

## MYANMAR GARMENTS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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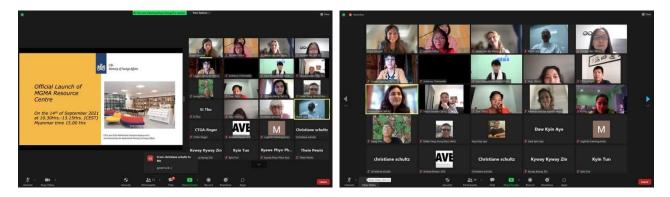
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#### MGMA Resource Center Launching Event

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)'s Resource Center Launching Event was held on 14th September 2021 at MGHRDC (Myanmar Garment Human Resource Development Center). The event was conducted by online virtual system using Zoom application and attended by MGMA Chairman U Myint Soe, Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe, members of Central Executive Committee (CEC) and responsible persons from CBI (Center for the Promotion of Imports from the development countries). The launching event was started by the opening speech delivered by the chairman of MGMA.



MGMA Resource Center is established for the member factories so that they can have a wide choice of the garment raw material samples such as fabrics, threads, accessories, etc. in one place collectively. MGMA started setting up the resource center in collaboration with CBI. The association is also working on setting up a system by which the member factories can purchase the raw materials from international markets using digital platform.

The Association thanks for and appreciates the participations of the domestic and foreign partnered associations and member factories. For more details, direct contact to the MGMA Office and sending email to managingdirector@myanmargarments.org are available.



#### **Factory Industrial Relations Management Training**

One of the labour laws trainings of MGMA Employers' Package, "Factory Industrial Relations Management Training" was conducted on 2021 Sep 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in two groups of morning and afternoon sessions. The training was attended by 22 participants and delivered by the labour officer of MGMA as the following titles of learning outlines;

- 1. Introduction to Applied Labor Laws
- 2. Employment and Orientation
- 3. Employment Contract and Workplace Rules
- 4. Payment of Wages and Variable Pays
- 5. Leaves and Holidays
- 6. Social Security
- 7. Settlement of Labor Dispute
- 8. Labor Organization



Participants Group (A)

Participants Group (B)



Presentation slide in the training

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Employers' Package is a service package for the member factories implemented by MGMA with the support of ILO ACT/EMP. Employers' Package is providing legal advices and other services in regard to the labour issues in member factories. It has also been providing the tailor-made labour law trainings for workplace or factory related labour issues.

#### **Occupational Safety and Health Training**

MGMA, in collaboration with ActionAid Myanmar (AAM), conducted "Occupational Safety and Health" Training on 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by online virtual system using Zoom application. The secretary general of MGMA Daw Khine Khine Nwe gave opening speech and 25 participants attended the training.



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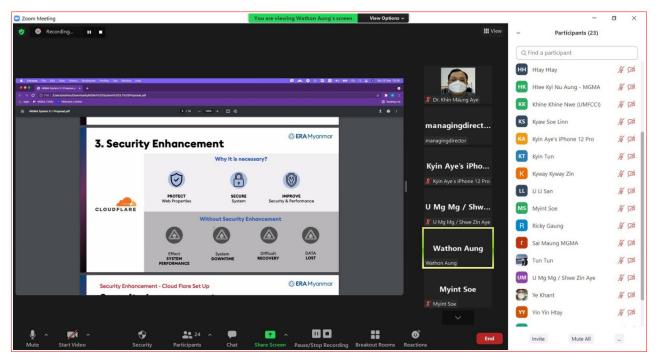
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In the Occupational Safety and Health Training, the guidelines for workplaces and factories of COVID-19 prevention and protection were also learned and discussed.

#### **MGMA Executive Committee Meeting**

The monthly executive committee meeting of MGMA for September 2021 was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September by online virtual system. In the meeting, planning for Annual General Meeting in December 2021, to conduct a survey on the current situations and issues in garment industry, the training courses being delivered by the association were discussed. Moreover, as upgrade the current online system of applying import license recommendation to fully online system, the presentations of the developer were discussed.



the developer company conducting presentation for fully online system

#### **Cash Assistance to Pregnant and Breast Feeding Women**

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA), with the support of Livelihoods and Food Security Fund - LIFT Myanmar, initiated a program of providing cash assistance to the pregnant and breast feeding women workers, and workers who are suffering chronic diseases currently working in the member garment factories. In September 2021, 294 pregnant and breast feeding women workers from over the 20 member factories were given 70,000/- MMK each. As the program is to provide the cash assistance to 900 workers who are eligible for the above mentioned criteria in total from September to December, 604 more will be continuously provided within the time frame.



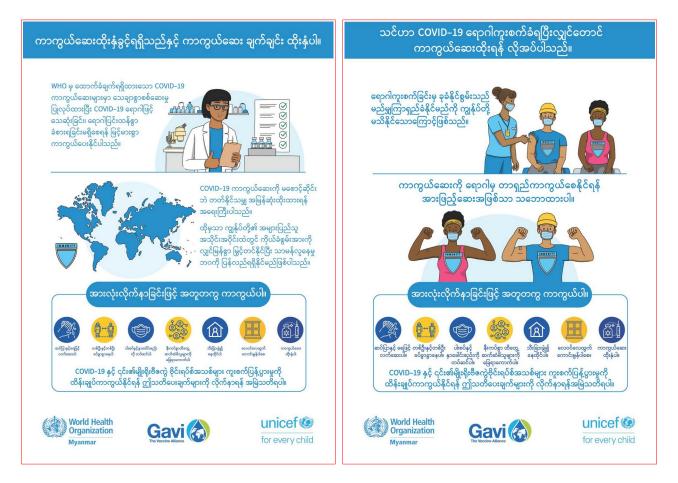
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#### **Providing the Services Continuously**

Myanmar Garment Manufactures Association (MGMA) is continuously providing its services such issuing recommendation for import license, country of origin (CO) and others relevant. In September 2021, total 1032 recommendation for CMP import license were issued to the member factories.

Moreover, the association is continuously assisting the member factories with withdrawing cash for workers' salary from the banks in collaboration with One-Stop-Service (OSS). Although the factories and companies are doing it by contacting to the banks directly, the association is still

assisting the member factories in need of applying through OSS. The member factories can send the company data by email to managingdirector@myanmargarments.org for the assistance.



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#### New Members in September 2021

Country	No. of Factories
Hong Kong	2
Korea	1
Total	3

#### Membership Update as of September 2021

Status	Country	No. of Factories
	Myanmar	68
	China	260
A	Korea	54
Active	Japan	16
	Others	23
	Joint Venture	25
Active (Local, Sub-Con, Market, Inspection, Textile)		39
Total (Active)		485