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U Aung Kyi
Union Minister
Ministry of Information
Nay Pyi Taw

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

Dear Union Minister U Aung Kyi,

I am pleased to submit our progress report of mobile library for the month of September 2013. We have received donated second smaller bus and hence from October onwards, we are able to run with two buses.

1. Book Collection and Circulation

At present, (12,467) books have been catalogued and in circulation now at both mobile bus and the Central Library. During the month of September, total of (6,576) books were circulated among villagers, students and teachers from the mobile library. (1,813) books were circulated at the central library. Therefore, total of (8,389) books are circulated during the month of September '13.

We also received donation of over (800) no of books (value worth Kyat 941,400) from (4) local publishers this month.

Again, fictions, children books, comics, jartaka stories the most read books. Bestseller books were carefully selected and donated. We have to thank to all our library staffs who tried their best effort for the success of the project. This kind of computerized circulation of book is first kind of system introduced in Myanmar. We are now planning to invite library science students from University of Yangon to come and study our system.



2.Membership and Community Participation

We now have full community participation. Students, teachers and villagers have known our mobile library and well used it. At present, we have new membership of 100-150 per day at the bus and also have 50-100 at the Kaw Hmu Central Library.

Below is our membership status:

I. At the Mobile Bus

- a. Students : 2,199
 - b. Teachers : 219
 - c. Others(villagers) : 818
- Grand Total : 3,236

(31% increase comparing with August '13)

Reaching to 4,554 Members Within 2 months

Over 12,000 books are in circulation

Full community participation

32% increase in Membership comparing with Aug '13

II. At the Central Library

Villagers, Students, Teacher: 1,318

(Additional registration in September '13 : 452 – 52% increase comparing with August '13)

We now have total of 4,554 patrons under our mobile library project (both at Central Library and Mobile bus). Therefore, this is 32% increase in membership comparing with August '13.

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. Other Activities

British Council will start English language teaching courses for the teachers (Training of the Teachers) at our central library in about 3 weeks time.

Our first literary talk was held on 29th September '13 by inviting Saya U Myint Kyaing and Daw Khin Hnin Oo. Both has explained about value of reading and emphasized on good reading habits. Moreover, they mentioned many interesting books suitable for different ages.



We are going to hold other talks on other health education, civic education and literary talks on alternative months.

5. International Support

We received additional funding support of US\$ 5,000 from Asia Foundation in September. Suu Foundation based in USA also donated US\$ 15,000.

In summary, the mobile library project is successfully running. The main success is due to your leadership and also due to community participation. We hope this pilot model can be applied in expansion of the project to other States and Divisions in the near future.

With best regards,



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