



New Employers Handbook on Employing Persons with Disabilities in Myanmar

On 3 December, MCRB and AAR Japan launched “Employing Persons with Disabilities – A Handbook for Employers in Myanmar”. This handbook aims to give practical advice for employers on how to create accessible employment opportunities and increase recruitment and job retention for persons with disabilities.

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Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR)

MCRB, Secretariat to the Myanmar in-Country Working Group of the [Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights](#) (VPSHR), organised workshops to raise awareness of the VPSHR in Naypyidaw on 27 November and Yangon on 29 November.

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Seminar for business on Combatting Corruption

On 5 December, MCRB together with UMFCFI, Coca Cola and Telenor held a seminar for Myanmar companies on combatting corruption. Key-note speakers included U Aung Kyi, Chairman, Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar; U Aung Naing Oo, Director General, DICA and Hans Martin Hoegh Heinrichsen, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer from Telenor Myanmar. The seminar was attended by around 100 participants. The next responsible business workshop will focus on inclusive and respectful workplaces.

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MCRB submits comments to parliamentary enquiry on chemical residues in agriculture

MCRB has submitted comments to the Amyotha Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Development Committee in response to their Enquiry into Agricultural Chemical Residues. MCRB's inputs are based on the field research conducted at oil palm plantations in Tanintharyi Region during July-December 2017 at 17 oil palm plantations in Tanintharyi Region as part of its Sector-Wide Impact Assessment ([SWIA](#)) of the oil palm sector which will be published in 2019.

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Pwint Thit Sa 2019: Progress report

MCRB and the Centre's pro bono partner, [Yever](#) have been hard at work benchmarking around 250 Myanmar companies for 2019 Pwint Thit Sa Report which will be published in April against a total of 142 criteria, 80% of them drawn from the ASEAN Corporate Governance scorecard. This year, in addition to "disclosure criteria", there are more "performance criteria", to stretch leading Myanmar companies. Draft scores have been sent to all companies, with a request for comments by 18 January.



Doing Good Index 2020 survey going live in January

MCRB and [CAPS](#) are launching the [Doing Good Index 2020](#) survey in January 2019. Survey results will be used for a multi-country comparative study on policy and environmental factors affecting the giving and receiving of philanthropy in Asia. If you are a not-for-profit organisation or a social enterprise interested in telling us about your experience with regulatory regimes, tax and fiscal policy, socio-cultural ecosystem, and government procurement, get in touch!



MYANMAR RESPONSIBLE TOURISM AWARDS

Congratulations to Myanmar Responsible Tourism Awards (MRTA) 2018 winners!

On 11 Dec at the MRTA Award Ceremony in Yangon, [Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute](#) (MRTI) announced 2018 winners. MRTA are organised to honour tourism industry leaders and innovators of all types and sizes, in six categories including: accommodation, operator, community involvement, business innovation; awareness raising and empowerment. MCRB is very proud to be a silver sponsor for the MRTA. Congratulations to all the winners!

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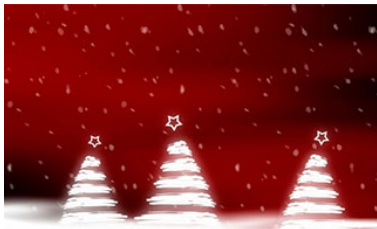
Congratulations to Cherry Trivedi on her appointment as Interim CEO of the Myanmar Institute of Directors, and Aung Myat Khaing as Head of Membership & Corporate Sponsorship!



Farewells

We are sad to say good bye to one of our longest-serving Team Members, Programme Associate, Monica Su Myat Nwe, who is leaving to pursue a master's degree in International Risk Management and Finance at Bournemouth University, UK. We are also sad to lose another MCRB old hand, Moe Sabai who has supported us as a translator in 2018 and will be returning to continue her BA Economics at Grinnell College, USA. And thank you and good luck to our interns: Gianluca Ferrittu (MA Economics, Politics and International Institutions, University of Pavia), Myo Thiri (International Relations (Honours), University of Yangon) and May Thu Khine (International Relations, University of Yangon).

[About our team](#)



Season's Greetings

MCRB wishes all of our stakeholders a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to working together with you on responsible business in 2019.

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