

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association NEWSLETTER

Discussion for the Collaboration between Two Countries with The Embassy of India



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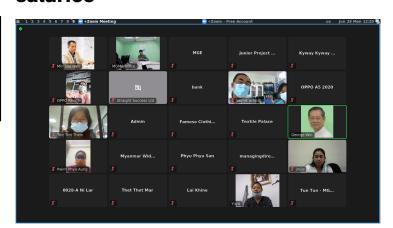
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Sewing Upskilling Training

The opening ceremony of sewing upskilling training which was conducted in coordination between Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)'s training center, Myanmar Garment Human Resource Development Center (MGHRDC) and IOM UN MIGRATION (International Organization for Migration), was held at Best Industrial Co., Ltd.'s garment factory on 31st May 2021. MGMA Chairman U Myint Soe, Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe, Treasurer Daw Htay Htay Aye and IOM UN MIGRATION's National Liason & Programme Officer U Aung Kyaw Than attended the ceremony.

The training which was conducted in intention to improve the skill of garment workers was for 2 months from 31-6-2021 to 27-7-2021.



MGMA Chairman U Myint Soe delivering opening speech



MGMA Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe delivering opening speech



IOM UN MIGRATION, National Liaison & Programme Officer U Aung Kyaw Than explaing about the training



Sewing Upskilling Training Trainers and trainees



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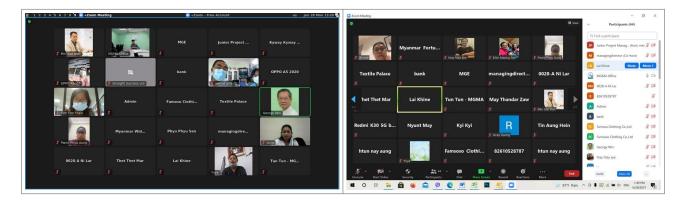


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Delegates of Embassy of India presented and discussed coordination and collaboration for business damages of COVID19 pandemic, paralysing of textile and other related industries, exhibition and trainings, interest in conducting trainings, exhibitions and other activities to help garment industry of Myanmar.

Explanation and Discussion of Withdrawing Cash for the Workers' Salaries

As Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) has been assisting member factories with withdrawing cash for the workers' salaries in collaboration and coordination with One-Stop-Service (OSS), 49 factories could withdraw cash for salaries of 41,821 workers in total. For withdrawing cash from the banks, the Zoom Virtual Meeting of explanation and discussion on requirements of lists and documents that the factories have to submit, was conducted on 28 June 2021 at 1:00PM by MGMA Secretary Daw Khine Khine Nwe.



Steering Committee Meeting of MGMA-AVE

The Steering Committee meeting of MGMA-AVE (Foreign Trade Association of German Retailers) was held on Wednesday, 23.6.2021 via zoom meeting. There were focal executive committee members, managing director, and AVE project team joined to this meeting. Focus activities to plan for next 6 months were discussed about skills development and ToT program, E-learning platform, garment industry survey for current status and further develop to PR strategy of MGMA for next steps before the project ends on November 2021

The twinning project between AVE and the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) aims to strengthen the organizational capacity of MGMA and support local garment factories to improve their capacities, especially in terms of sustainable production, productivity, and working conditions. AVE was implementing this project from 2015 -2018 in phase one.

The AVE project aims to raise awareness amongst MGMA member companies to support them in improving sustainable apparel production in their production chain.

Currently, in its second phase (December 2018 – end of November 2021), the project is financed by the German Federal Ministries of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ).





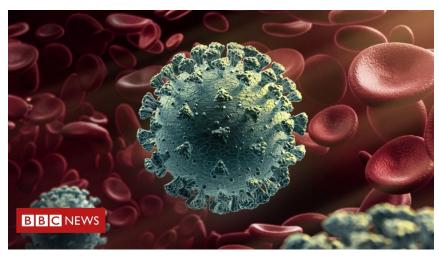
Basic Labour Law Awareness Lecturing



MGMA Junior Labour Officer lecturing basic labour law awareness

As Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)'s training school, Myanmar Garment Human Resource Development Center (MGHRDC) is providing basic motor sewing operator training in free of charge, the training No. 193 has been completed. The trainees of the training No. 193, were lectured basic labour law awareness by junior labour officer of MGMA.

