



DAW KHIN KYI FOUNDATION Mobile Library Project

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Subject : **PROGRESS REPORT OF MOBILE LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH '14**

Dear Supporters and Donors,

I am pleased to submit our progress report of mobile library project for the month of March '14 as follows.

1. Book Collection and Circulation

At present, (15,500) books have been catalogued and in circulation at both mobile buses and at the Central Library. Circulation of the books during the month of March 2014 is shown as follows:

Kaw Hmu

1. Mobile Big Bus : 3,119
 2. Mobile Small Bus : 2,084
 3. Central Library : 1,638
 4. Sub-centre : 1,367
- Grand Total : 8,208

Therefore, there is 18% increase in circulation comparing with Feb '14. The main reason is that students are having summer holidays and hence they are borrowing more books. At present, we are covering 37 villages in Kaw Hmu and detail breakdown is as follows:

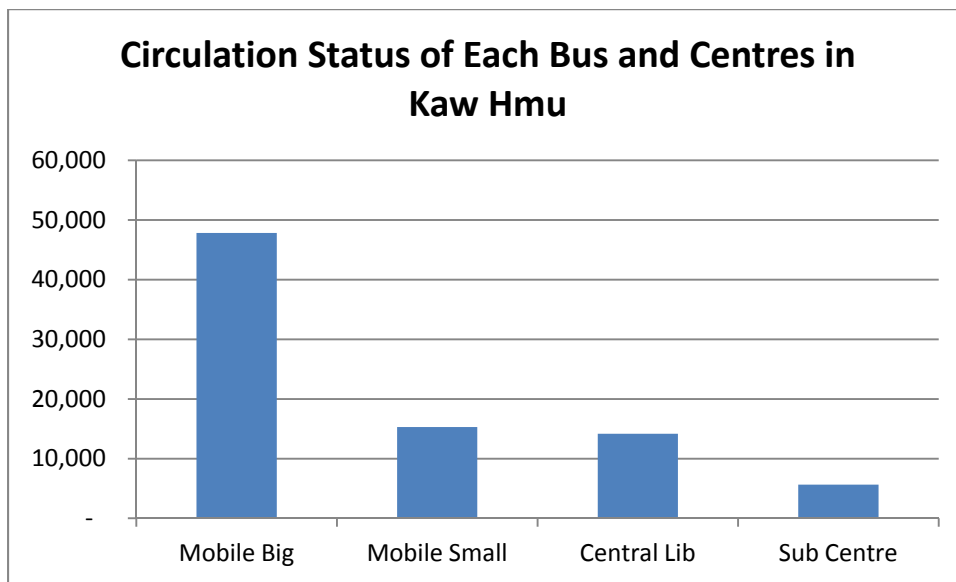
MBL – Big Bus	18	Villages
MBL – Small Bus	11	Villages
Sub-Centre	8	Villages
Total -	37	Villages

Nay Pyi Taw

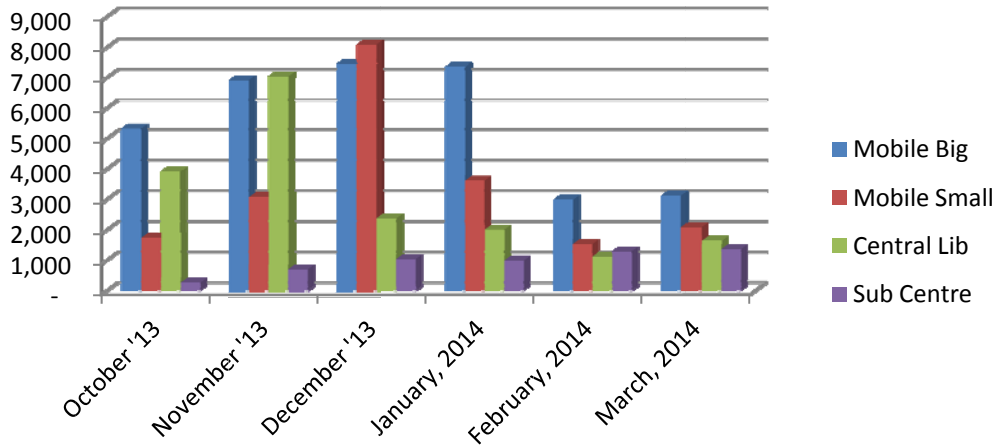
NPT Mobile Library Project was launched on 14th March '14 and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi kindly attended the ceremony. It was well attended by Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Executive Committee Members, NLD EC Members, government officials and well-wishers of mobile library project.

During the first (2) weeks of launching in Nay Pyi Taw, we were able to borrow **(3,441) number** of books. This rate is far even better than Kaw Hmu when we started our operation in July 2013. We are very much optimistic that NPT operation will be successful. There is full support from community and so many people especially children turn up to borrow books from our bus. At present, we are covering (19) villages in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the operation of Kaw Hmu mobile library from 27.7.13 to 31.3.14 (9 months of operation), total number of circulation is 82,965 and details of this checkout is shown in the following chart.



