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"THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN STARTS WITH OUR DECISIONS AS FROM TODAY."

-BRUNO H. GEIGER-

Mingalabar,

We are communicating to you in a very serious situation the whole world is in. COVID 19 is causing tremendous fears and uncertainty about the future. For CVT Myanmar, the classes have been over since the beginning of March and the apprentices are on holiday anyway. We would like to underline that we strictly follow the official measures taken by our government. For our health and safety, we provide extra facilities like hand-wash basins, hand-sanitizers and fever testers but also raise COVID 19 awareness to the public by hanging posters on inside and outside walls of the school. We also avoid meeting in crowds and visiting training companies in this situation. On the other hand, we should organize ourselves in an appropriate way within the remaining space in order to pursue our obligations to maintain the functioning of our institution. Our annual duties during these holidays include: curriculum updates, lesson plan preparation, minor maintenance of our school facilities, handling inventory and assets control, preparing annual plan and budgeting. Therefore, in the current situation, we have established a scheme where we work partially either from home (or) at the office regularly in defined small numbers to solve issues where the collaboration of colleagues is required. We hope for the best and to be prepared for the worst. I would like to end my notes by reminding of a statement of our State Counsellor; Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on Tuesday, urging us not to panic over the first cases on COVID 19.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

### Metal Worker SWISS Expert Mission



Mr. Samuel Friedrich, expert from Switzerland, visited the metal worker profession from January 31 to February 22, 2020 and participated in the final year exams of the final year apprentices. In addition, he visited related training companies, factories and workshops with metal worker teachers. In addition, he introduced new CAD software to enhance the skills in the metal worker department and also proposed to change the name "Metal Worker" to "Metal Technician".

### Excursion of Apprentices to National Museum led by the General Education Department



On February 8, 2020, the Department of General Education led an excursion to the national museum with a total of 90 apprentices consisting of first and second year commercial assistants, second year cabinet makers, electricians and metal workers. All apprentices enjoyed learning about the Myanmar alphabet, the Myanmar script, literature, Myanmar's historic significance, miniature models of the eight kinds of thrones of ancient Myanmar kings, the culture of Myanmar music and ethnic groups and so on.

# National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) Assessment in CVT Myanmar



Since 2014, the National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) has been conducting assessments of semi-skilled workers. The NSSA is an organization which establishes competency standards and conducts assessments for workforce development in Myanmar and issues relevant certificates in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration & Population and other relevant ministries, International experts, such as GIZ and SDC, which supported the development of vocational training schools. In January 2020, CVT Myanmar conducted the NSSA Level 1 Assessment as Assessment Center.



**Electrician Profession:** 27 students from the 3rd batch of Maybank TLC-CVT Myanmar and 13 participants from outside, a total of 40 candidates, sat the skills assessment exam at Thingangyun Township from January 25 to 30, 2020.

**Hotel and Gastronomy Profession:** In addition, CVT Myanmar hosted the Waiting Staff Assessment Exam and conducted the Hotel Waiting Staff Level-1 assessments from March 2 to 6, 2020 at Mindhamma. There were 5 participants from Yangon Tea House Restaurant and 24 apprentices from CVT Myanmar, a total of 29 candidates who all succeeded.

## PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Completion of final exams at CVT Myanmar

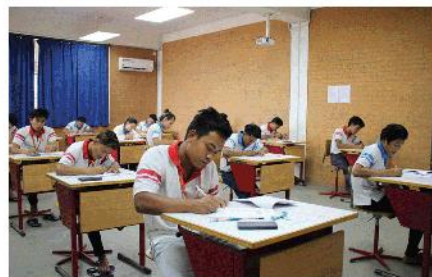
**Commercial Assistant Profession (CA):** From 2 March to 5 March, 26 final year apprentices of CA-18 finished the final year with written and oral exams at CVT Myanmar, Thingangyun Township.

**Cabinet Maker Profession (CM):** From 27 January to 31 January 2020, 12 apprentices of CM-15 participated in the final year practical training course (a total of 20 hours) at CVT Myanmar, Thingangyun Township. Then all apprentices visited furniture factories and companies on 19 February 2020.

**Electrician Profession (EL):** From 2 March to 6 March 2020, 30 apprentices of EL-13, 26 apprentices of EL-14 and 18 apprentices of EL-15 took their final year exam in their respective subjects.

**Hotel and Gastronomy Profession (HG):** From 24 February to 28 February, the final practical training course exam of IIC (Initial Intensive Course) was administered for the Room Division Operation (Front Office and House Keeping) subjects. After that the PTC exam for the Food and Beverage Operation Division (Food and Beverage and Cuisine) subjects took place between 25 February to 28 February and 2 March to 5 March respectively.

**Metal Worker Profession (MW):** From 2 March to 5 March 2020, 10 apprentices of MW-16 took the final year exam and sat the final practical training course exam from 3 March to 7 March.



