



Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association NEWSLETTER

Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Two Days Training



MYANMAR GARMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (MGMA) ORGANIZED THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (OSH) TRAINING WITH THE SUPPORT OF ACTIONAID MYANMAR AT MYANMAR GARMENT HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MGHRDC) ON JULY 29 AND 30, 2020.

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New Normal Style**

ASEAN Federation Textile Industries (AFTEX) Online Webinar Meeting



ASEAN FEDERATION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES (AFTEX) WEBINAR MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MORNING OF JULY 24, 2020 AND NINE COUNTRIES FROM ASEAN PARTICIPATED IN THE AFTEX MEETING.

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Announcement of healing committee upon the effects of business caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19)

The committee for healing upon the effects of business caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19) released an announcement on July 18, 2020, about COVID-19 Fund for the damaged businesses such as CMP companies, Hotel and Tourism, SMEs business established and have been giving the fund starting from April 9, 2020. In the announcement, it is included about the business types and number of businesses that received the fund from the COVID – 19 Fund. In the received list of COVID – 19 Fund, there were a total of 45 garment CMP businesses with MMK million 6312 million.

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Working Committee for Remedial Works on Economic Impacts of COVID-19
Announcement No (8/2020)

(1 July 2020)

1. The Working Committee for Remedial Works on Economic Impacts of COVID-1 has set up COVID-19 fund to provide financial assistance to the affected businesses and granted loan from 9 April 2020 for CMP businesses, hotel and tourism industries, micro, small and medium enterprises which have been severely hit by COVID-19 pandemic
2. The loans were granted to 3,393 businesses which conform to the specifications in announcement dated 29 March 2020 of the work committee by diving into seven times as follow:

No	Business	Quantity	Amount (Kyat and mln)	Percentage
(a)	CMP(garment)	45	6312.00	6.24%
(b)	CMP (others)	2	75.00	0.07%
(c)	Hotels	340	15720.74	15.55%
(d)	Tour Industry	236	3757.46	3.72%
(e)	Restaurants	220	5182.00	5.12%
(f)	MESE for foodstuffs, commodities, Products manufacturing industry and services	2550	70081.10	69.30%
Total amount		3393	101128.30	100.00%

3. The working committee will keep carrying out in granting loans to the businesses in accordance with the announcement no 2/2020 released by the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry on 3, July 2020.

Order about conducting surprise inspections on factories workshops and workplaces from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population released the order statement about the surprise check to factories, workshops and workplaces for checking whether they are adhering regulations and recommendations from the Ministry of Health and Sports to control and prevent the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19) on July 9, 2020. The Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and the expert team made the inspections starting from 20.4.2020 and gave permission to the factories that met the standard of MOHS. In the group of surprise checking for meeting the regulations and recommendations of MOHS will be comprised of township-level committees against COVID-19, the General Administration Department, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and Ministry of Health and Sports.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population

Directive for conducting surprise inspections on factories, workshops and workplaces

5th Waning of First Waso, 1382 ME
(9th July 2020)

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and a combined team of experts began inspecting factories, workshops and workplaces starting from 20-4-2020 to check whether they are adhering to regulations and recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Sports to prevent COVID-19. Those that passed the inspections were allowed to reopen.
2. Initial inspection was not carried out at some workplaces, including private businesses with a small workforce, small-scale emerging businesses and household businesses.
Small task groups consisting of officials from township-level committees for containment and emergency response against COVID-19 in Nay Pyi Taw Council and the states and regions worked together with the General Administration Department, MoLIP and MoHS to inspect the remaining workplaces starting from 16-5-2020.
3. Factories, workshops and workplaces are required to follow regulations and recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Sports for effective prevention against the spread of COVID-19. Similar task forces comprised with township-level committees against COVID-19, the GAD, MoLIP and MoHS will continue conducting surprise inspections to the workplaces for these regulations and recommendations.

Providing Industrial Engineering (IE) Training

Trainers from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) and Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Center (MGHRDC) taught the Industrial Engineering (IE) Training at Grand Sports International while the training center is closed due to COVID – 19. This Industrial Engineering (IE) Training's purpose is to develop the productivity of the factory and to get more knowledge about the technology while the training center is closed due to COVID – 19. Supervisor Daw Khin Aye from Grand Sports International told her experience and view of giving the training and you can watch the full video at the below link.

