

CVT Newsletter



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A Note from CEO



Dear Valued Readers,

Warmly welcome you to the 53rd edition of the CVT Newsletter!

We are delighted to reconnect with our readers and share the significant milestones CVT Myanmar has achieved. This edition highlights the major changes and developments we have experienced since the onset of COVID-19 in Myanmar up to the present day.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our journey.

Reflecting on Our Journey: Sharing Experiences from the past few years

Over the past few years, Myanmar has faced significant socio-political changes and economic challenges. The resilience of the Myanmar people in overcoming these difficulties has been both surprising and inspiring. During this period, the Center for Vocational Training (CVT) also faced numerous challenges, which it successfully navigated.

Between 2019 and 2023, CVT completed both theoretical and practical courses for first, second, and third-year students under its Dual Apprenticeship program. Additionally, two rounds of surveys were conducted with our collaborative companies. For those young individuals unable to attend CVT in person, we provided basic vocational education through free online videos via the MPT CSR platform. Furthermore, courses on occupational safety and health were delivered to teachers and students in partnership with Win OSH Myanmar.

In 2023, having fully implemented the commitments outlined in the MOUs signed with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour, CVT returned its school area and buildings to the respective ministries. As a result, the school was relocated, and CVT transitioned into a nonprofit socio-economic enterprise, now registered with the Department of Investment and Company Administration.

Today, CVT is fully managed by a board of Myanmar nationals, along with local administrators and experts who continue to lead its operations. Following the passing of Mr. Heini Portmann, President of CVT and the Swiss Support Association (SSA), at the end of 2023, Mr. Stefan Gregor Vogler has assumed the role of SSA President. As a partner association of CVT, SSA remains committed to supporting those in need of quality vocational education through new training programs, offered under an effective cost-sharing system.

Contributing to the Development of the TVET Sector

As we work to shape the future of TVET and Apprenticeship Education, CVT remains committed to building a strong foundation for youth, fostering cooperation between employers and employees, and creating development opportunities with our collaborative partners. While many challenges lie ahead, new opportunities continue to emerge.

For the advancement of vocational education, it is essential to combine education with social accountability. Continuous support from our collaborative organizations is particularly crucial in this effort. We deeply appreciate your long-standing commitment to CVT and your contributions to our mission.

We look forward to your ongoing support as we work together with CVT towards the sustainable development of our youth and the TVET sector. We will continue to keep our partners informed by sending newsletters every six months.

A Journey to Myanmar by Mr. Stefan Gregor Vogler, the New President of the Swiss Support Association

On December 2, 2023, at the plenary meeting held in Saanen, Switzerland, Mr. Stefan Gregor Vogler was elected as the new President of the Swiss Support Association (SSA). Shortly after, Mr. Vogler embarked on his first post-COVID visit to Yangon, Myanmar.

During his visit, Mr. Vogler met with several private enterprises collaborating with the Center for Vocational Training (CVT), as well as local board members, internal advisory board members, and former teachers of CVT. In these meetings, he reaffirmed SSA's continued commitment to supporting CVT. Additionally, he had the honor of attending and celebrating the graduation ceremony for the Electrician program held by CVT in North Dagon.



Annual General Meeting & Board Members

In Loving Memory of Heini Portmann

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mr. Heini Portmann, former President of the Swiss Support Association (SSA) and the Center for Vocational Training Myanmar, on November 29, 2023. For a decade, from 2013 to 2023, Mr. Portmann selflessly devoted his time and energy as a volunteer, guiding CVT with unwavering dedication.

A memorial event was held in his honor on December 15, 2023, in Switzerland, where his contributions and impact were celebrated. CVT will forever hold Mr. Portmann in the highest regard, remembering his noble spirit and profound generosity. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his work.

We are eternally grateful for his commitment and will continue to honor his memory in the work we do every day.



