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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Chairperson

Daw Khin Kyi Foundation

Subject : **PROGRESS REPORT OF MOBILE LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER '13**

Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

I am pleased to submit our progress report of mobile library **operation in Kaw Hmu** for the month of December 2013.

1. Book Collection and Circulation

At present, (15,415) books have been catalogued and in circulation at both mobile buses and at the Central Library. Circulation of the books during the month of December '13 is shown as follows:

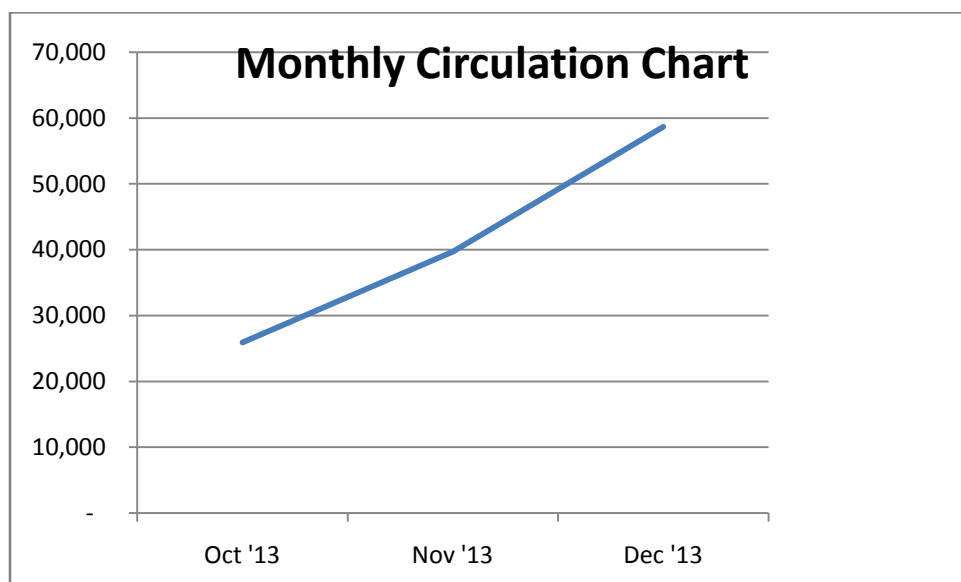
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| 1. Mobile Big Bus | : 7,461 |
| 2. Mobile Small Bus | : 8,083 |
| 3. Central Library | : 2,375 |
| 4. Sub-centre | : <u>1,033</u> |
| Grand Total | : 18,952 |

Therefore, there is 6.8% increase in circulation.

At present, we are reaching to 31 villages with two buses plus collection from sub-centres. Detailed breakdown is as follows:

	No of Villages
Mobile (Big)	15
Mobile (Small)	8
Sub-Centre	8
Total	31

During the operation of mobile library from 27.7.13 to 31.12.13 (5 months of operation), total number of circulation is shown in the following chart. Over 58,000 checkouts were made during the past 5 months.



Photos showing Mobile Library Operation in Kaw Hmu and Computer Training Course



2.Membership and Community Participation

Community interest on reading remains very high.

Below is our membership status:

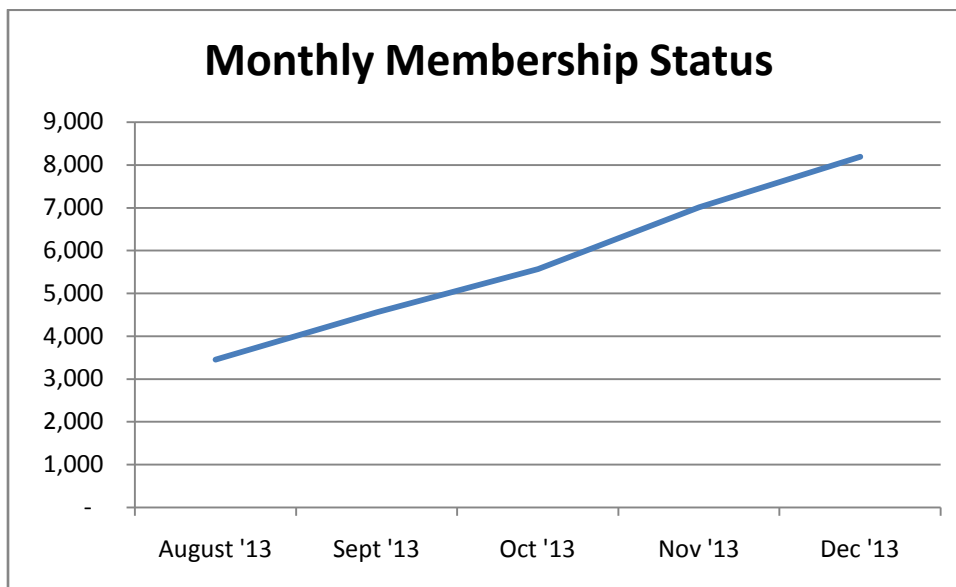
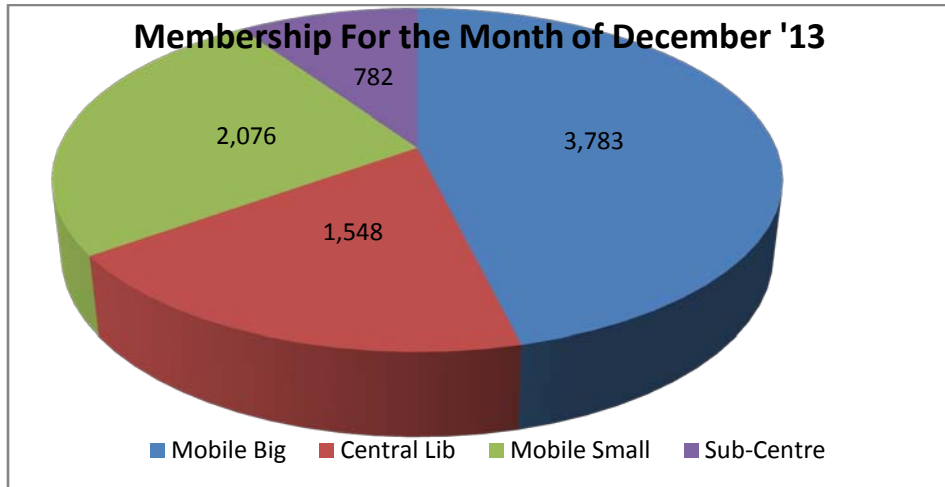
Big Bus - 3,783
Small Bus - 2,076
Central Lib - 1,548
Sub-Centre - 782
8,189

Over 58,000 checkouts were made from 15,000 books

Over 8,000 Membership within 5 months

99% of people said that they are very much satisfied with mobile library in recent survey conducted by Asia Foundation

17.88% was increased in membership. Below chart shows the current membership status as at end of December '13.



3. Other Activities

Computer Training Classes, Training for Teachers on English proficiency classes are doing very well also.

Recently, **MRTV4** - Readers Channel interviewed U Thaw Kaung and Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung featuring on current status of public libraries in Myanmar. MBL project was featured during the talk and many people got interested.

We will have our monthly literary talk by famous author Mya Hnaung Nyo on AIDS and its prevention. It will be held on 19th January 2014.

4. International Support

Asia Foundation conducted a landscape survey on public libraries in Myanmar during the month of November and December '13. The survey was conducted in over 200 villages and interviewed over 1,000 people in 13 States and Greater Divisions. The result came out recently and we are very pleased to report that 99% of people in Kaw Hmu community are very much satisfied with our mobile library. Below is extract from the Asia Foundation Report on survey at the Kaw Hmu mobile library project.

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“5.7.3. Mobile libraries

Among users and non-users, a third have heard of a mobile library system in Myanmar and almost all of them say it would be useful for their community (93% of users and 99% of non-users).The reason why they think it would be useful is first, because books and journals would become very accessible (“at their doorstep”), especially for the people who do not have the time to go to the library. They also cite others reasons such as the fact that it would be accessible to everyone, informative and helpful, especially for villages without libraries and that the variety of books and their subjects would increase.”

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Computers received from Switzerland will be delivered to Kaw Hmu to expand our computer training course in the coming week.

5. Future Project

Nay Pyi Taw mobile library project can be launched probably in February '13. We have already rented a house in Popathiri in NPT area. Recruiting of staffs will be done in the coming weeks

and this will be followed by training to run the mobile library. Trainee will be sent to Kaw Hmu to get experience there.

In summary, the MBL project is running successfully and smoothly.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thant Thaw Kaung', with a horizontal line underneath.

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