MOHS Released News on COVID-19 New Variants Found

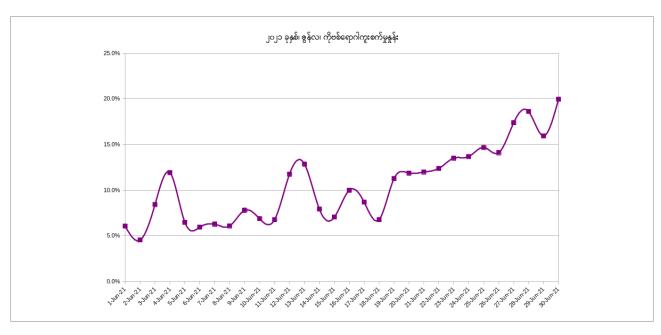


As Ministry of Health and Sport (MOHS) is continuously monitoring COVID-19 prevention and controlling works, MOHS released news on finding 11 confirmed cases of new COVID-19 variant strains as the result of laboratory test on 03-06-2021.

In the News Release, It is confirmed that 2 of Alpha and 5 of Delta as Variants of Concern and 4 of Kappa as Variant of Interest. The news release says Alpha and Delta as Variants of Concern seem higher contagion and mortality rate according to the releases of World Health Organization, and effectiveness of some COVID-19 vaccines can possibly be less.

In conclusion, the news release urges the public to follow exactly the orders, directives and guidelines for COVID-19 prevention and controlling issued by the Ministry of Health and Sport in order that individuals, families and communities will not contract the virus.

Along with the finding of new COVID-19 variant strains, alerts for the third wave of COVID-19 outbreak because daily laboratory confirmed cases increased up to 19.9% in June 2021.



Alert for the Third Wave of COVID-19 Outbreak



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အကြောင်းအရာ ။ ။ မျိုးရိုးဗီဇကွဲ COVID-19 ရောဂါဝိုးများတွေ့ ရှိမှုနှင့် COVID-19 ကူးစက်ကဝ်ရောဂါ တတိယလှိုင်းဖြစ်ပွားမှု အသင်းဝင်စက်ရုံများသို့ အသိပေးရှိုးဆော်ခြင်း။

- COVID-19 ကမ္ဘာ့ကူးစက်ကဝ်ရောဂါသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် ပထမလှိုင်းနှင့် ဒုတိယလှိုင်းများအဖြစ် ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခဲ့ပြီးနောက် ယခုအခါ မျိုးရိုးဗီဇကွဲ COVID-19 ရောဂါပိုးများတွေ့ရှိမှုနှင့်အတူ တတိယလှိုင်း အဖြစ် ပြန်လည်ကူးစက်ဖြစ်ပွားလာသည်ကို တွေ့ရပါသည်။
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- ထို့ပြင် ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်အားကစားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နေ့စဥ်သတင်းထုတ်ပြန်ချက်များအရ ၂၀၂၁ ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ ၂၅ ရက်နေ့မှ ဇွန်လ ၂၈ ရက်နေ့အထိ ဓါတ်ခွဲစစ်ဆေးမှုစုစုပေါင်း ၁၀၄,၅၄၄ ဦးရှိခဲ့ပြီး ပိုးတွေ့ အတည်ပြုလူနာစုစုပေါင်း ၁၁,၁၁၅ ဦး ရှိခဲ့ပါသည်။ ရောဂါးပိုးတွေ့ ရှိမှုနှုန်းမှာ ဇွန်လအတွင်း ၄.၅ ရာခိုင်နှုန်း မှ ၁၈.၆ ရာခိုင်နှုန်းအထိ မြင့်တက်လာသည်ကို တွေ့ရပါသည်။
- သို့ပါ၍ အသင်းဝင်စက်ရုံများအနေဖြင့် မိမိ အလုပ်သမားများ COVID-19 ရောဂါ ကူးစက်ဖြစ်ပွားမှု သို့မဟုတ် သံသယရှိသူအဖြစ် သီးသန့်ထားစောင့်ကြည့်ခံရမှုတို့နှင့် စပ်လျဥ်း၍ လုပ်ငန်းခွင်ဝင်ရောက် လုပ်ကိုင်နိုင်ခြင်းမရှိပါက လစာမဲ့ခွင့်ရက် ခွင့်ပြုပေးပြီး အလုပ်အကိုင်တည်မြဲရေးအတွက် အာမခံချက်ပေး ကြရန်နှင့် ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် အားကစားဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) ကာကွယ်ထိန်းချုပ်ရေးနှင့် ပတ်သက်၍ စက်ရုံ၊ အလုပ်ရုံများ၊ အလုပ်ဌာနများသို့ လမ်းညွှန် ချက် (Version 5.0)" ကို ဆက်လက်လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးကြရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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According to the news releases of the Ministry of Health and Sport, daily laboratory confirmed cases rate surged up along with finding the new COVID-19 variant strains.

