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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Chairperson

Daw Khin Kyi Foundation

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

Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

I am pleased to submit our progress report of mobile library for the month of October 2013.

At present, one big and small buses are running in Kaw Hmu Township. Both of them are running smoothly.

1. Book Collection and Circulation

At present, (13,097) books have been catalogued and in circulation now at both mobile bus and the Central Library. Circulation (no of books checking out) breakdown is as follows:

1. Mobile Big Bus	: 5,326
2. Mobile Small Bus	: 1,739
3. Central Library	: 3,912
4. Sub-centre	: <u>262</u>
Grand Total	: 11,239

Therefore, there is 34% increase in circulation. It is mainly due to the fact that we are running with two buses plus more and more people are checking out our books.

During the operation of mobile library from 27.7.13 to 31.10.13 (3 months of operation), total of 21,467 numbers of books were circulated to (3,994) members.

We found out that there are some smaller remote villages which our buses cannot go. So, we considered them as our “Sub-Distribution Centres or Sub-Centres”. A village library or an influential person takes responsibility of ownership of the books. They come and pickup (100) books at a time from our mobile buses from the nearest points with motorbikes. Then, they arrange the normal borrowing system manually in their locality. By doing so, our books were widely distributed and effectively. During October, (131) members borrowed (262) number of books through these sub-centres. This number can be increased in the coming months.

Photos showing Small Mobile Bus Operation in remote villages plus Delivering to Sub-centre



2.Membership and Community Participation

Community interest on our books still remains very high. We still have new membership of 100-150 per day at bus and also at the Central Library.

Below is our membership status:

Big Bus - 3,374
 Small Bus - 558
 Central Lib - 1,470
 Sub-Centre - 162
 5,564

Over 21,000 books were circulated to over 3,900 members within 3 months.

34% Increase in circulation comparing with Sept '13

22% Increase in Membership comparing with Sept '13

Full community participation

This is 22% increment comparing with September 2013.

3. Library Visits

We now have 2 buses and we are able to reach more villages. Starting from 7th October '13, the smaller bus will start to run and it can cover for (6) more villages. Since the smaller bus can go into smaller lane, we are able to visit more remote villages. Therefore, total of (21) villages will be covered with both buses.

There are request from other villages which we can not cover with our buses at the moment. We are going to send our books in bulk of 100 to 200 books at a time to these village to a responsible person. That responsible person will take care of the circulation of the books in her/his respective villages. They will return to us in two weeks time and they will change with new books. We will start to work this programme from October onwards as “Group Membership”. By doing so, we are able to cover many more villages outside of our scope of planned villages.

4. Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Official Website

www.DawKhinKyiFoundation.org is officially launched. We are updating regularly and latest news can be found at the site.

5. Other Activities

Computer Training Classes have started since 19th October. The first class has (10) students attended our class. We are able to accept more students as donated computers will be arriving from Switzerland in the middle of November.

ToT Classes on English language proficiency will be starting on 16th November and it will last until 19th January '14. This is arranged by the British Council and at present (40) teachers will start to attend. We now have over (60) teachers registered for this course but only (40) teachers can attend this due to limitation of the trainers. We can accept the remaining teachers in the future course.

We also have another health educational talk by famous actress and health issue PR women from PSI, Daw Swe Zin Htike on 27th October. It was well attended also. This is our second event too.



Literary talks by famous authors are lining up from November and December. All of them had contributed the foundation free of charge basis.

6. International Support

We are going to receive the container of computers, furniture and projectors from a Swiss based foundation called BCM (NPO), Switzerland. We will be distributing to our project area as well as to IPRD, health and education networks.

7. Future Project

The second mobile bus is arriving in the middle of November '13. I am now proposing to the Ministry of Information to run this second mobile library project in Nay Pyi Taw area. Again, we are looking forward to working with Information Public Relation Department (IPRD).

In summary, the MBL project is running successfully and getting momentum. We can use this formula in our future projects.

With best regards,



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