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The Meeting (2/2021) of Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Held



Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered speech at the 2/2021 meeting of Union Government of Republic of the Union of Myanmar which was held at the meeting hall of the Chairman of SAC office in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 October. The excerpts from the speech of Senior General are as follows:

- As the governments implement political policies in any country, in connection with politics, the government is taking measures by adopting policy for Myanmar to be a country with prosperity and abundant food supplies.
- The country is earning the highest amount of foreign exchange from products from agriculture and livestock. Therefore, the focus is putting on the economy based on agriculture and livestock.
- As the farmers who carry out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks are people living in rural areas, it is necessary to give priority to high living standards and enhancement of economy for rural people.
- It is necessary for ministries and chief ministers of relevant regions and states to carry out tasks for rural development and economic growth, and development of states.
- Regarding the education, “Only when the people have the school education, will they have the knowledge and then technologies.” Therefore, it is necessary to give priority to education.
- As 70 percent of the population live in rural areas play an important role in the economy of the State, it is important to promote the education of people in rural areas. Therefore, responsible ministries and region and state governments are required to take this issue seriously.
- In order to get necessary fertilizers for the agriculture, natural fertilizers such as bio fertilizer, humus fertilizer, fertilizer made from cow dung and pig dung and EM bokashi fertilizer can be produced domestically. So, livestock breeding tasks should be carried out in a cage system.
- The farmers should not be complacent about using traditional livestock breeding methods only. It is necessary to catch up with modern technologies. As such, the government must give encouragement and supports.
- With regard to the fertilizer requirements in the country, only three plants are in

- operation among the five fertilizer plants. Therefore, it is necessary to find the way for operating all plants with full capacity and producing more fertilizers.
- A total of 30 million acres of crops are grown along the banks Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers. We have still requirements the fertilizers producing from three local factories and we have to import 1.5 million tons a year using US\$280 million. So, we need to produce urea fertilizer plants.
 - The river-water pumping projects must be implemented effectively for enough irrigation water for all-season growing of crops.
 - In our country, onshore and offshore gas is being produced as well as wind power can also be tapped in the coastal regions.
 - Respective region and state chief ministers need to do this on small and medial scales depending on regionally available sources. As river water pumping projects are beneficial to agricultural undertakings, encouragement must be made.
 - An energy policy is being formulated to ensure sufficient use of natural gas in the domestic sector in the energy sector. Similarly, coal needs to be used systematically to generate the required energy in factories.
 - Regarding the need for adequate production of cement in the country, some are made of dry process and some are made of wet process. In fact, the dry method is the best in Myanmar. It is better to change the method to produce cement to dry process. The government will provide a loan for this.
 - We have to set a standard for the production without importing cement, and domestic factories have to produce good quality to get this standard. Responsible authorities have to check and make it in line with the policy.
- Regarding the construction of a steel plant, there are about four places that can actually be commercialized for many years in Myanmar. Therefore, we cannot be satisfied with small rods. We need to produce various sizes of iron rods such as H beam and I beam.
 - Regarding production of cements at home, our government is making efforts to produce the adequate stocks for domestic market. Also, for the production of fertilizer and steel materials, anyone at home and abroad is invited to invest in such industries. Government pledge to provide necessary assistance for any local and foreign businesspersons for operating steel mills and fertilizer plants.
 - In respect of the transport sector, public transport needs to be encouraged, efforts must be made to use trains, circular train and bus lines. Government is endeavoring to transform the public transport to electric ones.
 - Regarding the foodstuff, the domestic production should use the technology to produce quality products and the import of foodstuff is to be reduced.
 - Cooperation is being conducted with foreign countries to improve the techniques of growing cotton plants.
 - In order to promote the education, basic education is defined as compulsory and people in all states and regions need to pass the class of KG+9.
 - 12-year-old and above students from basic education high schools and middle schools are being vaccinated for COVID-19. Efforts are being made to purchase necessary vaccines.
 - As the country needs the educated human resources in building the Union based on democracy and federalism without fail, regions and states with weak education should encourage academic matters.

After the Union ministers submitted their reports and sought approvals, the prime minister, the chairman of the State Administration Council gave the concluding remarks as follows:

- In order to teach the students of basic education in rural and remote areas, Ministry of Education needs to turn out qualified education staff.
- Those who studied modern techniques abroad must be deployed in the correct positions.
- Based on cooperative system, efforts must be made for the development of the rural area. Moreover, it is necessary to gather the raw materials at home and produce export quality products.
- Efforts must be made to stabilize the economy in order to firm the value of Myanmar currency. Arrangements are being made to control the currency value in order to stabilize the banking system as much as possible.
- Ministries need to supervise the tasks with farsightedness.

The Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council, the deputy prime minister, Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the Union Ministers and responsible personnel attended the physical meeting. The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and the chief ministers of states and regions attended the meeting via video conferencing.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-10-2021)

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs Issued a Press Statement on Myanmar's Representation at the ASEAN Meetings

Press Statement

Myanmar being an ASEAN Member State has the full rights to participate in the upcoming 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits to be held from 26 October 2021 to 28 October 2021 as the ASEAN Charter guaranteed equality of all ASEAN Member States and thus an equal level of representation at the ASEAN Meetings in equal footing with the fellow ASEAN Member States.

However, the current ASEAN Chair, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam's invitation of non-political representative (Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to the upcoming ASEAN Summits and Related Summits is not in line with ASEAN Charter, ASEAN procedures and precedent. Moreover, Myanmar representative is denied equal rights enjoyed by the other ASEAN Member States. Therefore, downgrading the level of participant and limiting his role of discussions in the Summits is contrary to Article 5 of the ASEAN Charter on "Rights and Obligations".