Therefore, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) released the letter urging the member factories to allow unpaid leave and guarantee job security to the workers in cases of COVID-19 contraction and quarantine of suspect, and to follow "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Prevention and Controlling Guidelines for Factories, Workplaces and Establishments - Version 5.0" issued by the Ministry of Health and Sport.

Meeting for Smoother Business Operations

In efforts to smooth the operational adversities faced by the businesses away, a coordination meeting was held on 31st June 2021 at UMFCCI's meeting hall. The meeting was attended by the dignitaries from Ministry of Commerce, One-Stop-Service (OSS) Committee, Custom Department and Port Authority, and members of CEC and employer representatives of UMFCCI, MGMA and MIA. In the meeting, current issues of withdrawing cash from the bank for the workers' salaries, logistic, custom clearance and others for smoother business operations were discussed.





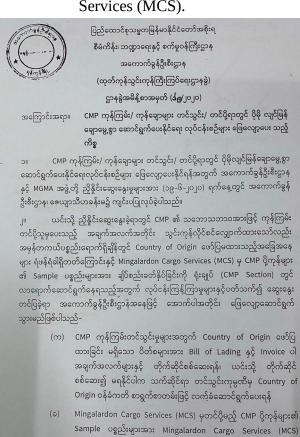




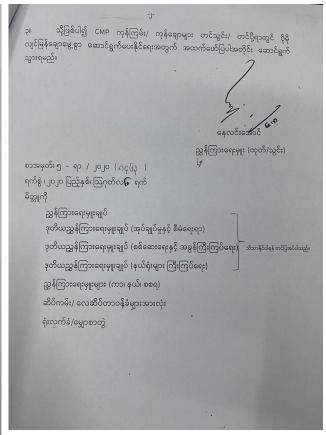
Informing Relaxation for CMP Import/Export Processes

The Custom Department and MGMA had a coordination meeting in June 2020 to relax some requirements of CMP Import/Export processes for the quicker and smoother process. In the coordination meeting, two relaxations of the processes were allowed. For the member factories doing the such processes, the two relaxations of requirements of CMP Import/Export processes are informed again as follows;

- (a) The textiles imported as materials for CMP without Country of Origin, are in order to be checked by the facts mentioned in Bill of Lading and Invoice, or if it can not be done so, to be accepted and proceeded by undertaking of importer company for Country of Origin.
- (b) CMP Exports that are going to be proceeded through Mingalardon Cargo Services (MCS) are in order to be conducted at custom department at Mingalardon Cargo Services (MCS).



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Membership Updates

NEW MEMBERS in June 2021

| Number of New Factories in May, 2021 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Country | No. of Factories | | | |
| Korea | 1 | | | |
| Total | 1 | | | |

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF JUNE 2021

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| Status | Country | No. of Factories |
| | Myanmar | 65 |
| | China | 267 |
| Active | Korea | 57 |
| | Japan | 19 |
| | Others | 24 |
| | Joint Venture | 27 |
| Active (Local, Sub-Con, Market, Inspection, Textile | | 43 |
| Total (Active) | | 502 |
| Grand Total | | 741 |

FACTORY CLOSURES OVERVIEW

| Year | Current Operating | Complete Closed | Temporary Closed | In-Active |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2003-2019 | | 110 | 2 | |
| 2020 | | 22 | 20 | |
| 2021 | 502 | 11 | 41 | 34 |
| Total | 502 | 143 | 63 | 34 |