



Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association NEWSLETTER

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6th times (6/2020) Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020

The 6th times (6/2020) MGMA's Executive Committees (ECs) meeting in 2020 was held on 8th August 2020 (Saturday) at Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) office. The activities that MGMA have been doing, the good results from OHS training, the lecture and training of the reopened MGHRDC training center, things to do in the future of Myanmar Garment Sector were discussed in the 6th times 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 (ECs) attended and participated in the ECs meeting.



Ministry of Health and Sports Order 88/2020

The Ministry of Health and Sport has issued the COVID – 19 on August 12, 2020. In this order, it declared that the prohibition from gathering five or more than five persons exception for some reasons and with the Order of 79/2020 on August 1, 2020, increasing the numbers of 15 or more than 15 persons and from the starting date of 16-8-2020 the limited number of persons to less than 30. The Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease Law will affect to those who did not follow the orders and restrictions related to COVID – 19 from Ministry of Health and Sports associated with COVID – 19.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health and Sports
Order 88/2020

10th Waning of Second Waso, 1382 ME
13 August 2020

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has issued this order under the authority of Article 21 (b) of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports has issued Order 37/2020 on 16-4-2020 and Order 56/2020 on 28-5-2020 to prohibit from gathering five or more than five persons exception for some reasons, to curb the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and to implement preventive measures. The ministry announced modification of these orders with Order 79/2020 on 1 August 2020, increasing the number of persons in gathering from five to 15 or more than 15 persons.
2. The Ministry of Health and Sports has re-issued this new order that will take effect on 16-8-2020 to increase the limited number of persons to less than 30.
3. The Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law will apply to those who breach the orders and instructions related to the COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Public Health Department.

Dr Myint Htwe
Union Minister

Public Announcement from National – level Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID - 19 regarding COVID – 19 Second Wave Prevention

National – level Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID – 19 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar released the public announcement regarding COVID – 19 second wave prevention on August 18, 2020. The border country, India, rank third in the world with the rate of cases and deaths, Myanmar has controlled the first wave of COVID – 19 with the corporation of citizens, now the countries are having the trouble of controlling the second wave of COVID - 19 re-enter, also seen that the citizens have been lacking in following of rules and regulations from the middle of June, if there is a second wave in Myanmar, it will be a huge impact and losses on the Health, Businesses, and to follow the Prevention 5 rules not to happen the second wave of COVID – 19 in the Myanmar was included in the public announcement.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National-level Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19
Public Announcement regarding COVID-19 Second Wave Prevention
15th Waning of Second Waso, 1382 ME
(18 August 2020)

1. According to the news released by the World Health Organization at 9:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 18 August 2020, there have been about 21.5 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with over 0.76 million deaths, showing a gradual increase in the number of cases and fatalities.
2. India, bordering with Myanmar, recorded 2.6 million cases and its death toll stood at 50,921, ranking third in term of cases. Meanwhile, Bangladesh has topped over 270,000 and 3,657 deaths until now. The numbers of confirmed cases and deaths are increasing in these countries day by day.
3. Myanmar has seen a downward trend of COVID-19 infection in the first wave, and this is expected to end soon. There are 376 confirmed cases, with six deaths, and 331 recoveries reported in Myanmar up to this morning. From 18 June 2020 to now, Myanmar has reported 114 cases, of which only
- 2 were domestic transmissions and the remaining 112 were from overseas. People have played a vital role in these successful control measures against this pandemic with their strict adherence to the rules and directives.
4. However, it is seriously to be considered that more than half (61 per cent) of positive cases in Myanmar exhibited no symptoms of this disease. A lot of possibilities exist for a severe outbreak of the second wave due to the spread of infection in the wards/villages or the public from the patients with exhibiting no symptoms. Some neighbouring countries and developed countries are struggling to contain this viral disease again, although they have announced their successful control measures against the second wave and deaths.

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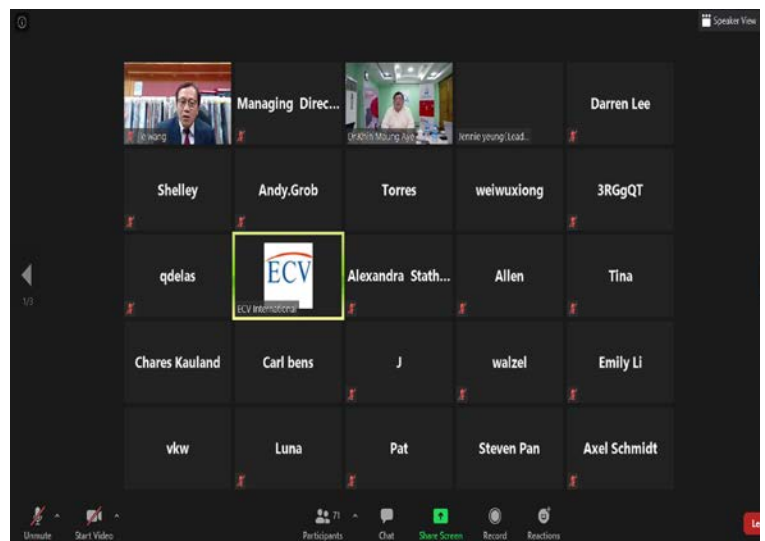
5. The public strictly followed fundamental rules to prevent COVID-19 in March, April and May 2020 during the upward trend in domestic transmission. Still, people have relaxed their close adherence to the directives since mid-June.
6. If the country encountered the second wave of this disease with the risk of a large and uncontrollable outbreak, then there would be a wide range of negative impacts on many sectors such as health, economy, education, employment and livelihood.
7. The second wave of COVID-19, which has grave consequences, could be prevented by the public through protective measures.

