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Our upcoming business and disability meetings

MCRB will hold two meetings to discuss disability-inclusive business in November. The first on Monday 20 November is targetted at human resources managers of major employers and will cover how to be a more disability-inclusive company. On 21 November, we will co-cost a multistakeholder discussion on policy and regulation, including compulsory quotas for employing people with disabilities, as envisaged in the 2015 Disability Rights Law.



Want to be included in the 2018 Pwint Thit Sa transparency report?

The 2018 Pwint Thit Sa (Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises – TiME) Report will be based on new scoring criteria for companies websites broadly aligned to the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard. It will feature around 200 Myanmar companies which are publicly listed, public, large/influential or volunteer to be benchmarked. MCRB's research partner is Yever, a Myanmar business consultancy.



The difference between what's compulsory and what's voluntary in 'corporate social responsibility (CSR)'

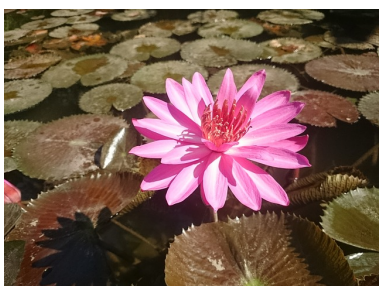
MCRB collaborated with WWF Myanmar and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) on a training workshop in Naypyidaw on Mining Sector Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Management which covered the difference between what a company must do to addresses its impacts, and what it chooses to do to strengthen its social licence to operate, since there is significant confusion in Myanmar on this issue.

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Comments submitted on the draft Occupational Safety and Health Law

MCRB and AustCham, cochair of the Responsible Investment Working Group of AustCham have compiled bilingual comments on the draft Occupational Safety and Health Law, which is currently under consideration in Parliament.

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Upcoming Briefing Paper on Biodiversity, Human Rights and Business

MCRB will shortly be consulting on a draft Briefing Paper on 'Biodiversity, human rights and business in Myanmar', sponsored by the Helmsley Trust. Please contact us to learn more.



Rakhine and responsible business

Vicky Bowman summarised the advice MCRB is giving to companies and organisations about how business can ensure that they are not complicit and ideally have a positive impact on the crisis in Northern Rakhine State, in an interview with Mizzima.

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Civil society workshop in Kyaukphyu

Aung Kyaw Soe and Hnin Htet Htet Aung were facilitated a workshop for civil society organisations on "Responsible Business and Community Engagement" on 30/31 October organised by local civil society organisation Scholar Institute in Kyaukphyu, Southern Rakhine. Over 40 participants from 21 villages attended, and discussed what responsible business means for the various investment projects which exist or are planned in the Kyaukphyu area.

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MCRB on the road

Wai Phyo Myint participated in the Southeast Asia Digital Rights Camp in Yogyakarta, as preparation for the second Myanmar Digital rights Forum MCRB is co-organising on 18-19 January 2018. And Hnin Wut Yee has been in China for a public private dialogue on responsible and investment in Southeast Asia organised by Fenfang Culture Institute and Shaoyang Environment Protection in China.

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