encouraged; the periodicals and publications today are enjoying the rights.

All the periodicals and publications are divided into two groups; publishing/submitting system is allowed for group (1); the system requires the publishers to submit their papers to Press Scrutiny and Registration Division after publishing the papers freely under 12 policies with the exercise of “press freedom and accountability” and “press freedom and consideration”, explained the Union minister.

Periodicals in group (2) are to publish under submitting/publishing system which requires the publishers to submit their papers to PSRD before publishing the papers under 12 policies with the exercise of “press freedom and accountability” and “press freedom and consideration”, said the Union minister.

As the exercise of “press freedom and accountability” and “press freedom and consideration” and the practice of publishing/submitting system becomes accustomed, the group (2) periodicals will be transferred to the group (1) step by step; all the publications will eventually be under publishing/submitting system in accord with international standards, said the Union minister.

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The proposals will be discussed on 30 September, and the representatives wishing to participate in the discussions may enlist their names this evening.

The Region or State Hluttaw Bill submitted on 22 September was discussed based on amendments sent by the Hluttaw representatives till 23 September. The paragraphs and sub-paragraphs with no objection were approved.

The majority of the Hluttaw opposed the proposal of U Pe Than not to submit separate proposals and not to seek approvals, so his proposal of amendment was not approved and the original provision approved.

The Hluttaw approved Section (1) title and paragraphs (1) and (2), Section (2) title and paragraphs (3) and (4), Section (3) title and paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) and Section (4) title and paragraphs (8) and (9) till subparagraph (d) as part of the bill.

U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted the

proposals “to substitute the phrase **Hluttaw region** in original text of paragraph (9), sub-paragraph (e) with the word **constituency**, to substitute the word **coordination** with the phrase **making coordination**” and the proposal “to add the word **Hluttaw** before the word **experience** in original text of paragraph (9), sub-paragraph (f)”. The Hluttaw approved the proposals.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency was first to submit the proposal regarding amendment of paragraph (12), sub-paragraph (f), but withdrew the proposal. The Hluttaw approved paragraph (12), sub-paragraph (f) as part of the bill.

Hluttaw Committee Secretary Dr Soe Yin submitted the proposals “to substitute the phrase **three times a year** in paragraph (28) with the word **when necessary**”, and “to add the phrase **speaking ill of any other party** behind the phrase **speaking ill of other religions** in fourth line of paragraph (41)”. The Hluttaw approved the proposals.

Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency submitted the proposal “to switch paragraphs (78) and (79)”. When the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Committee Secretary Dr Soe Yin agreed the amendment.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted the proposal “to substitute the phrase **in required townships** in paragraph (79) of the original text with the phrase **in townships as required**”. When the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was acquired, Committee Secretary Dr Soe Yin agreed the amendment.

The paragraphs (78) and (79), as amended, are approved as part of the bill.

The paragraphs (80) and (81) are approved as part of the bill as there is no amendment.

The proposal that “the title and introduction of the bill should be part of the bill” was approved as the Hluttaw agreed the approval.

Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin submitted the proposal “to approve the whole **Region or State Hluttaw Bill** as amended by paragraphs, sub-paragraphs”. As the Hluttaw agreed, the proposal was approved under Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 159, sub-rule (d).

Today-approved **Region or State Hluttaw Bill** includes 14 Sections and 84 paragraphs.

The 28<sup>th</sup> day second regular session concluded at 2.40 pm and the session continues for 29<sup>th</sup> day on 30 September.—MNA

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The Union Minister concluded that the approval of amendments and drafts of media laws will be at the same time with the completion of media reforms; at that time the journalists will be entitled to write and share freely under the law and private newspapers will be allowed to publish.

U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 in his question asked **“whether or not there is an arrangement to systematically adopt a plan to lessen road accidents and causalities”**. In response, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint said that Criminal Section 279 prescribes that anyone who drive or ride the vehicle at the breakneck speed or in a careless manner on the road that can threaten human life or hurt others or inflict suffering on others shall be punished. And it is also prescribed that anyone who does speeding or careless drive shall be charged with Criminal Section 337, 338, 304 (a) and 279 in order of suffering degree that causes to a person.

According to data, there were 50 million people and 436,279 vehicles in 2000 in Myanmar. In 2010, there were 60 million people and 2,326,639 vehicles. On learning about vehicle accident cases from 2008 to 2010, reckless driving stood first and speeding second. Although there were cases due to machine failure, it was rare to find accidents due to weather and road failures. Mostly, although vehicle clashes can be labeled as accident, it is also found that there were accidents due to knowingly unruly and careless drive. To prevent such accidents, it is better to practice precautionary measures.

In making arrangements for precautionary measures for vehicle and road accidents, it is needed to work together ministry-wise and sector-wise. To put a stop to vehicle and road accidents, the ministry was taking measures and formed Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committees at region and state levels and district and township levels. Arrangements are being made to devise educative system, engineering system, supervisory and punishing system of international traffic enforcement system. Actions were taken against 598,490 motorcars, 145,311 motorbikes and 2179 slow moving vehicles in 2010.

In educative system, in cooperation with basic educative departments, arrangements were made to distribute 11,276 teacher manuals and 102,434 textbooks to basic education schools across the country publishing traffic rules books, putting traffic rules into school lessons and holding workshops at national level. Educative talks on traffic rules and contests were held in Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states. Notifications on traffic rules were also shown on radio, FM, MRTV and dailies and journals, and educative billboards were also put up.

