MDRF Partners Issue Statement to Restore 3G and 4G

A month since the digital blackout in Rakhine was replaced by inadequate 2G services, Myanmar Digital Rights Forum partners, including MCRB, have issued another joint statement on the world’s longest internet shutdown, calling on the Myanmar Government to restore 3G/4G internet services in seven townships of Rakhine State, and Paletwa Chin State, highlighting the negative impacts on Myanmar’s COVID-19 response.

Forthcoming Webinar: Business Integrity

The Hong-Kong Myanmar Chamber of Commerce will host a webinar on Friday 11 September to discuss the current challenges Myanmar is facing related to business integrity, with speakers Vicky Bowman, MCRB Director and Thomas Crick of the UN Development Programme (UNDP). MCRB, UNDP, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), recently published ‘Business Integrity: A Handbook for Myanmar Businesses’ which is structured around the eight principles issued to business by the Anti-Corruption Commission in 2018. The
Handbook suggests how companies can put those eight principles into practice.

Forthcoming Webinar: Agribusiness Plantations

MCRB and Verité will co-host a webinar on 23 September (in English) on social and environmental risks in forestry and large-scale agriculture in Myanmar. Verité Southeast Asia will discuss findings and recommendations from case studies on banana plantations and informal logging in northern Myanmar, and MCRB will highlight opportunities for future advocacy and promotion of responsible business practices.

MCRB Submits Third UN Global Compact Report

MCRB submitted its Third UN Communication on Engagement report to the UN Global Compact, showcasing the Centre’s activities to advance the ten principles between July 2018 and June 2020.

White Paper on Restarting Tourism in Myanmar

Following a series of online discussions with industry leaders from the private sector, INGOs and government officials, MCRB together with Hanns Seidel Foundation and Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute supported Myanmar Tourism Marketing to write a White Paper aimed at offering suggestions on how Myanmar’s tourism industry can move forwards during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congratulations to MCRB’s Research Fellow!

Congratulations to Matthew Baird who was made a Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia, New Zealand. With an extensive background in environmental law, Matthew continues to contribute his expertise to MCRB’s
work on Environmental Impact Assessment, public participation and biodiversity protection.

Read more about Matthew Baird