



## Third Myanmar Digital Rights Forum calls for freer safer online space

Around 250 participants from civil society, business, government and the media attended the third Myanmar Digital Rights Forum in Yangon on 18/19 Jan for panel discussions and open sessions to discuss issues relating to online freedom of expression, privacy and access to information. The focus was on the need for better policy and regulation on issues such as data protection, cybersecurity and 'hate speech', the need to address fake news through digital and media literacy, and plans for e-government and digital ID. Presentations and policy briefs are available on MCRB's website.

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## Business and Disability Forum

MCRB, AAR Japan and ILO will co-host a multistakeholder Forum on 6/7 March in Yangon to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities, building on the "[Employing Persons with Disabilities – A Handbook for Employers in Myanmar](#)", and discuss establishing a Myanmar chapter of the ILO's [Business Disability Network](#).



## Implementation of the amended VFV Law

MCRB wrote to the Chair of the National Land Use Council, and the Chair of the Vacant Fallow and Virgin (VFV) Land Management Central Committee, copied to relevant parliamentary bodies, expressing concern, shared by business, that the rapid implementation of the amended VFV Lands Management Law will cause significant problems for investors seeking to operate responsibly in Myanmar.

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## Strengthening public understanding of EIA

MCRB recently worked with Vermont Law School (supported by Heinrich Boll Stiftung), in cooperation with the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) of MONREC, and local civil society networks, to hold workshops in Mandalay, Monywa, Taunggyi and Loikaw.

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## Finalisation of scores for Pwint Thit Sa 2019

Rechecking of corporate governance information disclosed on updated corporate websites is now underway in advance of finalisation of the 2019 Pwint Thit Sa Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises (TiME). The report will be published in April.

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## Welcome to new MCRB staff!

Welcome to Myint Naing Kyaw, joining us from AAR Japan to work as Programme Associate with a focus on Discrimination, Disability, Gender and Labour issues, and Min Banyar Oo joining from GRET to be a Programme Associate working on land issues, communities including Indigenous peoples, and grievances. Also welcome to our newest intern, Zun Mya Mya Htut who has a BA English for Professional Purposes from National Management Degree College.

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