In engineering system, as to traffic line, traffic police members together with related departments are making checks on vehicle and machine conditions before leaving gate, and on drives and conductors. Actions are also taking against over-speed vehicles. Annual checks on vehicles, checks during license issue period, checks before leaving terminal, and required surprise checks are being made on a regular basis.

In Myanmar, measures are being taken for giving education, engineering system and making check and taking action. Myanmar is following Moscow Declaration adopted in First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety which was held on 19 and 20 November 2009.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1 raised a question that **expert group conducted survey of Laymyo hydropower project and Saiding hydropower project and whether there is a plan to publicize the survey if there is, when the project will start and complete and electricity consume if the project is on the run. If Laymyo and Saiding**



**Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answers questions.**  
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**hydropower projects take a long time, whether or not power plant with the use of Shwe natural gas deposit will be constructed in Rakhine State, whether there is a plan to supply electricity through national grid to townships in Rakhine State. If there is no plan to do so, what the plan will do to help develop industrial sector of Rakhine State.** In response, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min said that Laymyo and Saiding hydropower projects are based on foreign investment. After completion of report on survey of the pros and cons of environment by the company concerned, Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 will hand over it to Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. Having scrutinized and approved by Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, the report will be publicized by posting it on the website of related hydropower company. The project is under observation and construction time will last from five to eight years. The output will be distributed to Rakhine State and connect with national grid under the arrangement of Ministry of Electric Power No. 2.

Korea Daewoo International Corporation is a head of A-1 and A-3 blocks of Shwe natural gas project



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off Rakhine coast, and members are KOGAS of Korea, ONGC Videsh Ltd and GAIL (India) Ltd of India and Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

He went on that members of gold project have focused on investment return and earning foreign currency and signed agreement to market natural gas of the project as liquefied natural gas, to establish special economic zone and supply natural gas to factories, to supply to India through pipelines and to supply to China on 24-12-2008; Myanmar and China have reached the agreement to supply natural gas to China commencing May, 2013 and agreed the natural gas amount for Myanmar and sale to China for the 30-year project.

He said that the government finds it is difficult to coordinate with Chinese government to provide some amount of natural gas from Gold Project to natural gas power plants that will generate electric power to all over Rakhine as the investment for construction of natural gas pipeline is huge and Myanmar has made commitment to China to supply natural gas at fixed date and has to compensate if it fails to supply in time; so, it is impossible to use natural gas for another project against the agreement.

He went on that although starting capital of

natural gas power plants is less than that of hydropower plants, the latter type has to use gas as fuel for power generation and thus its production cost is much larger than hydropower plants; so hydropower plants are generally built in regions of feasible hydroelectricity generation.



**Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint answers questions.**  
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He said that Rakhine State is poor in transportation due to its geographical features, which stands as barrier to power lines construction and thus national grid has not been able to cover Rakhine; despite this, people in Rakhine have access to electric power as the government has equipped it with diesel generators and fuel; however, the government has eyed for electric power coverage of Rakhine State and thus is implementing 230 KV power lines to Oatshitpin, entrance to Rakhine, as the first phase with Thahtay Creek hydropower project, An hydropower project, Laymyo River hydropower project and Saiding hydropower project in the process of planning; the generated electric power from those projects will be sufficient for Rakhine State and the surplus will be shared to national grid.

He went on that it is also planned to complete 230 KV power lines, and main power stations in parallel with projected hydropower plants; construction of Oatshinpin-Taungup, Taungup-Mai-An, Mai-Sane Khonmin Junction (Kyaukpyu), An-Man and (Oatshinpin-Taungup)-Thahtay Creek power grids, Taungup power station, Mai power station, An power station, Sane Khonmin Junction (Kyaukpyu) power station and Man power station is projected with the loans of India with a view to enabling people in Rakhine have full access to electricity before completion of those hydropower projects.

He added that 110 miles of 230 KV power lines, 223 miles of 66 KV power lines, 72 miles of 33 KV power lines and 13 power stations will be constructed for supply of electricity to entire Rakhine State with electric power from power network built with the loans of India, and above-mentioned hydropower projects.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 asked **“whether there is a plan to re-establish government hostels managed by universities for convenience of students as students today have to board at private hostels instead of government hostels managed by the universities, facing health and social problems, citing that private hostels charge high and are insecure.”**

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replied that it is learned that international universities do not have State-run hostels; out of 64 universities, degree colleges and colleges under the Ministry of Education, only two Universities of Education, 20 Education Colleges, and nine old universities like Mandalay University, totaling 31 have hostels and the remaining 33 do not have hostels; likewise 97 universities, degree colleges and institutes under other ministries do not have hostels.

The Union Minister went on that previously the State paid for hostel repair charges, water, electric power and sanitation and provided foodstuffs such as rice, oil, condensed milk and sugar at low price; nowadays,

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the government is increasingly investing in education sector and has focused on extended construction of universities and colleges, assignment of lecturers, and equipment of lab apparatus, and learning aids education and set the total fees for science subjects K 7500 and for arts K 7200 for an academic year.

He went on that for students from distant regions who board at private hostels; respective rectors have coordinated rules enforcement, accommodation, catering and sanitation with hostel owners near universities and colleges and ward/village-tract administrators concerned and formed hostel security committee led by lecturers of respective universities and colleges who make regular checks on hostels; and there is no plan for boarding at universities, degree colleges and colleges.

