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“EDUCATION IS LIKE A DIAMOND WITH MANY FACETS: IT INCLUDES THE BASIC MASTERY OF NUMBERS AND LETTERS THAT GIVE US ACCESS TO THE TREASURY OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, ACCUMULATED AND REFINED THROUGH THE AGES; IT INCLUDES TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS WELL AS INSTRUCTION IN SCIENCE, HIGHER MATHEMATICS, AND HUMANE LETTERS.”

- RONALD REAGAN -

Mingalabar,

As usual, CVT Myanmar plans to start the academic year 2020-2021 with additional short courses in the first week of May. However, this year, the school has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will reopen again once the Government, Ministry of Health and the related Ministries announce the opening date. The aim of this newsletter is to keep in touch with our readers and to inform about our ongoing activities during this ‘work-from-home’ period. The CVT Myanmar family wish you all a safe time during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

### Training for Online Training Courses for CVT Myanmar Teachers



CVT Myanmar provided a 3-day online instructional training course for teachers from May 8-10, 2020. The training focused on social distancing (6-foot distance from each other) in line with the Ministry of Health’s guidelines for more effective control of the current respiratory tract (COVID 19) infection. Consequently, the first English online free class will be launched in June by three teachers from the General Education Department of CVT Myanmar.

### Announcement of the NSSA Electricians Level 1 Results

The National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) is an organization dedicated to setting the quality standards of workers in Myanmar and issues professional certificates. CVT Myanmar is one of the Assessment Centers of NSSA accredited by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population. CVT Myanmar functioned as Assessment Center for the Electrician NSSA Level 1 Assessment administered during the last week of January this year. According to the list of successful candidates from NSSA, CVT Myanmar officially announced a total of 30 successful graduates of Electricians Level 1.

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### Reforming the Board in Switzerland



According to the first board meeting of the year 2020, the CVT Board in Switzerland is represented by the following members: Mr. Heini Portmann - President, Mr. Rolf Grossenbacher - Vice President, Mr. Rolf Fischer - Controlling, Mrs. Michelle Bollet - Administration, Mr. Martin Läng - representing craft professions (CM, MW, EL), Mr. Ricco Ebener - representing E4Y, Mrs. Marianne Schneider - representing service professions (BA, HG, GE), Mr. Ruedi Fanger - Communication, Mr. Jeremias Pellaton - Projects. One of the priorities of the board will be the restructuring of the expert framework and the development of the curricula congruent with the new strategy which will be implemented in the academic year 2020.

## Modifying the Name of Professions and new Courses launched at CVT Myanmar

Starting with the academic year 2020, CVT Myanmar will be offering short-term courses and change the names of all the professions. The new names of the professions are: Business Administrator, Electrician, Furniture Technician, Hospitality Service Professional and Metal Technician. In addition, CVT Myanmar plans to open a facility operator training course with the following subjects: air-condition/boiler; plumbing/pipeline installations in buildings; electrical house wiring; welding and basic wood working; writing proposals and reports.



## Curriculum development of Business Administrator Course with Swiss Expert



Mrs. Marianne Schneider, former CEO of a vocational school in Switzerland, prepared the curriculum for CVT Myanmar's Business Administrator Profession. The program design is based on the curriculum of Switzerland; however, the views of Burmese entrepreneurs, business professionals, young people and students are included. In the Business Administrator Profession, the curriculum includes the subjects Business and Economics, Business English, Information, Communication & Administration (ICA), Myanmar Language and Social Skills. The purpose of the training program is to improve the working

environment of young people in a changing economic environment, to provide skilled workers for the training companies, to enable young people to get a good job and to improve the quality of a dual educational system in Myanmar enabling young people to generate their own income in the future. After the two-year program, participants will receive a Diploma in Business Management as Business Administrator from Switzerland and in addition, they will have the opportunity to obtain the International Computer Driving License (ICDL).

## PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Announcement of Exam Results for all Professions of CVT Myanmar

According to the final theoretical and practical exams of all professions, administered at CVT in March and on 1st April, CVT Myanmar announced the final exam results and the number of graduates in each profession: Commercial Assistant 26, Electrician 29, Cabinet Maker 12, Hotel and Gastronomy 30 and Metal Worker 10, which amounts to a total of 107 graduates this year.

### Activities of the Hospitality Service Professional Profession

In March 2020, second-year apprentices from HG 12 C & D successfully completed their final exams at CVT Myanmar, Mindhamma Garden City. In April, the teachers of the Hospitality Service Profession reviewed all the lessons and revised the curriculum for the next school year.

## General Education Department Activities



Teachers from the General Education Department reviewed and revised the curriculum and preparations for the coming school year were made with teachers alternating between working at the school or at home during April and May. In addition, teachers from the GE department together with other teachers attended the 3-5 - day teacher training online course focusing on social distancing in line with the Ministry of Health's guidelines. Teachers from the General Education Department will give online trainings sessions in English, ICT and Soft Skills in June.

## Activities of Education for Youth (E4Y)

E4Y summer holidays for students started in March. But it is usually a high season for teachers and members to wind up the school year and to prepare for next school year. Unfortunately, health issues in the last week of March were encountered. The first confirmed case of COVID 19 in Myanmar scared and annoyed all of us. Arrangements like graduation, home visits and preparatory work had to be postponed due to the 'staying home' suggestions and the coordination of virus control in our country. However, we stay in contact with our teachers and our students online and by phone regularly. The students are longing to come back to school. A lot of our students are from different areas of Yangon and therefore, the students and our teachers have to use public transport. Luckily, E4Y and CVT families have been safe and free from the virus. Since April, we have all been working from home to get ready for the school reopening period and to facilitate a smooth operation in 2020-21 school year. We tried to protect ourselves and to survive in the 'new normal life' with our cooperation and collaboration!



## Activities of Further Education Program

COVID-19 Professional & Career Challenges

**YE4M**  
Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar



Zoom Meeting ID: 753 0416 9307

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Although all the training provided by the Further Education Department has been suspended due to COVID-19, the department has arranged weekly on-line discussions as of June on "COVID 19: Challenges & Opportunities, Professional & Career Challenges, New Normal Life & Business" for the Young Entrepreneurs of Myanmar (YE4M) and In-Company Trainers.

## APPRENTICE / TRAINING COMPANY VOICES

### Training Company Voice

Honestly, I am not quite sure about the school objectives. My subordinate joined a UK organization 3 months ago before finishing the course. So, I've just learnt that she was attending the commercial assistant program at CVT Myanmar. She explained that it was a great opportunity for a young generation who likes to learn more about business administration. In the past time, there were some restrictions like age, work experience, a bachelor's degree, etc. allowing prospective students to take courses like BA, PA, etc. at Yangon University of Economics. But at CVT, young people get a chance to attend classes without those restrictions. It is less of a burden for young people who are eager to learn about economics. It's really good for her because she is learning more about BA topics which is good for her future career development.

Zarni Myint Aung  
(Office Coordinator)



### Apprentice's Voice



The commercial school classes take place once a week. The curriculum includes business management, accounting, economics, information and communication technology, Myanmar and English. The classes are made for apprentices from various fields. The school program also included specific topics from various fields as well as excursions to different businesses. The knowledge acquired at CVT during one day per week is put into practice during the rest of the week in my company. As in the other CVT professions, working in the company generates an income, which is often a big financial help for the apprentices' families.

Nandar Aung  
(Office Support Coordinator)

## STRENGTHENING CVT COMMUNITY

### MoU signed with EDULINK

On 12 March 2020, Daw Khin Myat Sandar, CEO of CVT Myanmar and Mr. Michael Charles, Chief Operating Officer of EDULINK signed a contract for English language proficiency training for all CVT teachers and staff. According to the MoU, the training started in March but had to be suspended after one week due to confirmed COVID-19 cases and it will resume as soon as CVT reopens.



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