

"The ceremony in commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Second Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held in Nay Pyi Taw"

The ceremony in commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Second Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held in Nay Pyi Taw Parliamentary compound on 1st February, 2018 at 12 noon.

The anniversary ceremony was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahnn Win Khaing Than, Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo, Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Chairperson U Myo Nyunt, Speakers of the first Hluttaws Thura U Shwe Mann and U Khin Aung Myint, Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myatt, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, officials and invited guests.

In this ceremony, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi pointed out the importance of trust in the Hluttaw, which she described as an “essential institution” for democracy. She said, “Since we entered the Hluttaw after the 2012 by-election, we learnt and studied the value, difficulties, challenges, depth and subtleness of enacting laws. We gain invaluable lessons from this opportunity. That is why I expect all Hluttaw MPs to know the value of the Hluttaw and each MP. People are relying on the Hluttaw as an institution that will enact laws for the good of the people.

Law is something that is needed for the stability of a country and to keep the machinery of the government running and thus laws are being enacted. It will be valuable for the people and the country only if these laws are fair. Hluttaw consists of Hluttaw MPs from all over the country who came about with union spirit. MPs meet here and learn about each other and understand each other more. Afterwards, I believe that they will strive for perpetuation and unity of the country and the union. Hluttaw doesn't include only various ethnic nationals but also various organizations. This is the sign of a democratic Hluttaw. Democracy accepts differences. It is a system that came about from the spirit of achieving unity through diversity. A democracy is not without faults. But it is better than other systems. There are no other systems than a democracy that respect and inspire the people. A government in a democracy came from the will and wishes of the people. A government of the people respects the wish of the people.



Remark by the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Our country is a union formed with ethnic nationals. It is very important to set it up as a democratic union and a Democratic Federal Republic that is acceptable to the majority. For a democratic system to progress and become established, legislative, judicial and executive sectors need to serve the people in tandem.”

In a speech delivered at the Second Anniversary of the Second Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint said there has been progress in the Hluttaw representatives doing the check and balance functions.



Remark by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint

We came to understand that check and balance is not interfering in the work of others and it is important for the three pillars to work together while

providing the check and balance function. In conclusion, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said, “As long as the Hluttaw formed by people’s MP is strong, democracy will thrive.”



Remark by the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahnn Win Khaing Than

This was followed by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than addressing the event. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had enacted 20 laws, amended 24 laws and repealed 6 laws during the two year period. Starting with “time to change,” we’ve crossed the rough path towards democracy and have overcome difficulties and challenges by being united with the people. All are urged to strive toward a Democratic Federal Union.

Then, the attendees had lunch and saw the flim “My Country My Home” in the Hluttaw Theatre Hall. The ceremony finished at 3:30pm.