(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=333277187691115>)

Announcement of National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19

The National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control, and Treatment of COVID – 19 announced the statement on July 13, 2020. In the statement, it was declared that the statements, notifications, and directives (excluding eased restrictions) effective until 15 July 2020 for prevention, control, and treatment for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19) will be extended to 31 July 2020.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Announcement of National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19

9th Waning of First Waso 1382 ME
13 July 2020

IT is announced that the statements to public, orders, notifications, and directives (excluding eased restrictions) of Union-level organizations and Union

ministries effective until 15 July 2020 for prevention, control and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) will be extended to 31 July 2020 as it is

required to continue containment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) .



5th times (5/2020) Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020

The 5th times(5/2020) MGMA's Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020 was held on 11 July,2020 at Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association(MGMA) office. The activities of MGMA during COVID – 19, to reopen the closed Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Center (MGHRDC) training center due to COVID – 19, activities and collaboration between MGMA and foreign organizations, things to do in future to improve the Myanmar Garment sector were have been discussed in the ECs meeting. The ECs meeting was chaired by the Managing Director of MGMA with a support team from MGMA and the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary-General, Central Executive Committees (CECs), Executive Committees (ECs) attended and participated in the ECs meeting.

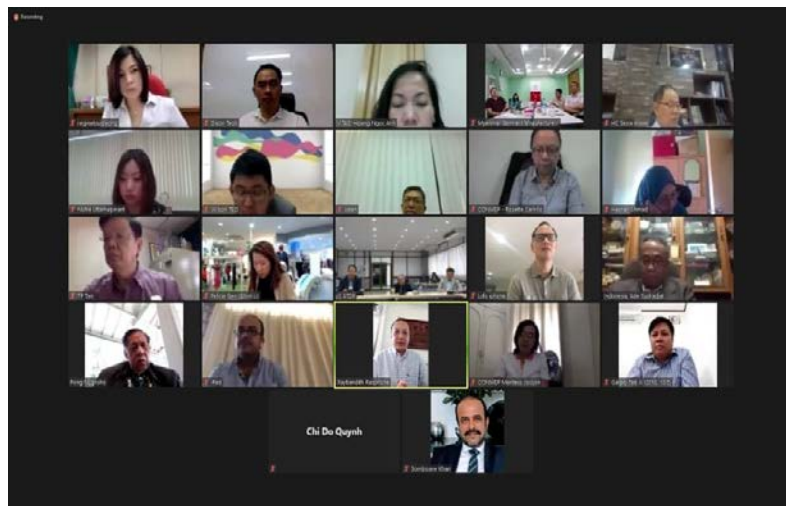
Reopening of Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Center (MGHRDC)'s New Normal classes

Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Center (MGHRDC)'s New Normal classes will be reopened starting from 21 July 2020 due to the permission from the Workshop and Labor Law Inspection Department (Yangon Region Office). MGHRDC has been making measuring temperature and washing hands at the entrance, sewing rows, classes, toilets to prevent and control COVID – 19 when reopening the training center. The detailed prevention of COVID – 19 at MGHRDC training center can be watched at the below link.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCnXIEWMi7c&t=4s>)

ASEAN Federation Textile Industries (AFTEX) Online Webinar Meeting

ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) Webinar meeting was held on the morning of July 24, 2020, and nine countries from ASEAN participated in the AFTEX meeting. The AFTEX was started by an opening remark from the president of AFTEX. And then each participated country from ASEAN discussed the challenges facing that are related to the textile and garment sector during COVID – 19 in their countries. The participated countries from ASEAN discussed the solutions to solve the problems and challenges that can be faced during or beyond COVID – 19, ways to improve the garment sector in future, ASEAN countries need to expand the market size and buyers from international, AFTEX will collaborate with ASEAN countries to have more improvement in ASEAN garment sector. The Central Executive Committees (CECs) and Executive Committees (ECs) from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) participated and discussed in the AFTEX meeting.

