

National Assembly closes 8th ordinary session.



(KPL) After 10 days of deliberation, the National Assembly closed its 8th ordinary session (Sixth Legislature) on Friday under the chairmanship of its President Thongsing Thammavong.

In his closing speech, Mr. Thongsing Thammavong pointed out to the outcome of this session. He said the deputies considered and approved a government request to inject additional fund for expenditure to assist the provinces affected by Typhoon Ketsana. The session has expressed congratulations to the government for its outstanding measures to help the victims of Typhoon Ketsana. The session also highly valued and applauded all government's officials, ethnic Lao people and international organizations for their kind assistance to support the victims in Saravane, Sekong and Attapeu provinces.

The session also requested the government to continue to pool all efforts and funds from all economic sectors, assistance from friendly countries and international organizations to reconstruct the infrastructure and necessary equipment in anticipation of the dry-season cultivation in the affected provinces. During the session, eight laws were adopted. These include the new bills on tobacco control, youth affairs, construction, public investment, and the amended draft laws on people's court, public prosecutor organization, and document registration renamed from notary public. The session has asked the government and all local authorities to step up their attention to disseminate the adopted laws more widely and deeply with a focus on state officials, soldiers and police officers in order to encourage them to respect and implement the laws more strictly. The session also heard the report on the activities of the National Assembly Standing Committee made since the last Assembly session.

The closing ceremony was honored by Mr. Bounnhang Vorachit, Vice-President of the Lao PDR, Mr. Sisavath Keobounphanh, President of the Lao Front for National Construction, and Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Standing Deputy Prime Minister, among others. Also present at the closing ceremony were members of the Party Central Committee, members of the National Assembly, Cabinet members, representatives of judicial body, representatives of the Party organizations and mass organizations, veteran revolutionaries, representatives of the intellectuals and scholars, members of the diplomatic corps, and representatives of international organizations in Laos.