U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No 2 asked **"the role of Myanmar in world disarmament commission including non-proliferation of nuclear weapons of the United Nations and difficulties if there is any."**

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint said that non-proliferation of nuclear weapons has been a matter of serious concern to global villagers; after the emergence of the United Nations, the first resolution the General Assembly passed was related to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons urging atomic energy commission for total disarmament of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction from national weaponry of the nations.

Myanmar is paying serious attention to international peace and security and has been actively taking part in disarmament issues for some time; in addition it has joined 18-member disarmament commission established by disarmament conference in Geneva in 1962.

Myanmar signed the Non-Nuclear Proliferation

Treaty on 2 December, 1992 and South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty-SEANWFZ on 15, December, 1995.

Besides, Myanmar submitted proposals on nuclear disarmament to the UN Disarmament and International Security Committee yearly as from 1995 and Myanmar worked as a negotiator for ASEAN nations in the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) meeting of the 65<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly held from September to December 2010.

During the conference, Myanmar had submitted a nuclear disarmament draft and 37 countries had also co-tabled the motion of the draft. The draft was put to the vote in the First Committee on 27, October, 2010.

Afterwards, the draft was passed by 107 votes to 44, with 20 abstentions. It was a remarkable achievement for Myanmar last year that the motion tabled by Myanmar was approved, 37 countries had supported the motion, 19 EU members requested the committee chairman to change their votes against the paragraph 15 of the draft to the votes for.

A Myanmar delegation would submit the nuclear disarmament draft in the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) this year and would try hard to organize more countries to co-table the draft.

The three pillars of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty are: non-proliferation, disarmament and the right to cooperate and to peacefully use nuclear energy, he said. He continued to say that Myanmar would not take actions which would break the basic principles and objectives of the treaty. On 17, July, 1996, Myanmar had become a member of the southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ) which obliges its members not to develop or manufacture or otherwise acquire, possess and trespassing. Myanmar's yearly motion on Nuclear Disarmament Draft was a proof of its commitment.

It was found that some reports groundlessly accused Myanmar of developing nuclear weapons. That was just the fabrication of opposite organizations who wanted to put pressure on Myanmar to be able make the accusation

which posed threats to regional stability and peace. Myanmar had already stopped the nuclear reactors project as part of nuclear research because of a scarcity of resources and so as to be able to avoid the misunderstanding between the Myanmar government and international communities, he said.

The nuclear weapon disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation were interrelated and implementing the two tasks was the global concern. Besides, Myanmar would support the motion to hold a special meeting of UN to overcome the hardships to lay down tasks for disarmament, he said.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw announced that it put the review on **"the proposal to urge the Union Government to make necessary amendments to the Cooperatives Act 1992 managed by the Ministry of Cooperatives"** submitted by Member of the Public Accounts Committee U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 on record.

Afterwards, U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No 2 submitted **"the proposal to urge the Union Government to enact a law amending the Union of Burma Airways Act of 1952 with the aim of helping Myanmar Airways to be continued to stand as a National Flag Carrier"**. A representative seconded the proposal and the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced that Pyithu Hluttaw made decision to approve the Union Election Commission Bill without amendments to it which was sent by Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw made decision to approve the Labour Organizations Bill without making amendments to it which was sent by Amyotha Hluttaw.

Afterwards, the 27<sup>th</sup> day meeting of the Second Regular Session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 1.30 pm and it will continue tomorrow.

During today's meeting, five questions were answered, one review was approved and put on record and one new proposal was submitted.

MNA

### USD, Euro, Singapore dollar can be exchanged for Kyats and vice versa commencing 1<sup>st</sup> Oct



**Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein hands over money changer licenses to private banks.—MNA**

YANGON, 29 Sept— For the convenience of tourists who visit Myanmar and Myanmar nationals who go abroad and with a view to conducting joint-venture of foreign currency market in Myanmar, elimination of illegal foreign currencies trading, and stabilization of currency exchange rate, Central

Bank of Myanmar would issue money changer license to six private banks in accord with rules and regulations with permit to run currency exchange counters at No. 99/103 on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, here since 1 October, said Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein

at the issuing of money changer licenses held at currency exchange counter on Theinbyu Road here his morning.

According to the governor, Myawady Bank, Inwa Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Co-operatives Bank, Myanma Industrial Development Bank and Myanmar Oriental Bank will be engaged in

### 31<sup>st</sup> Local Pearl Sale concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Myanma Pearl Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines held 31<sup>st</sup> Local Pearl Sale at Myanma Gems Museum from 27 to 29 September.

A total of 332 pearl lots out of 382 were sold through tender and

competitive bidding systems to pearl merchants. Daw Aye Aye Mon of Pearl Empress Company who purchased most lots

received a commemorative prize awarded by Acting Managing Director of the enterprise U Sein Lwin.—MNA

currency exchange service. The governor then handed money changer licenses to the six private banks and Governor of MOB U Mya Than spoke words of thanks on behalf of the banks.

USD, Euro, Singapore dollars and FEC can be exchanged for Kyats and vice versa at the counters and the exchange rate formulation group will trade in foreign currencies in line with daily exchange rates in international currency exchange market.—MNA

### First Nay Pyi Taw Mini Marathon (20 km) on 23 October

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Track and Field Federation under the leadership of Myanmar National Sports Committee, the First Nay Pyi Taw Mini Marathon (20 km) Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 October 2011 on a grand scale.

