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Responsible Business

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MCRB Launches Responsible Business Seminar Series

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MCRB Stakeholders
Survey 2018

Please fill in our Stakeholder Survey!

We would like to thank our stakeholders who have already completed [the MCRB Stakeholder survey](#). If you have not done so, please help us improve our efforts to encourage more responsible business practices in Myanmar by taking this 15 min survey. As many of you are travelling and on leave, we have extended the deadline to 23 July.

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Responsible business seminar series

MCRB has launched a series of seminars on responsible business. These will be held in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation, interested companies and business associations and with the involvement of Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and the Directorate of Investment and Companies

Administration (DICA). They are intended to help all types of businesses to operate responsibly, consistent with Myanmar's Investment Law and Policy, and will cover issues such as business integrity, decent work, environment and community engagement. The concept was [discussed with MIC on 22 June](#), together with a group of companies committed to contributing their experience. A [kick-off workshop was held together with the OECD](#) on 5 July, at which Heineken and Shwetaung spoke on 'due diligence'. Please contact Machiko Kitagawa if you are interested in participating.



Seminar for Japanese companies

On 26 June, JETRO, MCRB and Nippon Koei held a seminar for around 90 participants from Japanese companies on 'Responsible Business Strategies for Japanese companies in Myanmar; understanding SDGs/CSR/ESG and how to incorporate them into business management and operations'. Other speakers included the Embassy of Japan, ILO, Golden Eco-Dowa and Telenor.

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National Conference on Communities and Tourism in Kalaw

The third conference on Communities and Tourism, organised by Hanns Seidel Foundation, MCRB, Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute (MRTI) and Myanmar CBT Network, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and supported by GIZ took place in Kalaw, Shan State, from 6-8 June. It was attended by around 200 participants from government, private sector, local community-based tourism organisations, development partners and independent experts, from the southern Shan area to share experience with others from across Myanmar.

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Responsible business workshops for Shan State CSOs

Hnin Wut Yee and Aung Kyaw Soe spoke about “Responsible Business and the Role of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)” at a workshop in Taunggyi for civil society organisations (CSOs) organized by Metta Development Foundation and Environmental Conservation and Farmer Development Organization (Shan). Around 40 participants from across Shan State attended, including representatives of Ethnic Armed Organisations, Farmer and Land Workers Union and community.

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Sand Extraction in Myanmar

At the intersection of two MCRB’s SectorWide Impact Assessments on [Tourism](#) and [Mining](#), sits sand extraction. Unregulated extraction poses a growing threat to Myanmar’s ecosystems which inter alia support economies such as fishing and tourism. This month we have published a [short research paper on river sand mining by Bethia Kadoe](#), a Myanmar student intern with MCRB and WWF in 2017, and commented publicly on a [plan to extract 5 million tons of sand in the Myeik archipelago](#), and the impacts this could have on fisheries inter alia.

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