Therefore, Myanmar has informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam that Myanmar can accept the participation of the Head of State or Head of Government or his Ministerial-level representative at the upcoming 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits to be held from 26 October to 28 October 2021.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw

Date, 25 October 2021

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Townships in Respective Regions and States Held Mass Rallies to Support the State Administration Council



People and Sanghas in Pobbathiri township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory

Supporting the activities of the State Administration Council

Mass rallies (a total of about 182,500 people from 47 townships) were held to support the activities of the State Administration Council, carried out in compliance with the 2008 Constitution, in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council territory on 25 October, seven townships of Kachin state, four townships of Shan state, one township of Mon state, two townships of Tanintharyi region, one township of Ayeyarwady region, one township of Rakhine state, one township of Sagaing region, 21 townships of Mandalay region, one township of Bago region.

In doing so, people were chanting by holding boards with the following sentences

– “Support the State Administration Council, Tatmadaw, and the Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council; Do not want NUG, CRPH and PDF terrorists; Immediately stop the terrorist attacks by NUG, PDF on innocent people; Do not want foreign interference in domestic issues.”

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Sagaing region



Tanintharyi region



Bago region



Mandalay region



Ayeyarwady region



Kachin state

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The Opening Ceremony of Commercial Attaché Training Course (2021) to be sent to Foreign Trading Partners Held



The Ministry of Commerce held the opening ceremony of the Commercial Attaché Training Course (2021) on 25 October. At the opening ceremony, Union Minister Dr Pwint San and Deputy Minister for Commerce said the following points to the Commercial Attaché:

- Commercial Attachés have been sent to foreign trading partners since 2012. It is necessary for commercial attachés to focus on trade and investment promotion.
- The Head of the State also relies on commercial attachés as frontline fighters for the economic development of the country.
- The trainees also need to study the lectures diligently as ways to export a variety of products for the development of the country's exports, compliance with standards, finding new markets and export market expansion, negotiation and trade law procedures with other countries must be studied and applied in practice.
- In the current situation, the western countries where commercial attachés have been sent have little cooperation in trade, however, it is found that the social and economic situation is being studied and presented.
- Myanmar has sent a total of 4 commercial attachés to China, a major trading partner of the country and Myanmar is conducting many export trades including border trades to export agriculture products, fishery products, fruits, cows and buffalos to China, which has greatly benefited the country.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce and officials, a total of 38 trainees from related ministries.

Source: The Mirror (26-10-2021)

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20th ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting Held



The 20th ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) was held through videoconferencing on 25 October. Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs U San Lwin, in his capacity as Deputy Attorney-General attended the meeting as a Chairperson of ASLOM, and the Myanmar delegation also joined the event together with the legal officers of 10 ASEAN countries.

During the meeting, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General U San Lwin talked about the following points:

- The approved matters related to the legal assistance of Senior Officials' Meeting of the Central Authorities on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (SOM-MLAT) and ASEAN Ministers/Attorneys-General Meeting of the Central Authorities in Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (AMAG-

MLAT) in criminal cases while serving as the host country of the 19th ASLOM.

- Myanmar has participated in various ASEAN meetings including ASEAN Political Security Community.

The meeting focused the related matters to the progress on the agreement on the transfer of suspects in ASEAN, the adaptation of ASEAN trade law and the judicial cooperation among ASEAN member countries. The meeting will be held from 25 to 26 October.

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COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Activities Continue in Respective Regions and States



Vaccinating students aged 12 years and above against COVID-19 in respective regions and states

In every state and region of Myanmar, the officials are accelerating the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities such as, continuing vaccination processes as per the priority programme, importing COVID-19 preventive materials from abroad, opening quarantine centres and vaccinating students aged 12 years and above from Basic Education Middle and High schools against COVID-19.

- A total of 169 closed contacts (99 males and 70 females) are taking necessary treatments at Interrogation and Accommodation centres of Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon region.
- The vaccination processes continue in respective regions and states. As per the priority programme, a total of 231,822 people have been vaccinated against

COVID-19 as second doses and 148,333 people as first doses on 25 October.

- A total of 43,102 students aged 12 years and above from Basic Education Middle and High schools in respective regions and states have been vaccinated against COVID-19 on 25 October. A total of 873,280 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 up to 25 October.

Measures are being taken to import Covid-19 control, containment and treatment medicines and related equipment even in public holidays-

- On 25 October, 530 empty oxygen cylinders, 1 oxygen plant, 1,000 oxygen plants for household, 41,250 PPE suits, 10 tons of gloves and 30 tons of masks were imported by five companies using 11 vehicles through Yangon Internation-

Photos of COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Treatment Activities in Respective Regions and States



Receiving closed contact persons at Interrogation and Accommodation Centres of Nay Pyi Taw and Hlaing townships



COVID-19 vaccination processes in respective regions and states



Importing medical supplies from abroad

al Sea Ports and the border trade posts of Chinshwehaw and Myawady.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 711 new cases of COVID-19 were found in testing a total of 17,294 samples and the infected rates are

4.11 percent on 25 October. Up to 25 October 2021, a total of 494,974 infected patients were found in testing a total of 4,752,108 samples and death roll reached 18,560.

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The Government of Myanmar Supported Fertilizers to Farmers in Phyu Township



Providing fertilizers organized by the State to support farmers for affected acres and replanted acres of monsoon paddy fields due to the natural disasters such as floods, the officials supported 1,084 bags of fertilizers to 332 farmers for a total of 2,286

affected/replanted acres of monsoon paddy field which were flooded in Phyu township of Bago region.

Source: Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-10-2021)

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