Handsome prizes will be presented to winners of respective events of the competitions.

Any one from Regions and States may contest in the competition and those wishing to take part in it may enlist through Region/State/district/township Sports and Physical Education Departments not later than 15 October. — MNA

### Depavali Day announced

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept— The Union Government announced that as 14<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1373 ME (26 October 2011) is Depavali Day, the government offices will be closed on that day under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.—MNA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV HOANG LONG 68 VOYNO(0901)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HOANG LONG 68 VOY NO (0901) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S NOBLE PACIFIC WORLD  
WIDE, SINGAPORE**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO (140)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO (140) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 30.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Photo taken on 26 Sept, 2011 shows the Tongjin Bridge in Yunlong County of Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province. The Tongjin Bridge, a wooden arch bridge of more than 200 years, is still used for transportation and tourism. Across the rivers of Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture stand many bridges with antique flavour, attracting a lot of tourists.—XINHUA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11018)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11018) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
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AGENT FOR: M/S T.S LINES**

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**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER**

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Srl No.	Tender No	Description	Qty
1.	12(T)13/MR(ML)	Lube Oil & HSD Filter for	3-Items
	2011-2012	Locomotive	

Closing Date & Time - 11.11.2011(Friday)(12:00)Hr

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 30.9.2011 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 291994,

**Jealous fruit vendor kills nine in China**

HEBEI, 29 Sept—A fruit vendor in northern China murdered his wife and eight others in a jealous rage because he feared she was cheating on him, the state Xinhua news agency said Wednesday, quoting police. Qin Changcheng, 32, has been arrested and confessed to killing his wife, her boss, his aunt and uncle and six neighbours, Xinhua said, citing a statement from police in Hebei Province.

The Oriental Morning Post, a Shanghai-based daily, said Qin carried out the killings on Monday, starting at a car wash in Botou City where his wife worked. He then moved on to a dormitory in the city of around 560,000 people, 200 kilometres (130 miles) north of Beijing, where he murdered the others. It was not clear how he carried out the killings.

It was the highest death toll from a single killing spree reported in China since April, when a 33-year-old man in north China's Liaoning Province murdered 10 people including his father, wife and son, after he was refused a loan.—Xinhua

**How ants build nest ventilating turrets**

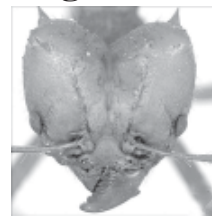
BUENOS AIRES, 29 Sept—Grass-cutting ants build gigantic nests — underground cities where up to seven million insects live and tend a fungal garden that feeds their young. Scientists have now discovered how the ants build nests that stay at the right temperature for this precious fungus to grow.

The ants build porous turrets, specifically to ventilate the nests. A study, reported in the *Journal of Insect Behaviour*, has revealed how they manage this feat.

Marcela Cosarinsky from the Argentinian Museum of Natural Sciences, Bernardino Rivadavia, in Buenos Aires led the study. It was already known that the turrets, which jut out above the ants' expansive nests allowed air into the underground labyrinths. But this

study is the first to show that the ants carefully construct the turrets with highly porous walls that are perfect for this exact job. To show this was the case, the team carefully designed a construction task for the ants.

Dr Cosarinsky and her colleagues brought a colony of grass-cutting ants into their laboratory and provided them with materials to built their giant nests. —Internet



The insects mould clay in their specialised jaws.—INTERNET

File photo shows a fruit vendor awaiting customers in Beijing on 11 Dec, 2008.—XINHUA



Up to seven million grass-cutting ants can live and farm fungus in one giant nest.—INTERNET

**Quake-damaged Washington Monument to remain closed**

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept—The Washington Monument is to remain closed indefinitely to visitors, as engineers assess the damage to the obelisk caused by August's earthquake. The National Park Service said numerous cracks had been found in the iconic landmark in the US capital. But it said that the 555ft (169m) monument was "structurally sound".

The agency added that experts would now begin checking what needed to be mended to make sure the obelisk was safe before the public was allowed back in. "The good

news: The monument is structurally sound and is not going anywhere," said Bob Vogel, superintendent of the National Mall for the National Park Service.—Internet

The obelisk was erected in honour of first US President George Washington.—INTERNET



**General Motors workers approve 4-year contract**

CHICAGO, 29 Sept— Workers in General Motors Co on Wednesday approved the automaker's four-year contract with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union, and the contract came into effect immediately.

The Detroit News on Wednesday reported that 65 percent of GM's production workers and 63 percent of skilled trade workers voted in favor of the deal, ratifying a tentative agreement struck two weeks ago.

According to the new agreement, the workers' entry level pay was raised by three dollars per hour and a 75,000-dollar buyout were offered for skilled trade workers. Workers also will get a 1, 000-dollar "inflation protection" lump sum for the next four years.—Xinhua

## Twins who are different



Eighteen-year-old British twins James, left, and Daniel Kelly.

The term "twins" usually brings to mind two nearly identical people. But that's not always the case. In rare instances, twins enter the world with pronounced and unusual differences. Here's a look at some extraordinary pairs.

First, take James and Daniel Kelly, recently profiled by the UK's *Guardian*. Born in 1993 to Alyson and Errol Kelly in southeast London, one of the boys is black and the other is white. James,

who is black, looks like his dad, who is of Jamaican heritage. Daniel is white, like his mom. Normally, the genes of both twinned siblings would combine,

producing two mixed-race children. But that didn't happen in this rare case.

