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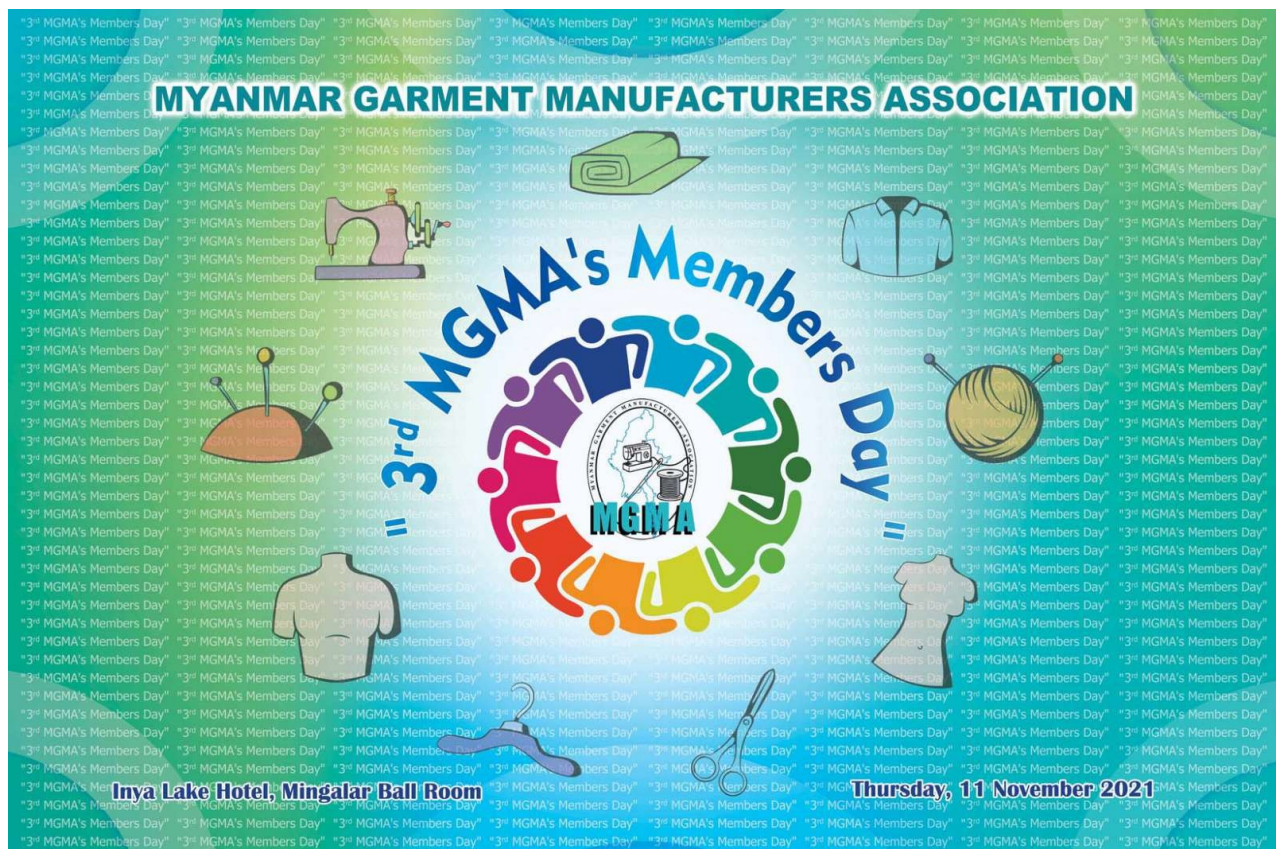
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3rd MGMA Members' Day



Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA)'s 3rd Members' Day was held on 11th November 2021 at Inyar Lake Hotel. The ceremony was attended by chairman, vice chairmen, secretary general, members of central executive committee, executive committee of MGMA, owners and representatives from member factories, representative from international organizations. MGMA Chairman U Myint Soe gave opening speech and Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe presented the current state of garment industry.