**In Loving Memory of
Heini Portmann**

Annual General Meeting of CVT Members

The Annual General Meeting of CVT members was held on January 19, 2024, at the CVT Training Hall in Tharkayta Township. During the meeting, Chief Executive Officer Daw Khin Myat Sanda provided a detailed overview of the activities and lessons learned in 2023, the operational programs planned for 2024, and shared insights regarding SSA's perspectives on CVT.

The meeting was attended by managers and members from various partner companies. Following the presentations, new members were introduced, and a group photo was taken to mark the occasion.



Vocational Training School Recognition

In accordance with the Employment and Skill Development Law, the Center for Vocational Training (CVT) has successfully renewed its recognition as an Occupational Skill Training School every two years, from 2016 through to 2026. This renewed certificate allows CVT to continue offering training in Electrical Installation Skills, Food Preparation, Cooking and Serving, as well as Reception and Housekeeping Skills until 2026 in North Dagon campus.



Thaketa Training School



Electrical Training School at North Dagon Training School

From 2024 to 2026, the Fifth Vocational Skills Training Course Renewed Registration Certificate

Training Activities

Return of YE4M - Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar

Aimed at young professionals and aspiring business leaders, the Center for Vocational Training (CVT) Myanmar successfully conducted 20 batches of the Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar (YE4M) program from 2014 to 2018. After a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 21st batch of YE4M was relaunched on January 27, 2024, with 12 trainees, in collaboration with Pace Forward at their training hall.

On March 23, 2024, participants, divided into three groups, presented their business plans on topics including Burma Society (Bar), BONNY Clothing, and Housewife Canning Industry. The two-month training concluded with a graduation ceremony held on March 30, 2024, at SEEDS Restaurant & Lounge.

CVT extends heartfelt gratitude to SEEDS Restaurant & Lounge for their generous support in helping relaunch this program, as well as for providing space and refreshments during the graduation ceremony.



Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Training

With the goal of spreading knowledge on Common Occupational Safety & Health (OSH), CVT successfully conducted OSH training in North Dagon and Tharkayta Townships, where CVT operates. From January to March 2024, four batches of training were held, benefiting around 180 participants from Labor Asia Training Center and Great Explore Company Limited. The training was led by CVT teachers and aimed to enhance safety practices in the workplace.



Basic Food Safety and Hygiene Awareness Training

From January 9 to 13, 2024, CVT successfully conducted a Basic Food Safety and Hygiene Awareness Training for 26 participants from The First Harmony Restaurant. The training aimed to enhance participants' knowledge of essential food safety practices and hygiene standards.



Summer Short Term Courses

In March and April 2024, CVT offered two-month short courses in computer skills and basic English. A total of 25 participants, including novices, nuns from Kyauk Chaung Monastery School, and external students, took part in the training. The graduation ceremony was held on April 30, 2024, where certificates were awarded to the graduates.

CVT extends heartfelt gratitude to U Myat Aung Transport Co., Ltd. for their generous support in making this program possible.



Opening of Electrician Profession Training

In collaboration with the Center for Vocational Training and Labor Asia Training Center, the Electrical Installation Course (NSSA Level 1) was successfully launched for individuals seeking both theoretical and practical training at CVT in North Dagon Township on May 6, 2024. The course covered essential topics, including Basic Electrical Safety, Distribution Systems, Domestic Installation, Earthing Systems, and House Wiring Rules.

The graduation ceremony for the course was held on May 24, 2024, celebrating the achievements of the participants.