A geneticist told the newspaper that the divergence in the boys' appearance has to do with the father's Jamaican heritage, which includes both European and African ancestries. In about one in 500 sets of twins born to a couple of this genetic mix, "The father will pass on a lot of European DNA to one child and mostly African DNA to the other. The result will be one white child and one black."

## Doritos founder to be buried with iconic snack chips

The man credited with creating Doritos will be buried along with some of his beloved snack chips, his family told *Reuters* on Tuesday.

Arch West died 20 September of natural causes at a Dallas hospital. He was 97. His remains were cremated, and the family plans to bury the urn inside a burial box at a local cemetery on Saturday.

The family requested that friends and relatives who attend the graveside service be allowed to toss Doritos around the box as a tribute. "He would think it is hilarious," said his daughter Jana Hacker, a resident of the Dallas area. "The cemetery does not mind because they are biodegradable."

## Mass town's new turkey may be old turkey



Residents of a Massachusetts town said Fred, a local wild turkey named via an Internet poll, may also be Beaky, a local turkey missing since July.

Rachel Leah Blumenthal, 26, of Somerville, said she first spotted Fred the turkey near the Durrell community garden, *The Boston Globe* reported Wednesday.

"It does make sense that it would be Beaky," Blumenthal said. "Then again, I don't know if I could really tell the difference between turkeys."

## City bans bra-hanging breast cancer event

Officials in a Georgia City have banned the hanging of bras across major intersections to draw attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Savannah City officials said they decided not to allow the "Bras Across Broughton" event, created by Clear Channel Communications, because they believe stringing bras across the four Broughton Street intersections would be in poor taste, the *Savannah Morning News* reported Tuesday.

"We have always closely scrutinized for appropriateness any private use of our public spaces," City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney wrote in a memo to City Council members last week. "In this case, we weighed the goal of increased breast cancer awareness with the appropriateness of hanging underwear across one of our main streets."

### News Album

## Bluegrass world celebrates Monroe centennial

NASHVILLE (Tenn), 29 Sept—Ricky Skaggs can imagine the look his old friend Bill Monroe might have had on his face if he were alive today to see the bluegrass world celebrate his legacy. "He would get out of the car and have that back straight as an arrow, and he'd have that hat on, and he'd be pulling it off and thanking people," Skaggs said. "He'd really be happy about people celebrating his life."

As members of the International Bluegrass Music Association gather for their annual awards and conference in Nashville this week, Monroe and the message of his music are foremost on their minds. Monroe, the architect of bluegrass and a patron saint of country music, would have turned 100 on 13 Sept. He died in 1996 at the age of 84. Monroe is being honoured with concerts in his memory and historical discussions this week, and he'll play a prominent role during the Bluegrass Awards on Thursday as well.—*Internet*



Musician Steve Cooley, front, examines one of the banjos on display on 27 Sept, 2011, during the week-long International Bluegrass Music Association celebration in Nashville, Tenn. INTERNET

## Lady Gaga sues co over trademark bids in her name



In this 24 Sept, 2011, file photo, Lady Gaga performs during the iHeartRadio music festival, in Las Vegas. On 27 Sept, 2011, MTV will announce the *O Music Awards 2*, to take place 31 Oct. Lady Gaga is among the leading nominees, with two nominations. INTERNET

Excite Worldwide LLC Chicago and Henderson, Nevada.

US Patent and Trademark Office records show the applications haven't been approved. But the and baubles. Excite Worldwide didn't immediately respond to her efforts to add to her own telephone messages suite of trademarks surrounding her name. Wednesday at numbers listed for the company in *Internet*

## Chinese film festival kicks off in Seoul

SEOUL, 29 Sept—The Chinese film festival that has played a major role in bolstering cultural exchanges between South Korea and China raised its curtains on Wednesday in Yongsan, Central Seoul. Under the theme of "Meet the Greatest Muses in Chinese films," the sixth edition of the festival will feature movies of 10 leading Chinese actresses including Zhang Ziyi, Tang Wei, and Gong Li as well as the films that have not been released in South Korea.

Established in 2006, the festival has been held in South Korea as a Chinese film festival and in China as a (South) Korean film festival every other year. It offers a window into Chinese culture to South Koreans by introducing latest Chinese movies. Acclaimed China's Hong Kong filmmaker Jacob Cheung's romantic fantasy film, "Rest on Your Shoulder" was selected as the opening film for the festival.—*Xinhua*

## Elton John starts three-year Las Vegas run at Caesars



British singer Elton John performs at the Rock in Rio music festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 23 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 29 Sept—Elton John is returning to

Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

The five-time Grammy winner was set to perform Wednesday night for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October, the first performances of a new show titled "The Million Dollar Piano."

The remainder of the

shows during the three-year run have not yet been announced.

John says it's named for the instrument he'll play during the show — a piano that took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build.

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," John said of the instrument earlier this year as the show was announced.—*Internet*

## Ibrahimovic inspires Milan to Plzen victory

MILAN, 29 Sept—Zlatan Ibrahimovic starred on his injury comeback as he inspired AC Milan to a 2-0 victory over Viktoria Plzen on Wednesday to keep them on Barcelona's heels in Champions League Group H. The big Swede came straight back into the team following two weeks out with a groin strain and scored a penalty before setting up Antonio Cassano for the decisive second.

Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri praised his star forward and admitted the group should come down to the crunch clash at San Siro between Milan and Barca on 23 November.

"Ibra had a good comeback, he played well and helped the team. He gives us a physical presence; he's technical, has important qualities and he's a point of reference," said Allegri. "I'm happy with how he played, given he hadn't played for a while." "Winning is never easy. Tonight we did it our way. They were organized and did well on the counter-attack, attacking with five men.—Internet



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates after scoring a penalty shot against Viktoria Plzen at San Siro Stadium in Milan.—INTERNET



## Messi ties for 2nd on Barcelona scoring list

MADRID, 29 Sept—Lionel Messi moved into a tie for second place on Barcelona's career scoring list, getting



Argentine Lionel Messi of FC Barcelona celebrates a goal during the UEFA Champions League Group H football match against Bate Borisov in Minsk.—INTERNET

a goal in each half Wednesday night to lead the defending champions to a 5-0 victory at BATE Borisov of Belarus in the European Champions League.

Messi scored in the 38th and 55th minutes to give him 14 goals in 10 games this season and 194 in his career, matching Laszlo Kubala. Just 24, Messi is closing in on Cesar Rodriguez's team record of 235 goals from 1942-55.

"I am very happy to have equaled a man who was so important in the history of this club," Messi said. "I knew that I could match Kubala, but I didn't go out tonight thinking about scoring goals, nothing of the sort, just playing like always."—Internet

Darren Clarke speaks during a press conference during a practice day for the Alfred Dunhill Links Golf Championships at the Old Course, St Andrews.—INTERNET

## Clarke struggling for motivation after British win

ST ANDREWS, 29 Sept—Darren Clarke acknowledged he's struggling to stay motivated after achieving his lifetime goal of winning the British Open. Clarke earned an emotional victory at Royal St George's in July, winning the major in his 20th attempt. Since then, the 43-year-old Northern

Irishman has missed the cut twice, finished tied for 68th at the Bridgestone Invitational and tied for 35th at the European Masters. Clarke said Wednesday that being appointed Ryder Cup captain is the biggest challenge left in his career.

First up, however, is the Dunhill Links Championship this week. He'll be playing in a field with US Open champion Rory McIlroy and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel with Ryder Cup points on the line. Clarke said he's been taking motivational advice from those closest to him.—Internet



## Sub Ballack seals Leverkusen's win over Genk

MUNICH, 29 Sept—Ex-German captain Michael Ballack came off the bench to seal Bayer Leverkusen's 2-0 Champions League win over Belgian champions Genk on Wednesday to put the Germans second in Group E.

Having gone down 2-0 to group leaders Chelsea at Stamford Bridge a fortnight ago, Leverkusen picked themselves up from the defeat with midfielder Lars Bender scoring the opener in the first half.

Ballack, who turned 35 on Monday, netted the second in added time to claim his first goal in more than 18 months, having spent much of this season on the bench due to the after-effects of back-to-back injuries in 2010.

The three points ease some of the

pressure on Leverkusen coach Robin Dutt, whose side also lost their last two German league games following the defeat by Chelsea.

Internet



Leverkusen's midfielder Lars Bender scores during the UEFA Europe League Group E football match against KRC Genk in Leverkusen, Germany.—INTERNET

## Late penalty denies Chelsea at Valencia

LONDON, 29 Sept—Frank Lampard proved his worth to Chelsea on Wednesday with a goal in their Champions League Group E clash with Valencia, but a late Roberto Soldado penalty earned the hosts a 1-1 draw.

The build-up to the game had focused on the diminishing role that Lampard is having in the Chelsea team under Andre Villas-Boas, with the England midfielder having played in only one of his side's previous four games.

In the pre-match Press conference Villas-Boas angrily replied to a barrage of questions by insisting that Lampard does have a future at the club and he

underlined the point by including him in the starting line-up.

Lampard had a quiet game but crucially found the back of the net on 56 minutes after the ball was played back to him inside the box by Florent Malouda.

The game opened up in the final stages and Soldado converted a penalty three minutes from time following a handball by substitute Salomon Kalou. "It was a solid performance," said Villas-Boas.—Internet



Valencia's forward Roberto Soldado celebrates after scoring during the UEFA Champions league match against Chelsea.—INTERNET

Arsenal's Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (R) scores a goal during the UEFA Champions League group F match against Olympiakos.—INTERNET

## Arsenal ride luck to see off Olympiakos, 2-1

LONDON, 29 Sept—Arsenal assistant manager



Pat Rice expects Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain to have a major impact with the Gunners after the teenage winger became the youngest English goalscorer in the Champions League in his side's 2-1 win over Olympiakos.

Just five months ago, Oxlade-Chamberlain was completing his first

full season as pro with Southampton in League One, but he showed no signs of being overawed when Gunners boss Arsene Wenger asked him to fill in for Theo Walcott on the right flank against the Greeks at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Internet

## Marseille right ship with victory over Dortmund

PARIS, 29 Sept—Marseille put their domestic struggles to one side with a timely 3-0 win at home to German

champions Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday that put them in charge of Champions League Group F.

A 20-yard strike from Andre Ayew gave the hosts a 1-0 half-time lead and they survived a Dortmund rally to prevail after a composed Loic Remy finish and a second goal for Ayew.

