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“Policymakers can draw much from ‘The Need for Roots’: such clear prescriptions as that employers ought to provide an adequate vocational trainin for their employees, education should be compulsory and publicly funded, and include technical as well as elementary education.”

— Pankaj Mishra —

Mingalabar! It’s an auspicious time of the year when people are enjoying the lighting festival “Thidingyut” and “Tazaung-taing” around the whole country, but also paying respect ceremonies (Homage Ceremony) to the elderly, parents and teachers. CVT maintains such a cheerful tradition with a joyful event with its teams and pupils annually. CVT and E4Y celebrated the festive events including two Ka-Htain donation trees for the monasteries nearby. As always at this time of the year, CVT practical training courses are going on and last until the final exam period, which starts in December. In the months of October and November, CVT has been offering many short courses, such as a web design creation course, furniture making courses, capacity development courses, In-Company Trainer and Young Entrepreneur for Myanmar. Very soon, a series of trainings for our team, such as the annual didactics course for teachers, teacher workshops, and IT literacy trainings will be offered. The resignation of our Head of Vocational Training, U Kyaw Kyaw Oo, has been approved at the same time and we thanked him for his patience and contributions toward CVT Myanmar during these dynamic years. Last but not least, the CVT team party is coming up very soon - the time to retreat for our busy teachers and staff! This time will be different, more fun so we are all very excited!!!

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Computer Skills Test for Teachers and Staff of CVT Myanmar



On November 7th and 8th, 2019, CVT Myanmar conducted a test on computer skills for teachers and staff at CVT Myanmar to improve computer skills by KMD Computer Training. Annually, CVT Myanmar provides related in-house training to all staff from time to time.



PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cabinet Maker Profession Activities



Upcycling Woodworking Course (1/2019) started: Upcycling Woodworking Course in collaboration with CVT Myanmar and Mickey Real Wood Furniture started successfully in October 19, 2019 with 12 students.

Industrial Based Reclaimed Wood Furniture Making Course started: CVT Myanmar, a short term one-month industrial-based Reclaimed Wood Furniture Making Course started on 4 November 2019 with 13 students.



Electrician Profession Activities



Study Trip/Excursion of Electrician Profession: On 19 September, apprentices from EL 13 C and teachers visited Myanmar Railway (Insein). Our apprentices learned about the related electrical industries and how the Myanmar Railway was built. During the study tour, the apprentices had a great time and gained a lot of knowledge about the electrical industry.



Electrician Profession Practical Training Course: 27 electrical students from the 3rd batch of Maybank Foundation and CVT Myanmar jointly conducted a training from 14th October to 23rd October. The participants were divided into two groups and supervised by individual trainers/instructors. The practical subjects included the earthing and protection system, installation, measuring technique and direct online starter for motor control. The practical training provided insights into future career opportunities; the students practiced electrical technology, reporting, systematic storing materials, planning and cost estimates, which were equivalent to NSSA level 2.



Starting Electrician Course of Chin Baptist Union (CBU) and CVT Myanmar : Chin Baptist Union (CBU) and CVT Myanmar jointly opened a basic wiring installation one-month training course with 30 participants on 4th November 2019 at Kalay, Sagaing Region. The two instructors were U Win Tin Oo and another one from Chin community who had successfully completed the CVT Certified Instructor Course. All students have been attending theoretical and practical training sessions. The training was sponsored by the Chin Baptist Union and the course has been very successful.



Metal Worker Profession Activities



Metal Worker Profession Practical Training Course: Ten apprentices of the second year metal worker professions, (17th batch) conducted practical training on the subject of machining (lathe), welding (arc, gas, MIG) and foundry jobs (molding, sand mold casting) from 29th July to 16th August at CVT Myanmar Practical Training Center. And then 14 apprentices from (18th batch) practiced on the subject of bench works (filing, sawing, drilling, threading, blacksmith job) from 26th August to 6th September. During the same period, 10 apprentices from (16th batch) practiced on the subject of machining (lathe milling, shaper) and welding (arc, gas, MIG) and so on.



Study Trip of Metal Worker Profession: Apprentices from the metal worker profession and teachers visited the workplaces of Regards Engineering Company Limited and Naval Dockyard (Thilawar Industrial Zone) on 5th October 2019. The factory officials warmly welcomed our group and explained their experiences in the production of metal products and offered a tour around the factory. The apprentices gained a lot of experience and expanded their knowledge on the topic during the tour.