Courses delivered between 2023 and 2024

2023

Sr.	Period	Topics	Target	Beneficiaries
1	2022-23 E4Y completion	E4Y Vocational Orientation Program for adolescences	All E4Y students (adolescences) (FOC)	54
2	2022-23 CVT apprenticeship	CVT 3-year apprenticeship completion	All five professions (FOC)	81
3	Jan 2023	Occupational Safety and Health to CVT apprentices and ToT	CVT Teachers and Apprentices (FOC)	100
4	Mar - May 2023	Free Summer English Course	Adolescence (FOC)	25
5	Mar - May 2023	Free Summer ICT Course	Adolescence (FOC)	25
6	Mar - May 2023	Free Summer Art & Crafts Course	Adolescence (FOC)	25
7	April - May 2023	Computer Literacy (Beginner Level)	Youths (FOC)	12
8	May - Jun 2023	Basic Upcycle Wood Working	Youths (paid students)	14
9	Oct 2023	Occupational Safety Health ToT_Batch 1 and 2	Vocational Teachers (FOC)	50
10		Occupational Safety Health Roll out_Batch 1, 2 and 3	Youths (FOC)	73
11	Nov - Dec 2023	Electrician Level 1 & 2 Course	Youths (Paid students)	10
12	Nov - Dec 2023	Sewing Free Course	Needy girls & women (FOC)	16
Total				481

2024 (January to June)

Sr.	Period	Topics	Target	Beneficiaries
1	Jan 2024	Food Safety & Hygiene	Youths	20
2	Mar 2024	Occupational Safety and Health Batch (1)	Youths	50
3	Mar 2024	Occupational Safety and Health Batch (2)	Youths	48
4	Mar 2024	Occupational Safety and Health Batch (3)	Youths	30
5	Mar 2024	Occupational Safety and Health Batch (4)	Youths	46
6	Jan - Mar 2024	Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar (YE4M)	Youths (Paid students)	12
7	Mar - Apr 2024	Summer courses (ICT,ENG) (Mar-Apr 2024)	Adolescence (FOC)	25
8	Mar - Apr 2024	Coding/Basic/ Adobe ICT Course (Mar-Apr 2024)	Adolescence (Paid students)	4
9	May 2024	Electrical Installation Level-1 (May'24)	Youths (Paid students)	8
Total				243

Trainee Spotlight: Theingi Soe on the Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar Course



My name is Theingi Soe, and I had the opportunity to attend the YE4M program at CVT. The teachers used effective teaching methods, which greatly impressed me. The group activities and sharing of knowledge were mutually beneficial and enriching. After completing the course, I felt more confident and ready to start my own business with a systematic plan. The YE4M program is incredibly helpful for anyone considering entrepreneurship. We learned how to create accurate business strategies and discussed potential risks thoroughly, giving us a strong understanding of running a business.

Through group activities, we developed business plans for various fields, which deepened our knowledge of different business principles. I am very grateful for the chance to attend YE4M.

I highly recommend this program to young entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses. It's a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to succeed!

Trainee Spotlight: Aung Thu Han on the Electrical Installation Course



Hello! My name is Aung Thu Han, and I was part of the first batch of the Electrical Installation Course at CVT. This training provided me with essential electrical knowledge and improved my practical skills.

Thanks to experienced teachers who used comprehensive teaching aids, I easily understood the theory and learned to work safely and systematically. This training boosted my confidence and prepared me for the workplace.

I truly appreciate how the teachers at CVT treated us like family and offered necessary support. After completing the training, CVT helped connect us with job opportunities and prepared us for the NSSA (Electrician) exam.

I highly recommend this training to anyone interested in electrical work. It's a valuable opportunity for youth to gain skills and find employment. Thank you!

Trainee Spotlight:
Cho Zin Tun Tun on the
Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Course

Hello! I'm Cho Zin Tun Tun, and I attended the Common Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) course at CVT. I'm grateful for the valuable knowledge I gained.

The skilled teachers made learning engaging through discussions and practical applications based on International Labor Organization guidelines. Group work allowed us to apply lessons in real scenarios, enhancing our understanding.

I highly recommend this training to anyone looking to improve their skills in occupational safety and health. Thank you, CVT, for this opportunity!



Strengthening CVT Community

CVT Alumni Gathering

The first CVT Alumni Gathering of 2024 was held online on January 20th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This was followed by an in-person meeting on March 23, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Dagon Tower, located at the junction of Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Shwe Gon Tai Road.