Center for Economic and Social Development - CESD Director U Min Zar Ni also presented available results of an ongoing survey. The survey is being conducted by CESD with the MGMA's support and arrangement, for the impact of COVID-19 and political events.

MGMA's Managing Director Daw Aye Mi Shein presented forthcoming programs which are going to be conducted by the association. And also MGMA Labour Officer, Min Soe Han explained Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment - VLCA program.

Then panel discussion was conducted by the panelists representing Myanmar garment manufacturers, Chinese, Japanese and Korean garment manufactures in Myanmar. In the panel discussion, MGMA Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe took part as moderator and the panelists answered the questions from the audiences.

As the last agenda of the event, Foreign Trade Association of German Retailers - AVE's responsible person spoke thanks to MGMA's responsible persons and member factories for the projects between MGMA and AVE which have been successfully completed. Finally the event was successfully concluded.



MGMA Chairman delivering opening speech



MGMA Secretary General presenting the current state



registration



audiences and presentation slide



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panelists

Income Management Training

Intending for the garment workers who are working in the member factories can manage their salary income, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) organized "Income Management Training" on 15-16 Nov and 23-24 Nov at Star Sandar Garment factory and Dagon Talent Garment factory respectively. Average 20-30 participants attended to each training, and the participants are supposed to forward knowledge acquired in the training among peers. In the

training, necessity of balancing income and expense, necessary expenses for life, importance of saving, emergency expenses, ways to reduce living costs and ways of saving were lectured by the trainer. The participants also played the demonstration games.



training group photo



training group photo



Group Work Discussion



Group Work Discussion



Opening Remark by MD, MGMA

*Playing
Demonstration
Games*

Cash Assistance for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Workers

As MGMA ran the program of providing cash assistance to pregnant and breastfeeding women workers and workers who are suffering chronic disease currently working in the member factories with the support of Livelihoods and Food Security Fund - LIFT Myanmar, the program was successfully completed in November 2021. The program was able to give out cash assistance to 900 workers from 61 member factories in September, October and November as follows;

No.	Month/Year	Pregnant Women Worker	Breast Feeding Women Worker	Total Workers	Total Facotries
1.	September, 2021	245	49	294	20
2.	October, 2021	268	31	299	19
3.	November, 2021	275	32	307	22
Total		788	112	900	61



explaining about program and funding organization



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giving cash assistance to the worker

Foursource Premium Account (Digital Platform) Orientation and Info-Tech Hub Work Group Meeting

MGMA organized Foursource Premium Account (Digital Platform) orientation and Info-Tech Hub Work Group Meeting on 26 Nov at Lotte Hotel Yangon. Members of MGMA Executive Committee, Central Executive Committee, owners and representatives from the member factories which joined the Foursource Premium Account program and members of Info-Tech Hub Work Group attended the event. The Foursource Premium Account program is a Digital Platform program organized by MGMA with support of Foreign Trade Association of German Retailers - AVE, to be helpful for the member factories in seeking business orders during aftermath of COVID-19 outbreaks. After this orientation of the Digital Platform, MGMA will organized two more workshops in 2022. The member participants registered with Foursource will be invited and explained more about profile writing and how to use the Digital Platform to connect with international buyers. In the event, AVE Consultant introduced and presented about Foursource Premium Account and members of Info-Tech Hub Work Group discussed matters of the association's public relations.



participants group photo



presenting about foursource premium account



Info-Tech Hub work group discussion



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CMP Garment Export is Highest in 2020-21 Budget Year Exports

