## Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## 5th MGMA New Members' Orientation

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) organized 5th MGMA New Members' Orientation on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at MGHRDC. Vice – Chairman of MGMA U Kyaw Win delivered the opening speech and Executive Committee Members of MGMA introduced in person.

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## The Monthly MGMA Executive Committee Meeting



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In the meeting, CEC/EC members discussed issue of registered participants of VIATT on February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, follow up stage to BHARAT TEX 2024 on 26-29 February, 2024 in New Delhi, India,feedback and comments on 10 meeting decisions of MOC and MGMA zoom meeting on 3.1.2024 and review on action of VLCA and Labour law training series for 2023.

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## **Upcoming Activities**

No.	Descriptions	Date & Time	Venue
1.	"Retreat to Recharge: Navigating Success Together"	February 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBC
2.	Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch - 232)	TBC	MGHRDC
3.	Occupational Safety and Health	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	MGHRDC
4.	Export Promotion Conference organized by Ministry of Commerce	TBC	Naypyitaw MICC II

## **Membership Update**

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## **ACTIVITIES & NEWS**

## 5<sup>th</sup> MGMA New Members' Orientation



















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Associations (MGMA) organized
5th MGMA New Members' Orientation on
January 19, 2024 at MGHRDC.

Vice – Chairman of MGMA U Kyaw Win delivered the opening speech and Executive Committee Members of MGMA introduced in person. Then, Managing Director of MGMA, Labour Officer of MGMA, Manager of MGHRDC and Sr.Administrative officer of MGMA were

presented current update about MGMA's activities, service offering, employer package, Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment, orientation about resource center fabric library and collaboration of international project's activities respectively.

MGMA's Vice-Chairman, CEC/ECs and (54) representatives from MGMA's member factories participated in this event and took group photos in the final wrap up.







Managing Director of MGMA presenting MGMA's activities



Senior Labor Officer of MGMA presenting Employer's Package and VLCA



Senior Administrative Officer of MGMA presenting MGMA's service offering



Manager of MGHRDC presenting Training Center's activities





Executive Committee of MGMA and representatives from MGMA Member factories

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response informative action from meeting minute for 2024-25 budget year export promotion planning activities of garment industry by MGMA and MOC, zoom meeting held on 3.1.2024 and review on action of VLCA and Labour law training series for year 2023.

The association's Vice-Chairmen, and members of Central Executive Committee/Executive Committee attended the meeting.







Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association

#### Employers' Package

Services for Businesses

ormation & Advice

Assistance with Dispute Resolution

Training & Dey

## As Factory/Company

- · Information & Advice
- · Assisting with dispute resolution
- Training & Development
  - Attending certificate awarded trainings (2 persons & certificate with Factory Name)
  - Labour Law Awareness (in-factory, only on factory's request)
  - Forming and Training WCC (in-factory, only on factory's request)
  - Occupational Safety and Health (in February, May, August and November)

#### **As Person**

- · Information & Advice
- · Assisting with dispute resolution
- Training & Development
  - Attending certificate awarded trainings (certificate without Factory Name)
  - Occupational Safety and Health (in February, May, August and November)

How the services are delivered?

- Sharing valuable information and documents by phone, emails, in person.
- · Assisting with dispute resolution
- · Providing trainings
- One year access to the valuable resources @ https://sites.google.com/view/mgmaemp

Information & Advice

Assistance with Dispute Resolution

Training & Development

#### What is Employers' Package?

Employers' Package is a service package developed by Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) for the employers in the labour intensive manufacturing industries.

Services of Employers' Package cover three main areas,

- 1. Information & Advice
- 2. Assistance with Dispute Resolution
- 3. Training & Development

#### How to get the services?

Membership of Employers' Package is required to get the services. Membership can be registered;

#### As Factory/Company

No. of workers

1 - 2000  $\longrightarrow$  300,000/- MMK per year 2001 -  $\uparrow$   $\longrightarrow$  500,000/- MMK per year

#### **As Person**

1 person -> 150,000/- MMK per year

#### How to register for membership?

- Go to https://bit.ly/empmbf or scan QR 🖙
- Fill up the membership form
- Call us 09 25 731 3341, 09 96 352 2939



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#### Garment HR Management

Certificate-awarded Training

#### **Training Contents**

- · Garment Industry & Related Policies
- · Labour Laws, Rules & Regulations
- · Office Works & HR Functions
- · Compliance & Audits

The Garment HR Management training is going to be conducted **only 4 batches in 2024** as follows;

	March 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	
1st Batch	March 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	
	March 31st Sunday	Only limited seats are
	June 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	available.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Batch	June 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	
	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM
	September 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	To 5:00 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Batch	September 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	
	September 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	We provide
	December 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Lunch & Tea Breaks
4 <sup>th</sup> Batch	December 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	lea bleaks
	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	

Only **limited** seats are available for each batch. Certificate holders are fully certified and recommended by the association, MGMA.

