



## Will you join us to fly the rainbow flag in May?

In May 2019, around 20 Myanmar and foreign companies flew the rainbow flag in Yangon. Will your organisation join us to fly the flag for #IDAHOTMyanmar2020? MCRB and [Colors Rainbow](#), a Myanmar NGO working on LGBT+ rights, are once again encouraging companies and other organisations in Myanmar to the worldwide movement for equality for those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT+) by displaying a rainbow flag on the [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#) (IDAHOT), which is celebrated annually on 17 May.



## Do quotas promote equality?

Vicky Bowman moderated a debate on whether or not quotas can boost gender equality, for an event hosted on 4<sup>th</sup> March by the [Professional Women's Network \(PWN\)](#), sponsored by the British Chamber and Willis Towers Watson, to celebrate International Women's Day. The audience was swayed from a clear 2:1 generally in favour of compulsory quotas down to 53:47 in favour with slightly more (55:45) in favour of them in Myanmar. On the question of quotas for employment of persons with disabilities, MCRB

continues to welcome inputs on its policy options paper.

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## Corporate Disclosure and Sustainability Leadership

Nicolas Delange (Managing Director, Yever) and Vicky Bowman (Director, MCRB) spoke at Breakfast Talk held by the [Myanmar Institute of Directors \(MIOD\)](#) on March 4 on recent developments in Myanmar regulatory requirements for corporate disclosure, as well as global trends in voluntary disclosure through which companies can demonstrate corporate leadership and build trust with stakeholders. The ongoing research for the 2020 Pwint Thit Sa (Transparency in Myanmar Enterprises) report – to be published in Q 4 – will show whether large Myanmar companies are joining the global trends.

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## Does your organisation offer business integrity training?

MCRB often gets asked by individual companies and others whether we can provide local language trainers on business integrity/anti-corruption. We do not offer paid consultancy services but we are keen to see a market for such services develop. If your company/organisations offers these services, please let us know as we are developing a list of local providers.

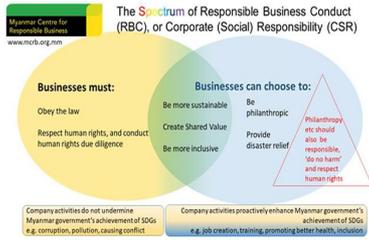


## Myanmar Digital Rights Forum identifies priorities for the next government's digital agenda

Equipped with hand sanitizers and QR-coded agendas, over 350 participants attended the Myanmar Digital Rights Forum (MDRF) this year on 28/29 February! Presentations from MCRB's four sessions on privacy and data protection – which discussed everything from online dating to smart cities - are on our website along with the results of MDRF opinion polls. Participants identified abolition of the 66(d) defamation clause in the Telecoms Law as their top digital

rights priority for the next government. Thank you to our co-organisers [MEF](#), [MIDO](#), and [Phandeeyar](#) and the main sponsors for the event, the [Embassy of Sweden](#) and [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Myanmar](#).

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## MCRB Featured in Asia Pacific Human Rights Publication

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of '[Human Rights Education in Asia-Pacific](#)' from the Asia-Pacific Human Rights Information Center of [Human Rights Osaka](#), features an article on MCRB and the Centre's capacity building activities. This is the first time the annual publication has featured business and human rights.

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