Research begins on Pwint Thit Sa 2020 transparency report!

The research phase for the 6th 2020 Pwint Thit Sa/Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises (TIME) Report has started. A workshop will be held on 3 February for companies to be assessed for online disclosure of information on Corporate Profile, Corporate Governance, Sustainability Management, and Reporting. MCRB and pro bono partner Yeever will assess over 250 listed companies, and public companies with more than 100 shareholders, banks, major tax payers and other influential companies, state-owned enterprises, and other companies who want to be included. Watch this space for further information.

‘Quotas’ for the Employment of Persons with Disabilities – Open Invitation for Comment

MCRB and AAR Japan have prepared a Policy Options paper for the Employment Sub-Committee of the National Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which examines how to promote employment of persons with disabilities. The paper looks at options for the introduction of compulsory quotas. Views of
employers and persons with disabilities are invited.

E-Commerce, and Digital Rights - Save The Dates!

MCRB’s Svetlana Zens will discuss the importance of digital rights for Myanmar’s e-commerce sector at the 11th Mobile Money & Financial Inclusion Summit 2020 and the 3rd Emerging Asia E-Commerce & Last Mile Logistics Summit 2020 on 18-19 February in Yangon. And the 4th Myanmar Digital Rights Forum (MDRF) jointly organised by Phandeeyar, MIDO, FEM and MCRB, will take place on 28/29 February 2020 at the Rose Garden Hotel and discuss the latest developments in online privacy and freedom of expression and access to information. The report on the 3rd MDRF (January 2019) is now available online.

MCRB contributes to MEAA2020 with papers on land and grievance

On January 8, MCRB took part in the first conference of the Myanmar Environmental Assessment Association (MEAA). Vicky Bowman gave a keynote speech on operational grievance mechanisms, and Deputy Director Hnin Wut Yee presented an analysis of the Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Law 2019. Presentations are available here.

Research on Shared Value, and Social Enterprise in Asia

MCRB Research Fellow Simone Anzboeck, recently collaborated with Visiting Associate Professor Zhao Meng of Nanyang Centre for Emerging Markets (NCEM) at Nanyang Business School of Singapore on a research project ‘Capabilities for Creating Shared Value: Optimising Social-Business Balance in South and Southeast Asia’. MCRB’S Hong Kong-based partner, the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS), whose Executive Director Ruth Shapiro presented at MCRB’s October responsible business seminar on
governance of corporate philanthropy, published a report on social enterprises called ‘Business For Good: Maximising the value of social enterprises in Asia’.

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