Information & Advice

Assistance with Dispute Resolution

Training & Development

# MGMA's Employers' Package training is just around the corner!

The number of participants is limited, so you need to register as soon as possible.

Employers' Package is a service package developed by MGMA for the employers in labor intensive industries like Garment.

If you want to get Employers' Package services,

Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/empmbf">https://bit.ly/empmbf</a> (or scan the QR Code)



and fill out the membership form. The MGMA office will contact you first.

If you want to know more detail about MGMA's Employers' Package, you can visit bit.ly/mgmaemp.

MGMA's Employers' Package can help, if you want to be

- improve the efficiency of your factory office team

(or)

- stand and work as a professional HR Manager confidently

Go to https://bit.ly/empmbf and register as a member now.

For more detailed information,

call us 01-2300243, 01-2314829 (ext-10),

U Kyaw Zayar Phyo (Labor Officer) Ph: 09963522939,

U Kaung San (Junior Labor Officer) Ph - 09 770129330.



for

Months of February and March, 2024

Training Title	Batch	Date	Training Course
Health	OSH	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday <b>09:00AM - 05:00PM</b>	<ul> <li>Basic concepts of Occupational Safety and Health</li> <li>Controlling and managing hazards in garment factory</li> <li>Risk assessment</li> <li>Ergonomic</li> <li>PPE</li> </ul>
	Batch (1)	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Occupational Safety and Health Management System</li> <li>Good practices and preparation for emergency</li> <li>Fire safety &amp; Electric safety</li> <li>Chemical management</li> </ul>
	ent HR	March 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Garment industry and gov. policies</li> <li>Recruitment and Employment</li> <li>Workplace rules and disciplinary actions</li> <li>Work hours, payment of wages</li> </ul>
Carment HP Management		March 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Leave and holiday</li> <li>Office work, MS Word, Excel</li> <li>Social dialogue, workplace relations and dispute resolution</li> <li>Freedom of association</li> </ul>
Gui inche i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Batch (1)	March 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Multi National Corporations and global unions</li> <li>Understanding Certification, Credentialing and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>Understanding How to Higg Guide for Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM)</li> <li>Understanding amfori BSCI system manual</li> <li>SA8000:2014 Standard</li> <li>Writing Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>



for

Months of August and September, 2024

Training Title	Batch	Date	Training Course
Occupational Safety and Health (Certificate Awarded)  OSH Batch (3)		August 22nd Thursday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Basic concepts of Occupational Safety and Health</li> <li>Controlling and managing hazards in garment factory</li> <li>Risk assessment</li> <li>Ergonomic</li> <li>PPE</li> </ul>
	August 23rd Friday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Occupational Safety and Health Management System</li> <li>Good practices and preparation for emergency</li> <li>Fire safety &amp; Electric safety</li> <li>Chemical management</li> </ul>	
	HR	September 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Garment industry and gov. policies</li> <li>Recruitment and Employment</li> <li>Workplace rules and disciplinary actions</li> <li>Work hours, payment of wages</li> </ul>
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Garment HR Management (Certificate Awarded)	Batch (3)	September 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday <b>09:00AM - 05:00PM</b>	<ul> <li>Understanding Multi National Corporations and global unions</li> <li>Understanding Certification, Credentialing and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>Understanding How to Higg Guide for Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM)</li> <li>Understanding amfori BSCI system manual</li> <li>SA8000:2014 Standard</li> <li>Writing Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>



for

Months of May and June, 2024

Training Title	Batch	Date	Training Course
Occupational Safety and Health	OSH Batch (2)	May 16th Thursday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Basic concepts of Occupational Safety and Health</li> <li>Controlling and managing hazards in garment factory</li> <li>Risk assessment</li> <li>Ergonomic</li> <li>PPE</li> </ul>
(Certificate Awarded)		May 17th Friday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Occupational Safety and Health Management System</li> <li>Good practices and preparation for emergency</li> <li>Fire safety &amp; Electric safety</li> <li>Chemical management</li> </ul>
	HR	June 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <b>09:00AM - 05:00PM</b>	<ul> <li>Understanding Garment industry and gov. policies</li> <li>Recruitment and Employment</li> <li>Workplace rules and disciplinary actions</li> <li>Work hours, payment of wages</li> </ul>
Garment HR Management		June 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Leave and holiday</li> <li>Office work, MS Word, Excel</li> <li>Social dialogue, workplace relations and dispute resolution</li> <li>Freedom of association</li> </ul>
Our ment The Munugement	Batch (2)	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Multi National Corporations and global unions</li> <li>Understanding Certification, Credentialing and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>Understanding How to Higg Guide for Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM)</li> <li>Understanding amfori BSCI system manual</li> <li>SA8000:2014 Standard</li> <li>Writing Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>



for

Months of November and December, 2024

Training Title	Batch	Date	Training Course
Occupational Safety and Health	OSH Batch (4)	November 21st Thursday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Basic concepts of Occupational Safety and Health</li> <li>Controlling and managing hazards in garment factory</li> <li>Risk assessment</li> <li>Ergonomic</li> <li>PPE</li> </ul>
(Certificate Awarded)		November 22 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Occupational Safety and Health Management System</li> <li>Good practices and preparation for emergency</li> <li>Fire safety &amp; Electric safety</li> <li>Chemical management</li> </ul>
	HR	December 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Garment industry and gov. policies</li> <li>Recruitment and Employment</li> <li>Workplace rules and disciplinary actions</li> <li>Work hours, payment of wages</li> </ul>
Garment HR Management		December 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Leave and holiday</li> <li>Office work, MS Word, Excel</li> <li>Social dialogue, workplace relations and dispute resolution</li> <li>Freedom of association</li> </ul>
(Certificate Awarded)	Batch (4)	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 09:00AM - 05:00PM	<ul> <li>Understanding Multi National Corporations and global unions</li> <li>Understanding Certification, Credentialing and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>Understanding How to Higg Guide for Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM)</li> <li>Understanding amfori BSCI system manual</li> <li>SA8000:2014 Standard</li> <li>Writing Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>

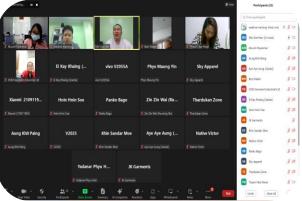
# **Labour Law Awareness Training – Compulsory Program**(Batch – 29)





abour Law Awareness Training was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> – 2024, via zoom application, organized as compulsory training of Batch (29) by Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).





The compulsory training was provided 28 times from 2022 August to 2023 December and it was regularly held twice a month. As a result of providing labor law awareness training, MGMA has been able to conducted awareness of labor law and industrial relations widely into the garment sector.

In this batch - 29, Senior Labour Officer of MGMA, U Min Soe Han, conducted the training of labour law awareness, update information of Employer's Package and zero tolerance points of Voluntary Labor Compliance Assessment (VLCA) and explained about upcoming training with Q&A session.

Total (30) participants from MGMA member factories attended the training. MGMA will hold this training in monthly basis regularly as part of sustainable development goal in whole garment industry.

Training has been provided to (829) participants role of Management and Supervisor of Production Department from (464) factories in the whole garment sector level.

#### **Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment Program**

Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment Program of Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) scrutinized (1) member factories in January 2024.

Senior Labour Officer of MGMA scrutinized all the documents relation to the VLCA from Myanmar Synergy Garment Co.,Ltd on January  $9^{th}$ .

Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment is an assessment tool implemented by the collaboration project between MGMA and ILO/ACTEMP, Bureau for Employer Activity under International Labor Organization, in 2019. VLCA was officially launched on 17th February 2020 by MGMA to all its member factories.





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#### **Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch – 231)**

B asic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch – 231) was held on January 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Center (MGHRDC), organized by Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

Principle of Government Technical High School (Ywarma) U Zayyar Aung gave opening remarks. In this training, training instructor from MGHRDC lectured



Principle of GTHS U Zayyar Aung giving opening remarks

knowledge of sewing and sewing method step by step with practice session. MGMA conducted the awareness of labour law in factory. Total (12) trainees attended the training and awarded certificate.



**Group Photo** 



**Giving closing remark** 



**Giving closing remark** 



MGMA conducting the awareness of labour law



Trainers from MGHRC gave sewing methods





**Awarding Certificates** 



**Practice Session** 

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

•	Description	Date & Time	Venue
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#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

New Members in January 2024

Country	No. of New Member Factories
China	4
Korea	1
JV	2
Total	7

### Membership Update as of January 2024

Status	Country	No. of Factories
	Myanmar	61
Active	China	306
Active	Korea	54
	Japan	19
	Others	18
	Joint Venture	28
	Local, Sub-Con, Marketing, Inspection, Textile	44
	Total (Active)	530
Closed, Non - Active 303		
	Grand Total	833