### Certification Ceremony of Upcycling Woodworking Course (1/2020)



CVT Myanmar in collaboration with Mickey's Real Wood Upcycled Furniture started the second Upcycling Woodworking Course (1/2020) with 15 students on 8 February. Certificates of completion were issued to all participants on 29 February 2020.



### Completion of Electrician Batch 3 of Maybank TLC and CVT Myanmar

Maybank TLC and CVT Myanmar jointly opened the electrician training 3<sup>rd</sup> batch (6-month course) with 27 participants lasting from August 2019 to February 2020. All students attended theoretical and practical training sessions for 6 months and the final assessment has already been conducted. The participants will be awarded CVT Certification equivalent to NSSA Level 1 standard.



## Further Education Activities



**Certification Ceremony of Basic Electrical Wiring Course at Nget-Aww-San Training Center:** CVT Myanmar and New Humanity Myanmar collaborated and opened a two-month basic electrical wiring course with 29 students at Nget-Aww-San Youth Training Center, Kaw Mhu Township under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, from January 2020 to March 2020. All students attended practical and theoretical lessons in basic wiring. The certification ceremony was held on 16 March 2020 and 29 graduates were awarded certificates.



**In Company Trainer Program:** The In-Company Trainer Course 16<sup>th</sup> Batch started on 29<sup>th</sup> February with 13 students. The main topics of the training include the dual vocational training system, didactics, recruitment processes, Myanmar labour laws and contracting of apprentices, work safety and health protection as well as skill management. Upon completion of this course, the participants will have acquired the necessary skills, knowledge and attitude to provide quality training to the apprentices/staff in their companies.

## APPRENTICE / TRAINING COMPANY VOICES

I am one of the CVT alumni from the Hotel & Gastronomy Profession. That's why I know the advantages of CVT Myanmar's training program really well. What I have learned in Hotel & Gastronomy at CVT is useful in my workplace. That's why I allowed our hotel staff to attend the Hotel & Gastronomy training at CVT as apprentices. Our staff can share what they have learned and the experiences they have made at CVT with their colleagues in the workplace. And they can work in a collaborative and professional manner. They can manage customer services and duties effectively. It can have a positive impact on a person's motivation, attitude, self-confidence, especially among the other employees. The staff focuses on developing specific skills in their career field. After the CVT training program, our staff can handle complaints effectively and perform their duties in a professional way. I really appreciate CVT Myanmar for providing these benefits to our hotel and our staff.



Ma Su Myat Wut Hmone (Deputy Hotel Manager) Panorama Hotel.



My name is Min Thein San. I am a Hotel and Gastronomy apprentice at CVT Myanmar. I am really delighted to study at CVT Myanmar because I get theoretical and practical training in a well-equipped environment. As the lessons taught at CVT Myanmar are theoretically and practically applicable at our workplace, it is tremendously beneficial for all of us. I am working at the front desk in the Millennium hotel. As I am a lot more confident in my job after attending the course at CVT, my work becomes more efficient and successful. I would like to express my special thanks to every teacher who is teaching us with great devotion without any discrimination.

Min Thein San (Millennium Hotel)

## STRENGTHENING CVT COMMUNITY

### CVT Myanmar Annual Media Day Event

With the purpose to promote vocational education as a whole to the public and to inform youth and training companies that CVT Myanmar is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 academic year, CVT Myanmar has successfully held the Annual Media Day event on 22 February 2020 at CVT Practical Training Center, Thingangyun. Daw Khin Myat Sandar, CEO of CVT Myanmar, warmly welcomed everybody and made a presentation about the schools, different professions and answered the questions raised by the media. Then, media representatives were touring around the classrooms, Practical Training Center and interviewed some apprentices and teachers from CVT Myanmar. Media engagement and collaboration has been a vital force for vocational training and CVT Myanmar to move young people and society forward.



### Meet Your Future with CVT Myanmar

CVT Myanmar held "Meet Your Future with CVT Myanmar" for the youth of Myanmar on 22 February 2020 at Thingangyun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Firstly, the partnership and communication department made a presentation about CVT Myanmar and then U Nyi Nyi (Speaker cum Counselor) talked about the publication of the "Success Story Book" of CVT Myanmar Alumni and gave a talk on "Personal Branding" for young people. This was followed by a talk show on "Meet Your Future with CVT Myanmar" for the youth by U Maung Maung (Vo-Tech Training Center - Technical Training), U Aung Tun Khaing (Advisor-Mobilizing Myanmar), Consultant (Gender Equality Network - NGO) with moderator U Nay Lin Aung (Head of Further Education) CVT Myanmar. A total of 100 interested youth attended the talk show and the event concluded at 3 p.m.



### MoU with Myint & Associates – Offshore Supply Base Limited

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Myint & Associates – Offshore Supply Base Limited and CVT Myanmar signed a Cooperation Agreement at their office for Food Production, Food & Beverage Service training as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility-CSR Program at Gaw Yin Gyi Island in Ayeyarwady Region in South West Myanmar which is located near Nanthapu village, Ngayokekaung sub-township, Patheingyi District of Myanmar. According to Agreement/MoU, the one-month training course started in mid-March 2020.



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