During the CVT Alumni Event, attendees were informed about the purpose of the gathering, recent developments and activities, the reorganized school management structure, the relocation of the school office, classrooms, and practical training hall, as well as the training programs conducted in 2023 and those planned for 2024.

A discussion took place regarding the establishment of a CVT Alumni Association, aimed for official formation in 2025, with alumni recognized as key pillars in the school's long-term sustainable ecosystem. Further discussions are planned for the third Alumni Gathering in August.



Heartfelt Thanks to U Myat Aung Transport Co., Ltd

CVT extends heartfelt gratitude and honors U Myat Aung, Managing Director of U Myat Aung Transport Co., Ltd, and his wife, Daw Aye Aye Moe, for their generous donation of 5,000,000 kyats. This contribution supports the education of youth who aspire to pursue vocational training but may not have the means to do so.



With this funding, we aim to assist 50 individuals in attending vocational training programs. To date, 26 trainees have already benefited from this generous support. CVT sincerely appreciates the commitment of Myat Aung Transport Co., Ltd to making a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth.

Signing of MOUs

Signing of MOU with Labour Asia Training Center



On August 9, 2023, a memorandum of understanding was signed between U Maung Maung Thwin, Managing Director of Labour Asia Training Center (LTC), and Daw Khin Myat Sanda, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Vocational Training (CVT). This MOU marks a collaborative effort to develop youth and enhance the vocational sector through joint training initiatives.

Under this agreement, LTC has generously provided the North Dagon training area to facilitate CVT's electrician practical training courses, as well as other trainings related to the hotel industry, without any charges. To date, the electrician training has been successfully conducted three times between December 2023 and July 2024.

CVT extends its heartfelt gratitude to LTC for their invaluable support and commitment to empowering our youth through quality vocational education.

Signing MoU with DynEd Myanmar

On February 2, 2024, CVT signed a collaborative agreement with DynEd Myanmar, an authorized agent in Myanmar, to provide a valuable resource for individuals looking to learn English quickly and easily through an application.

Following the signing, DynEd Myanmar conducted a data-sharing session for the Neo Study Application on February 27 and 28, 2024, introducing participants to the innovative learning tools available.

CVT is excited about this partnership and the opportunities it brings to enhance English language learning for our community.



Signing MoU between CVT and Myanmar Business Executives Association (MBE)

On May 27, 2024, the Center for Vocational Training (CVT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Myanmar Business Executives Association (MBE) at Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon. This partnership aims to enhance cooperation in CSR activities, vocational training, employment opportunities, SME development programs, and research and curriculum development in Myanmar.

During the signing ceremony, Daw Khin Myat Sanda, Chief Executive Officer of CVT, and U Min Oo, Chairman of MBE, formalized the agreement. The ceremony was witnessed by Daw Thway Thway Maung, Director/Head of MarCom and Fundraising, and U Sithu Aung, Chairman of MBE's Collaboration and Strategic Partnership Committee. The event concluded successfully at 4:00 PM, following the exchange of souvenirs and a group photo to commemorate the occasion.



Signing MoU between CVT and Rotary Club of Yangon (RCY)

On June 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM, the Center for Vocational Training (CVT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rotary Club of Yangon (RCY) at Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon. This collaboration aims to enhance CSR activities focused on developing education, employment, and business initiatives while implementing supportive projects that serve the community.

The MoU was signed by Daw Ya Yu Aye, internal board member of CVT, on behalf of Daw Khin Myat Sanda, Chief Executive Officer of CVT, and U Tin Latt, President of RCY. The signing was witnessed by Daw Thway Thway Maung, Director/Head of MarCom and Fundraising, and Daw Lynn Lynn Tin Tun, Club Secretary from the Rotary Club of Yangon.

The ceremony concluded successfully at 6:00 PM, following a photo session to commemorate this important partnership.



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- ❖ Trainings of Trainers
- ❖ Young Entrepreneurs for Myanmar (YE4M)



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