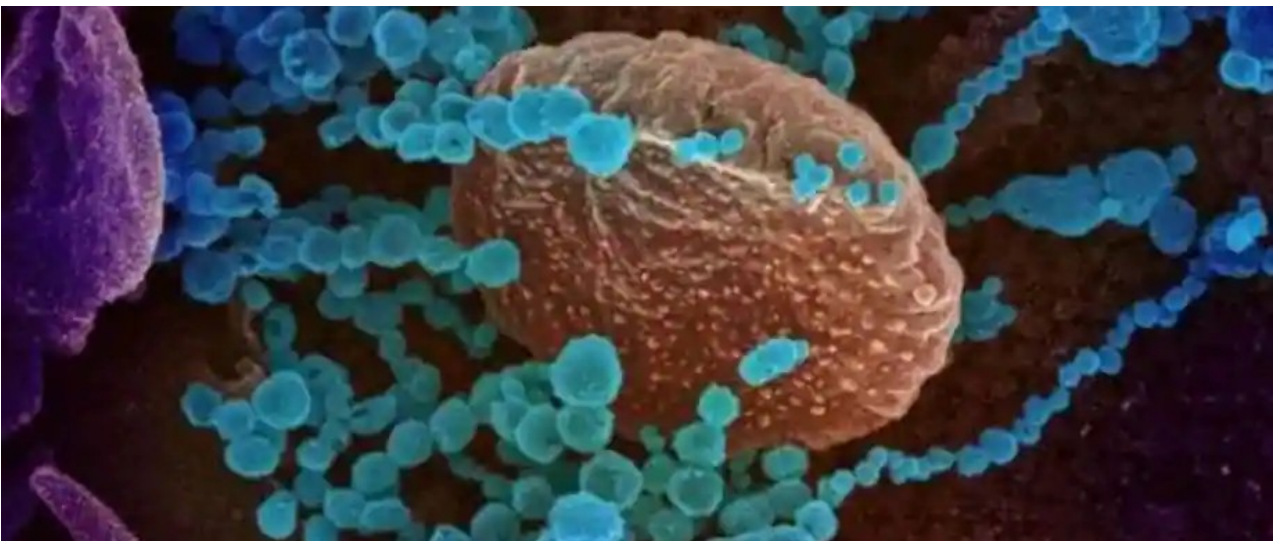
In export values exported by Myanmar during 2020-21 budget year starting from October end to September, export value by CMP Garment industry is the highest with 3609 million in USD. The export of Natural Gas is second with 3119 million in USD. Eleven Media Group Co., Ltd. mentioned the news on its [the news web page](#).



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COVID-19 Omicron New Variant

WHO designated the variant B.1.1.529 named Omicron as a variant of concern on 26 November 2021. The decision was based on the evidence presented to the Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) of World Health Organization - WHO.



The evidences presented to TAG-VE are that Omicron has several mutations that may have an impact on how it behaves, for instance, how easily it spreads or the severity of illness it causes. Researchers in South Africa and around the world are conducting studies to better understand many aspects of Omicron and will continue to share the findings of these studies as they become available.

Summary of what is currently known

Transmissibility: It is not yet clear whether Omicron is more transmissible (eg. more easily spread from person to person) compared to other variants, including Delta. The number of people testing positive has risen in areas of South Africa affected by this variant, but epidemiologic studies are underway to understand if it is because of Omicron or other factors.

Severity of disease: It is not yet clear whether infection with Omicron causes more severe disease compared to infections with other variants, including Delta. Preliminary data suggests that there are increasing rates of hospitalization in South Africa, but this may be due to increasing overall numbers of people becoming infected, rather than a result of specific infection with Omicron. There is currently no information to suggest that symptoms associated with Omicron are different from those from other variants. Initial reported infections were among university students—younger individuals who tend to have more mild disease—but understanding the level of severity of the Omicron variant will take days to several weeks. All variants of COVID-19, including the Delta variant that is dominant worldwide, can cause severe disease or death, in particular for the most vulnerable people, and thus prevention is always key. Referring to WHO's [Update on Omicron](#).

COVID-19 Awareness Posters



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Membership Update

New Members in October 2021

Country	No. of New Member Factories
China	2
-	-
Total	2

Membership Update as of October 2021

Status	Country	No. of Factories
<i>Active</i>	Myanmar	69
	China	258
	Korea	54
	Japan	16
	Others	22
	Joint Venture	26
	Local, Sub-Con, Marketing, Inspecting, Textile	38
Total		483