

Prospects for private sector participation in communication sector discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Union Minister for Communication and Information Technology U Thein Tun, Ms Marit Nilses of UNESCAP and Professor Michael Ewing Chow of National University of Singapore held talks on future programmes for communication sector of Myanmar and prospects for private sector participation at the ministry here yesterday.

Guests from UNESCAP raised questions about new communication laws, preparations for formulation of bylaws, competitiveness of operators, number of mobile phones per year to

be launched in five-year mobile phone extension programme. The Union minister made clarifications on enactment of new communication law, issue of permits under the regulations of the law, inviting tenders from international companies under the suggestion of ITU and tender selection process by committee led by Myanmar Investment Commission Chairman, price reduction scheme for mobile phone subscribers nationwide, free access to all websites except from porn ones and improvement of communication sector ahead of SEA Games.

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