Monthly Circulation Status for past (6) months in Kaw Hmu



Photos showing Mobile Library Operation Launching Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw



2.Membership and Community Participation

Kaw Hmu

Below is our membership status:

Big Bus	- 4,036
Small Bus	- 1,983
Central Lib	- 2,600
Sub-Centre	- <u>548</u>
	9,167

Membership rate was 5% increase comparing with Feb students vacation. Below chart shows the current membership status as at end of March '14.

Nay Pyi Taw

Below is Membership Status for past (2) weeks in Nay Pyi Taw.

1. Students	: 1,104
2. Teacher	: 27
3. Community	: <u>597</u>
Total	: 1,728

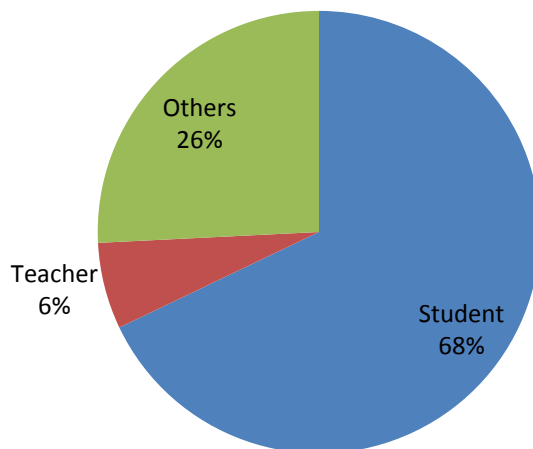
Over 3,400 books were checked out within 2 weeks in Nay Pyi Taw.

Over 1,700 members registered within 2 weeks in Nay Pyi Taw.

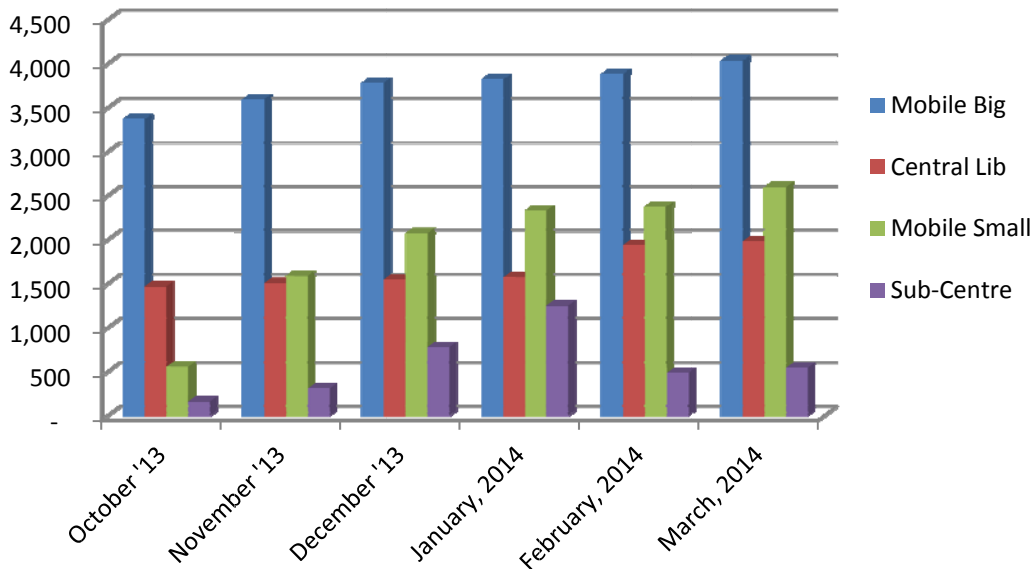
Nearly 83,000 checkouts were made from 15,000 books within 9 months in Kaw Hmu.

Over 60% of readers are students.

Type of Membership Status in Kaw Hmu



Monthly Membership Status for Past (6) Months in Kaw Hmu



3. Other Activities

Computer training school is operating smoothly. Last month, two Myanmar famous authors, Daw Than Myint Aung and U Win Htut Zaw, gave a literary talk in Kaw Hmu. At present, Kaw Hmu community really appreciate Mobile Library Project and we hope this will be the same in Nay Pyi Taw.

4. Future Project

Nigata City Library is donating another mobile library bus and it will arrive Yangon by middle of May. We are planning to operate this bus in Nay Pyi Taw area where we still can not cover yet.

Pickups from Mazda Motor Corporation can be used as distributing our books to community libraries in other part of the country. We can use them the Shan State as roads are not very wide there and these pickups are suitable for operation in the Shan States. We have a very good partner library in the Shan State called Kanbawza Youth and they are able to cooperate with us. We would like to see your advice on where you would like to run with these two pickups.

In conclusion, the MBL project in both Kaw Hmu and Nay Pyi Taw are operating smoothly and successfully.

With best regards,

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