The committee, therefore, urges the public to closely abide by the following five rules and collaborate to prevent a COVID-19 second wave.

- (a) Totally (totally) avoid crowds unnecessarily.
- (b) Practise social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet, if possible, from other people.
- (c) When going outdoors, wear face masks systematically in public spaces and gatherings.
- (d) Wash hands at least 20 seconds with soap and water to kill the virus on the hands.
- (e) Fully cooperate in quarantine processes for the returnees from overseas and report on illegal returnees.

ECV Textile & Apparel Online Webinar

The ECV Textile & Apparel online webinar was organized on August 20, 2020 at 3 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) and Dr.Khin Maung Aye participated in the webinar. Dr. Khin Maung Aye (CEC) from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association participated and explained in the webinar about the challenges facing in garment sector during COVID – 19 and overcoming process of that COVID – 19 periods. And also the participant countries including Myanmar discussed about the challenges and opportunities. Then the attendees also asked and discussed about garment sector development. The ECV Textile & Apparel Online Webinar was attended by 69 participants from different countries.



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Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the announcement to MGMA' member factories about the cautions to Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID – 19) Second wave on August 20, 2020. It has included 7 things in the announcement which are as the factories with a lot of workers need to measure the temperature at the entrance of factories, to have the basin, water and soap for the proper washing, to give the sufficiently masks to workers, to have the workers with the standard of social distance.

Recommendation to member factories who produce the masks to sell with fair price and those who want to purchase can make the inquiry at the MGMA office

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the recommendation to member factories that produce the masks to sell with fair price and those who want to purchase can make the inquiry at the MGMA office on the August 21, 2020. MGMA already released the recommendation to follow the guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Sports for the factories. This new recommendation is to contact the office phone number if the factories are producing masks and to sell masks with fair price because the masks market have jumped to 3 times or 5 times of normal price due to the cautions of Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID – 19).

DVB Debate: “How important the garment sectors need to survive”

DVB Debate: “How important the garment sectors need to survive” took place to make the Myanmar garment sector to be able to rise again on August 21, 2020 with DVB Facebook Page Live. It was discussed the things that need for the Myanmar garment businesses to be able to rise again during COVID and after COVID – 19 with the effort of corporation between Government, Employer and Employee. The DVB debate was attended discussed by Daw Sandar Min (Head of Regional Parliament’s Finance, Planning and Economic Committee), Daw Khine Khine Nwe (Secretary General, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association), Daw Myo Myo Aye (Program Director, United Union of Myanmar) and Dr.Zaw Oo (Executive Director, Centre for Economic Social Development).

(https://www.facebook.com/DVBTVNews/videos/748621259036998/UzpfSTlyMjExMTA0Nzg6MDQ4Njg6MjY4MzU2NTg2NTE5MjY1OA/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

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. Director Ma Hsu Wai Yee from Grand Sports International told her experience and her view of giving the training and you can watch the full video at the below link.

(<https://youtu.be/kqv0sJBUCvA>)

Donation of Hand Sanitizer and posters for preventing COVID – 19 from GIZ and ILO

GIZ and ILO donated hand sanitizers and posters for preventing COVID – 19 for the member of Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA). Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) posted on their Facebook page and gave to the MGMA member' factories free hand sanitizers(500 ml& 5 liter), soap (500 ml & 5 liter), flyers and posters from the MGMA office for the workers of factories during COVID – 19.



If factories do not follow the health guidelines, they will be shut down

The August 30 released 7days News article said if factories do not follow the health guidelines, they will be shut down. And also Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population Prime Minister U Thein Swe said that the factories and workshops should follow the rules and regulations from the Ministry of Health and Sports because there is high rate of infection nowadays. Moreover, he said they will reconsider for the workers who are sued during COVID – 19.

(<https://7day.news/197331>)

Extension of the reduced service fees of Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the announcement of the extension of the service fees of MGMA on August 31, 2020. MGMA extended the reduced service fees until September 30, 2020 to lose the tension of the impact of COVID - 19 on the businesses. And the announcement also included that MGMA will reconsider upon reduced service fees by the situation of the businesses.

| New Members in August 2020 | | | |
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| Number of New Member in August 2020 | | | |
| Status | Country | No. of Factories | Remark |
| CMP | China | 5 | |
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| Total | | 5 | |
| MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF 2020-8-31 | | | |
| Status | Investment Type | Country | No.of Factories |
| CMP | Foreign Company | China | 297 |
| | | Korea | 64 |
| | | Japan | 20 |
| | | Others (Country) | 32 |
| | MC & JV | Myanmar Company | 88 |
| | | Joint Venture (JV) | 25 |
| Total (CMP Member) | | | 526 |
| Others (Not CMP) | | (Textile, Shop, Inspection, Local etc.) | 83 |
| Total | | Active Member | 609 |
| *Closed Factory | | (CMP&Others) | 116 |