

Coordination meeting between local representatives and Committee for Implementation of Investigation Commission's Report on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Aug — Chairman of the Committee for Implementation of the Investigation Commission's Report on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun and party attended the opening of Pyinna Yadana school building for Basic Education Post-Primary School in Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Area yesterday.

The committee chairman and members donated notebooks and stationery for the school and viewed round the two-storey new school building that cost K 79.2 million. They proceeded to a temporary station hospital in Taungpulu village where they enquired after patients and cordially met with local people.

Next, they inspected construction of basic education pre-primary schools in New Wethmae- Kandaw village and new Hsede-Zeedaw village, presented packets of instant noodle to local people and observed basic tailoring courses for employment of local women.

In meeting with the village administrators of nine village-tracts and local representatives from 33 villages in the project area at the briefing hall of No (6) garment factory in Salingyi Township, the committee chairman vowed to ensure job creation and bring fruitful results of the project to local people and coordinate matters related to implementation of regional development as soon as possible. He said the committee is not only implementing the suggestions of the report but also attending to the needs of local people. Works are underway for environmental conservation meeting the set standards and industrialization. He stressed the need to work hard to be able to keep pace with other countries, taking lessons from the past events that left the nation lagged behind in development and inviting foreign investments. He urged to coordinate matters in accord with constructive advice.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the committee Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye elaborated on regional development works being implemented by four work committees in cooperation with local people.

Then, Vice-Chairman of the committee Adjutant- General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo discussed matters related to making the revised contract transparent for local people.

Afterwards, committee member Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko explained matters related to the rule of law and community peace and tranquility.

Then, committee member Union Minister Dr Myint Aung gave an account of the contract which was revised in accord with the detailed suggestions of the implementation committee, experts, the ministries concerned, the Attorney-General Office of the Union, UMEHL and Wenbao company. Next, leaders of work committees reported on respective matters. The committee chairman and the vice chairmen answered the queries raised by local representatives.

In his concluding speech, the committee chairman stressed the need for resumption of the project as quick as possible in a transparent manner for the sake of the country and its people, calling on officials concerned to take necessary measures for local people to be able to enjoy the benefits of corporate social responsibility activities. He also called for collaborative commitment based on constructive attitude of local people to ensure sustainable benefits of the works for their own region. —MNA
