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**British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar
Legal Working Group - Training Programme**

The British Chamber's Legal Working Group has successfully delivered the first series of a training programme to provide practical legal training on corporate and commercial law topics for Myanmar lawyers working in business law.

The course comprised of ten two-hour long training sessions, covering contract law, company law, employment law, leases, intellectual property law, environmental law and joint ventures. The sessions were delivered by members of the Legal Working Group, including international and local law firms and in house counsel at high profile companies in Myanmar.

Twenty-five Myanmar corporate lawyers attended the course, and gave positive feedback about the training programme. The classes were practical and interactive, with participants sharing their own experiences of the relevant legal topics. The training programme was free of charge for attendees.

The Legal Working Group plans to offer further rounds of the training programme again in the near future and hopes to reach a wider group of Myanmar corporate lawyers.

Mrs Helen Rhind-Hufnagel, Chair of the Legal Working Group said:

"Legal expertise is essential for the sustainable development of Myanmar. In particular, demand is increasing for corporate legal skills to support foreign investment into the country. So we have developed a training programme to provide practical legal training in relevant areas of business law. The Legal Working Group has a wealth and breadth of experience, which places us well to support continuing legal education and professional development in Myanmar. We plan to expand our training initiatives and are committed to supporting continuing professional development in Myanmar."

Mr Peng Kulh, lawyer at edotco said:

"The training sessions focused on developing practical legal skills required in my legal career. I think that I now understand some of the legal issues I come across in my work better and I also learnt many new skills to apply in my day to day work."

Notes for Editors

British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar

The British Chamber has over 200 member companies, including leading Myanmar, British, ASEAN and European businesses. The Chamber provides regular networking opportunities for the business community, up to date and relevant information on doing business in Myanmar and advice for market entrants navigating the challenges of establishing a business in the country. The Chamber also promotes opportunities Myanmar to UK companies, encouraging British trade and investment in Myanmar and offers a range of market entry services to UK companies.

Further details on membership can be found on the Chamber website:

www.britishchambermyanmar.com

Legal Working Group

The Legal Working Group was established in May 2015, to provide a forum for lawyers working with members of the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar to meet and discuss corporate and commercial law issues relating to conducting business in Myanmar. The Group includes members from Myanmar law firms and international law firms, as well as in-house counsel working with Myanmar companies and foreign companies. The Group now has representatives from 34 companies and law firms. The Group's objectives include sharing information and discussing legal matters relating to conducting business in Myanmar, as well as supporting legal training for lawyers in Myanmar who work in the field of business law.

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