Victory kept OM two points clear of Arsenal in the group, ahead of the double-header against Arsene Wenger's side that starts with a home game on 19 October.—Internet



Marseille's Argentine midfielder Lucho Gonzalez (R) protects himself from a kick by Dortmund's German defender Marcel Schmelzer during the Champions league group F football match.—INTERNET

## Nadal to play exhibition match with Ferrer in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 29 Sept—Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal will play an exhibition match with his fellow countryman David Ferrer in Mexico City in the first week of December, organizers said on Wednesday.

Nadal, currently ranked the world's second best, will play the match on a hard surface court which will be installed in the Sports Palace in Mexico City, a sports ground which holds a capacity of up to 18,000 spectators. The exact date is still to be confirmed, said organizers IMLA de Colombia, an entertainment and sports marketing group.—Xinhua

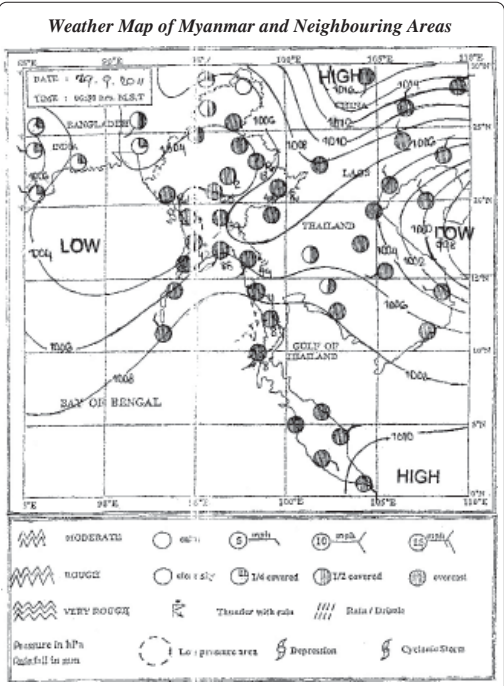
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-9-2011) (Friday)**

<b>Transmissions</b>	<b>Times</b>
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(30-9-11 09:30 am ~ 1-10-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* A Highland with Peace and Charm
  - \* News
  - \* Youth & Language (1)
  - \* Toward A Happier and Wealthier Nation
  - \* News
  - \* Evergreen Classical Music (part-1)

- \* News
  - \* Traditional Jacket of Myanmar Men
- Overseas Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* A Highland with Peace and Charm
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- \* Bamboo Fashion in Style
- \* Paragu Shantiniketan Library
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Circular Stone Slad
- \* News
- \* Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival (part-1)
- \* Myanmar Movie "The Magician's Flower"



**Weather forecast for 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	30/86	23/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayan	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
4	Chin	23/73	12/54	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taintharyi	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

**Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today**  
 During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Chin State, fairly widespread in Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Bago Regions, isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Dyanama) (6.93) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezein) (6.50) inches, Kayan (5.00) inches, Thuyawady (4.25) inches, Zangtu (4.21) inches, Thazi (3.77) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.34) inches, Kyaukhiami (3.11) inches, Thayet (2.64) inches, Meiktila and Yamein (2.36) inches each and Taungthonggyi (1.89) inches.

**Bay Inference**  
 Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**State of the Sea**  
 Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Motima off and along Mon-Taintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days**  
 Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.



**Friday, 30 September View on today**

- 7:00 am**  
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**  
 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**  
 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**  
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**  
 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**  
 7. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am**  
 8. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Basic Education Level) (Women)
- 8:40 am**  
 9. International News
- 8:45 am**  
 10. Musical Programme

- 3:30 pm**  
 1. Myanmar National Language MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Ayeyawady United & Yangon United)
- 5:00 pm**  
 2. Musical Programme
- 5:20 pm**  
 3. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Basic Education Level) (Women)
- 5:35 pm**  
 4. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kaladoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**  
 5. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**  
 6. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**  
 7. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**  
 8. TV play in honour of Myanmar Library Foundation
- 8:00 pm**  
 9. News
- 10:00 pm**  
 10. International News
- 11:00 pm**  
 11. Weather Report
- 12:00 pm**  
 12. Monthly Weather Report
- 13:00 pm**  
 13. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Music)
- 14:00 pm**  
 14. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 15:00 pm**  
 15. TV Drama Series
- 16:00 pm**  
 16. Song Lover

**China Internet users exceed 500 million**

BEIJING, 29 Sept—A senior government official said Thursday that China's Internet users has exceeded 500 million — an Internet popularization rate close to 40 percent.

Wang Chen, chief of the Information Office of the State Council, made the remarks while addressing the fourth UK-China Internet Roundtable meeting.

The latest numbers updated statistics released by the China Internet Network Information Center in July, which said the number of users had reached 485 million in June.

Wang said rural Internet users total 130 million, accounting for 27 percent of all users in China.

More than half of Chinese internet users communicate and share information via social networks, Wang said, adding that all types of network applications have been developing rapidly in China.

"China's Internet industry has been expanding in scale and has become an important emerging strategic industry," he said

Electronic commerce offers nearly 2 million direct jobs and over 13 million indirect ones, he said, noting that electronic government services have promoted the

innovation of social services and elevated government efficiency and the level of government openness.

The two-day meeting with over 100 representatives from governmental departments, renowned Internet enterprises and research institutes of the two countries ends on Friday.—Xinhua



**Arash Kamalvand (L) of Iran spikes the ball during the semifinal against South Korea at the 16th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship in Tehran, Iran, 28 Sept, 2011. Iran won 3-1 to advance to the final.**  
 XINHUA

## The Law Amending Commercial Tax Law (The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 3)

2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1373 ME  
(29 September, 2011)

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts the following law.