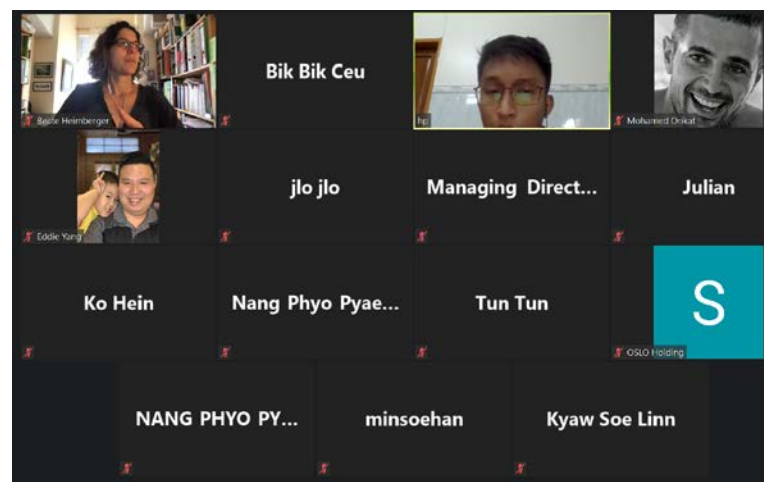
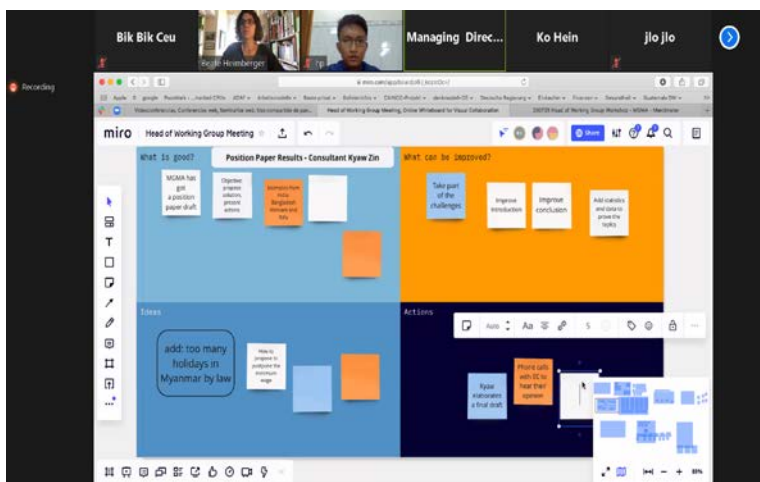


Head of Working Groups Meeting from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)

The Online webinar meeting of Head of Working Group from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) was held on 25 July (Saturday), 2020. The webinar was moderated by Ms.Beate Heimberger (Consultant, AVE) and the working group head and support person from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) attended the meeting. The meeting was been discussed with three agendas,

- 1) Business Opportunity: How to find international customs for your waste material
- 2) Discussing the Position Paper (first draft) Results
- 3) Steps to attract new members.

The meeting was held from 2:30 pm to 4:30 (Myanmar Standard Time).



Reopening MGHRDC Training center with New Normal Style

MGHRDC Training Center has been reopening the basic sewing classes since 21st July 2020 due to the permission from Workshop and Labor law Inspection department. The training has been teaching by doing COVID – 19 education to meet the standard of COVID prevention and controlling rules, measuring temperature and having washing basins at the entrance of the training center, wearing the masks, and separation of distance and places following Social Distancing during sewing training.



Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Training

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) organized the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) training with the support of Actionaid Myanmar at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Center (MGHRDC) on July 29 and 30, 2020. The training was organized to know more about Safety Culture and Overview on OSH legislation, Role and Responsibilities and Hazard identification in Garment Factories, Risk Prevention and Safety management system, Fire prevention, Housekeeping, and Waste Management, Occupational Health and Hazards and conducting Safety toolbox briefing. A total of 34 participates from garment factories attended to the OSH training.



New Members in July 2020			
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Status	Country	No. of Factories	Remark
CMP	China	3	
Total		3	
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF 2020-7-31			
Status	Investment Type	Country	No.of Factories
CMP	Foreign Company	China	290
		Korea	67
		Japan	21
		Others (Country)	32
	MC & JV	Myanmar Company	90
		Joint Venture (JV)	26
Total (CMP Member)			526
Others (Not CMP)		(Textile, Shop, Inspection, Local etc.)	79
Total		Active Member	605
*Closed Factory		(CMP&Others)	115