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# ACTIVITY REPORT

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## Activity Report for Second Official Trip to Myanmar

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# ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE SECOND OFFICIAL TRIP TO MYANMAR

As it is expected that the government of Myanmar will revise its current economic policies in 2013, there stands a desire and interest to expand the economic prospects of the country's various sectors. This especially affects the agricultural workers, who possess a great deal of potential in producing substantial revenue for Myanmar.

Prior experience suggests Myanmar's basic trade union/labor organizations are not equipped to deal with collective bargaining and negotiation, due to limited experience and knowledge of functioning trade union practices. There is a need to improve activity within trade unions and support the teamwork activities of the basic level unions in order to dispel the practices that currently dictate collective bargaining and negotiation.

The objectives of this second official visit to Myanmar were to set up township level unions and State/Division level union before the 102 session of ILC as well as to gather documentation on the current situation of farmers in select regions.

**1. Duration:** 26<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## **2. Activities**

2.1 Organized the joint meeting of the AFFM, MITU, and Teacher Union  
(Lower Myanmar)

- Timeline 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (09:00 - 16:00)
- Location South Dagon Temple
- Target Group 172 Delegates from AFFM  
14 Delegates from MITU  
26 Delegates from other unions
- Discussion topic(s) Electing a member of the Advisory Board for the ILO and Myanmar Government

Recognized and acknowledged committee members for dispute resolution

Prepared deliverables regarding land confiscation that will be sent to the Government

Prepared to send materials and a written report about the weakness of the recent Myanmar Economic policy

Worker delegate selection for 102th ILC

2.2 Attended the Labour Organization Leaders Forum

- Timeline 29 – 30 April 2013
- Location MCC

### 2.3 Organized joint meetings to evaluate and make preparations for follow up activities

- Timeline 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 (10:00 – 13:00 )
- Location South Dagon Temple
- Target Group 172 Delegates from AFFM  
14 Delegates from MITU  
26 Delegates from other unions
- Discussion Topic(s) Evaluation of hot temper activities in forum  
  
Consideration for working with International communities  
  
Restructuring of AFFM's leadership

### 2.4 Conducted AFFM Executive board meeting for restructuring

- Timeline 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Location AFFM's Head Office
- Target Group AFFM Executive Committee Member
- Discussion Topic Future of the AFFM and the role of Farmer unions  
  
The forthcoming change of the agri – industry  
  
Policy evaluation  
  
Election for new leadership  
  
Follow up actions

### 2.5 Travelled to Kachin state ( Northeast Myanmar )

- Timeline 8<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Location Moe Nyin Township, Mine Naung village
- Target Group Mine Naung union, Ma Mon kai union, and 4 new unions

### 2.6 Travelled to Shan state

- Timeline 12<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- Location Naung Cho Township, Chay Myit Bin village
- Target Group Leaders of 18 unions of Naung Cho Township,  
15 unions of Kyauk Me Township
- Discussion Topic(s) Discussed restructuring of groups  
  
Advanced Leadership Course  
  
Financial Crisis

### 2.7 Conducted Leadership Course

- Timeline 15<sup>th</sup> May - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013
- Location Wet Hti Kan Town, Pyi District, Bago division
- Target Group Total of 30 participants: 3 participants (1 man and 2 women ) from Kachin State; 8 participants (4 men and 4 women) from Shan state; 7 participants (5 men and 2 women) from Ma Gway division; 8 participants (5 men and 3 women) from Bago division; 4 participants from MITU

### **3. Follow up Action**

- a. Execution of an *Advanced Leadership Course for lower Burma* (2 times in 2 different 2 locations).
- b. Future development throughout Myanmar with township level formation - 4 townships in Bago division, 3 township in Shan State, 2 township for Kachin state, 12 townships for Aye Yar Wady division and 2 township for Karen state
- c. Division / state level formation for Yangon division, Mon State, Aye Yar wady division, Ma Gway Division.
- d. Documentation for deliverables and thesis paper ( including random surveying ) on supply chains of Myanmar's Agriculture Industry
- e. Solidarity activities for forthcoming labor laws, land laws, and affected/relevant groups



South Dagon Temple -



At the MCC



South Dagon Temple



Moe Hnyin, Kachin state



Naung Cho, Shan state



Leadership Course 1/2013