Metal Worker Short Vocational Training at Nget Aw San Boys' School started: CVT Myanmar in collaboration with New Humanity Myanmar offered a two-month basic metal worker course for 30 youths from 21st October to 20th December 2019 at Nget Aw San Boy's School, Kaw Hmu, which is under the management of the Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement. With the support of the Head of Profession of CVT Myanmar and other teachers, a total of 110 students have already finished this course in 2018 and 2019.

Hotel and Gastronomy Profession Activities

According to the initial intensive course results of the hotel and hospitality training, all 31 students could be placed and have a job in their respective areas. The President of CVT Board, Mr. Heini Portmann and the CEO of CVT Myanmar, Daw Khin Myat Sandar review the implementation of the initial intensive course with the head of the department and the hotel and gastronomy teachers. In addition, CEO Daw Khin Myat Sandar, Daw Thway Thway Maung and Daw Nwe' Thazin met and explained the CVT Myanmar and hotel and gastronomy profession training to the representatives from Myanmar Japan Socio Economic Development Association on 6th October at CVT Mindhamma School.



General Education Profession Activities



The "Ya Tha Hlalone Thar -Flavour of the Heart" seminar: The General Education Department organized weekly seminars to support the apprentices who are studying at CVT Myanmar. The seminar entitled "Ya Tha Hlalone Thar-Flavour of Heart" by U Nyi Min Nyo was offered to third year apprentices at CVT Myanmar on 12th September 2019, Thingangyun and to all the apprentices from the hotel and gastronomy profession on 17th September 2019 at CVT Myanmar, Mindhamma. Overall, more than 120 apprentices attended. Hence, the CVT management team expresses sincere thanks to the guest speaker, U Nyi Min Nyo for his great contribution to the youths of CVT Myanmar.

Basic Website Design Course Started: With regard to the strategic plan of CVT Myanmar, the two-and-a-half-month basic website design course started on 5th October, 2019 with 11 students and will be completed on 8th December, 2019.



Education for youth (E4Y) Activities



Time flies so fast! It's November and the 1st semester is already over. Generally, all E4Y students have improved but their progress cannot be compared really because of their different educational and social backgrounds. On 22nd October, the students organized and conducted the traditional culture of "Paying Respect to teachers & elders". The rewarding to outstanding students of "Thidingyut Festival" was also held on the same day. Some E4Y alumni came and shared their thoughts and experiences of how to overcome all the difficulties to reach their goal. Also, our President and the CEO were giving motivational speeches to E4Y students on that day. As every year, one of our experts, Mr. Willi visited us to share his expertise in general science and to familiarize us with the use of binoculars and microscopes. The students really enjoyed his co-teaching sessions together with the H&N teacher. We greatly appreciate his efforts regarding the hydroponic garden which will be funded again next school year. Plants are our friends and we live in harmony with them.

Further Education Activities

The two and a half month CVT Myanmar Young Entrepreneur for Myanmar (YE4M-Batch 19) course from 7th July to 15th September ended with 21 students. In addition, the In-Company Training Program (ICT-Batch 15) from 21st September to 26th October started with 15 students.



APPRENTICE / TRAINING COMPANY VOICES

The Voice from an Apprentices



I am attending the final year of the cabinet maker profession at CVT Myanmar. First of all, I would like to say that I am proud to be attending CVT Myanmar School. Prior to joining CVT Myanmar, only the traditional methods of furniture making were found in the workplace and we had to find out a lot ourselves. As a young girl, I had a difficult time to choose the profession of furniture maker. The reason why I chose to attend CVT Myanmar is because of the good reputation of CVT Myanmar graduates in the furniture industry. In addition, I joined the training at CVT with the hope that CVT Myanmar would help me develop my own business plan for the future. Theoretical and practical skills offered at CVT Myanmar allowed me to fully study the basics of furniture making. As a result, I was convinced to have chosen the right profession for life. Besides expanding my professional knowledge and expertise in the field, I was also able to communicate with teachers and classmates. Now I have not only made my own furniture but also created furniture designs and started a small personal business with my peers in CVT Myanmar, with the name of "Classmate Contractor". I would like to thank CVT Myanmar for the opportunity to meet my goals and all teachers not only for teaching theory and lectures but also for providing valuable advice.

Ma Lei Lei Maw
CM-15 (Third Year)

STRENGTHENING CVT COMMUNITY

MoU with Coca Cola Pinya Beverage Myanmar Limited (CCPBM)

On 9th October 2019, the Coca Cola Pinya Beverage Myanmar Limited and CVT Myanmar signed a Training Service Agreement at their office for CCPBM's staff capacity building training. According to the Agreement/ MoU, the ten-month training course will start in November 2019 and finish in September 2020.



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