1. This law shall be called the Law Amending the Commercial Tax Law.
2. This law shall come into effect starting 2011-2012 fiscal year.
3. The phrase "State or Division Head of Internal Revenue Department shall be replaced with "Region or State Head of Internal Revenue Department" or "Head of Corporation Tax Office".
4. In the Section 3 of the Commercial Tax Law—
  - (a) The phrase in sub-section (d) "Union government" shall be replaced with the phrase "Ministry of Finance and Revenue in accordance with Section 6".
  - (b) The sub-section (e) shall be substituted with following paragraph: "e) Sales revenue means money earned or to be earned for selling commodities in cash or on credit or other suspended payment system or pre-sale system. If it is exchange of commodities, it means fixed price of commodities in exchange. The phrase also covers value of wrapping materials used for packing commodities."
  - (c) After the sub-section (p), sub-section (q) shall be inserted as follows:-
    - (q) Head of Township Internal Revenue Department according to

this law means the personnel-in-charge of respective township Internal Revenue Department who is assigned to levy tax on taxpayers. The phrase also covers staff officers of Corporation Tax Office who are assigned to levy tax."

5. The phrase "services revenue" in Section 7 of the Commercial Tax Law shall be substituted with "customer service".
6. In Section 8 of the Commercial Tax Law-
  - (a) The phrase "the Union government" shall be substituted with the phrase "The Ministry of Finance and Revenue under the agreement of Union government".
  - (b) The phrase "three years in a row commencing from the starting year" in sub-section c ii shall be substituted with the phrase "36 consecutive months starting from date of commercial production".
7. The phrase "taxable" in sub-sections (a) and (b) of the Section 11 of the Commercial Tax Law shall be cancelled.
8. In Section 14 of Commercial Tax Law,
  - (a) The sub-section (c) shall be substituted as follows:-
    - (c) If the head of the Township Internal Revenue Department cannot calculate the accurate amount of sales revenues or services revenue from the accounts of taxpayer, he or she shall examine other evidences and levy tax.
  - (b) The sub-section (d) shall be inserted after the sub-section (c) as follows:-

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## The Law Amending Income Tax Law (The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut, 1373 ME  
(29 September, 2011)

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts the following law.

1. This law shall be called the Law Amending the Income Tax Law.
2. This law shall come into effect starting 2011-2012 fiscal year.
3. In the Income Tax Law,
  - (a) The word "tax assessment committee" shall be substituted with the word "Head of Township Internal Revenue Department."
  - (b) The word "First Appellate Tribunal" shall be substituted with the word "Head of Region or State Internal Revenue Department" or the word "Corporation Tax Office."
  - (c) The word "Second Appellate Tribunal" shall be substituted with the word "Revenue Appellate Tribunal."
4. In Section 3, the following sub-section shall be inserted as sub-section (j)
  - (j) A group of persons includes an organization comprising partnership business, joint-venture business, company, individual, an officially-registered organization or an association in accord with an existing law, a cooperative society and state-owned business organizations.
5. After Section 3, sub-section (r), sub-section (s) and sub-section (t) shall be inserted as follow:-

"(s) Head of Township Internal Revenue Department is an officer in-charge of Township Internal Revenue Department concerned who is assigned duty to levy tax on taxpayer in accord with the law. Duty-assigned Staff Officers of Corporation Tax Office are also included in this word.

- (t) tax dodger shall be stated as follows:-
  - (i) tax dodger who failed to pay fully or partially tax levied in accord with this law during the prescribed period or extended period.
  - (ii) tax dodger who failed to pay tax deducted from the original ource."
6. In Section 6, sub-section (c) (ii) (cc) of Income Tax Law, the word "taxpayer or life insurance of spouse" shall be substituted with "taxpayer and life insurance of spouse."
7. In Section 7 of Income Tax Law, "the Union Government" shall be substituted with "the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government under the approval of Union Government."
8. In Section 11 of Income Tax Law, explanation shall be inserted as follows:-
  - "Explanation: Business includes money-lending certificates, bonds and making investment to receive interest including debenture certificates."
9. After Section 12, sub-section (a) of Income Tax Law, explanation shall be inserted as follows:-
  - "Explanation: In renting land or land and building, renting leasehold land or land and building is also included."

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## The Law Amending Office Tax Act (The 2011 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut, 1373 ME  
(29 September, 2011)

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts the following law.

1. This law shall be called the Law Amending the Office Tax Act.
2. The phrase "Clause (b) or clause (d)" and sections 22 and 23 of the section 15 of the Office Tax Law must be cancelled.
3. Except the section 20 of the Office Tax Act, the phrase "President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar may" shall be substituted with the phrase "Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government may, with the approval of the Union Government". The phrase "President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar" shall be

substituted with the phrase "the Union Government."

4. The section 35 of the Office Tax Act shall be substituted as follows:-
  - "35. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union Government may, with the approval of the Union Government, by notification:
    - (a) reduce or remit all or any of the fees mentioned in the First and Second Schedules of this Act.
    - (b) amend or enhance all or any of the amounts or values, numbers or proper fees mentioned in this Act including those in Schedules annexed thereto.

I sign according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Thein Sein  
President  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar