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Combatting corruption – forthcoming seminar

A forthcoming responsible business seminar for companies will address the practicalities of business integrity and combatting corruption against the background of [recent developments in Myanmar](#) in this area.



Seminar held on workplace dialogue

MCRB and ILO hosted the 2nd 'responsible business seminar' on 13 September, focussed on workplace dialogue and industrial relations. H&M and EMC shared company experience from the garment sector. The 1st seminar, on [responsible business due diligence](#) was held 5 July.

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Launching the research phase for Pwint Thit Sa 2019

The 2019 Pwint Thit Sa (Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises) assessment will be undertaken by MCRB, again in partnership with Yever. A [briefing was held for companies](#) on 10 September. It will assess information disclosure on the corporate websites of around 250 large Myanmar companies including for the first time, state-owned enterprises. First draft assessments will be sent to companies in November.



Myanmar Needs a People-Centred Cybersecurity Framework

MCRB contributed to a seminar organised by Telenor on 'Privacy and Data Protection in the Digital Age' in Nay Pyi Taw. It was attended by around 40 participants from the Post and Telecommunications Department (PTD), the Information Technology and Cyber Security Department (ITCS), the Cybercrime unit of Myanmar Police Force, Union Attorney General's Office (UAGO), as well as some telecoms companies.

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Discussion with government on the Draft Handbook on Employment of Persons with Disabilities

MCRB and Association for Aid and Relief (AAR) Japan, with the support of Department of Rehabilitation, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a meeting with other government departments to obtain feedback on the draft handbook which will be published shortly. In Union Minister's Dr Win Myat Aye opening remarks, he noted that promoting employment opportunities for persons with disabilities is essential and a priority for the government.

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MCRB submits comments to Parliament on the draft Land Acquisition Act

MCRB has submitted bilingual comments to the Parliamentary Committees currently considering a new law to replace the 1894 Land Acquisition Act. These comments are based on the 5 June 2018 draft (MM) published by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

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Farewells and Welcomes

Welcome to Wint Mon Eindra Thwin (Programme Associate: ICT, Regulation, Tourism) and Gianluca Ferrittu (Intern)! Wint was awarded a Myanmar Presidential scholarship for a master's degree in International Social Development (UK) and Gianluca is studying for a master's degree in Economics, Politics and International Institutions. We are also very sad to say goodbye to our short-term consultant Machiko Kitagawa (Japanese company outreach, TIME 2018) and intern Tom Davy. Thank you and good luck!

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