

Overview

We at Thabyay Education Network's Arohana Scholarship Fund would like to extend our gratitude to all of you who have donated to our 'University Scholarships for Students from Burma' project on GlobalGiving.



Lin attending Melaka International Youth Dialogue, Malaysia

Our mission

Our Mission is to educate, develop, inspire, connect, and empower individuals and organizations that are change-makers in South-East Asia, with a primary focus on Myanmar. We seek to achieve this through knowledge creation, innovative instruction, guided skills expansion, and by forging connections to networks, information and opportunities. We are inspired to create far-reaching transformations for and with the people of Myanmar.



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Scholarships Administration

The Thabyay Education Foundation administers university scholarship programs on behalf of a wide range of donors, and operates its own scholarship fund. These programs provide scholarships to selected candidates from Myanmar to study at universities in the Asian region. The Thabyay Education Foundation also provides a range of technical and logistical support to ensure the successful operation of the programs and the most effective distribution of scholarship funds.

In the course of administering scholarships, the Thabyay Education Foundation builds relationships with universities in Asia, securing places, fee waivers and, in some cases, full scholarships for students from Myanmar.



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Student Support

Through a network of information centers and representatives in Myanmar, and its website, the Thabyay Education Foundation disseminates information about scholarships and opportunities to study abroad, provides academic counseling and offers support in applying to universities and scholarship programs.

The Thabyay Education Foundation helps students settle into university and get the most out of their academic studies and organizes an annual conference enabling scholarship students at different universities in different countries to build networks, compare experiences, and meet experts in a range of relevant fields.



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Lin receives certificate after attending Melaka International Youth Dialogue, Malaysia

The award recipient was as follows:

Recipient:

Name: Lin

Age: 24

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Karen

Subject Studied: Environmental Sustainability

University: Melaka, Malaysia

Award Amount: US\$ 200

Award Type: Partial scholarship

N.B. Names of award recipients have been changed to protect his/her identity.

Lin attended Melaka International Youth Dialogue at Melaka, Malaysia in June 2016 with partial support from GlobalGiving. The topic of the dialogue is Environmental Sustainability. The theme of this dialogue is to discuss and share the opinion and knowledge of the young people on the environment around the world to attain the goals of Environmental Sustainability in the future. One hundred and sixty of young people from thirty six countries joined the event and it earned a Declaration of Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD).

In his own words “Without getting scholarship from GlobalGiving, I could not fulfill my dream. Experiences such as the first time oversea travelling, international dialogue, knowledge exchanges, problem solving, adaptation on the unexpected situation, taking the leading role among the people from different nations and keeping in touch with new colleagues from MIYD till now is the essence what I had done in my life”.

Future Plans

The Arohana Scholarship Fund remains committed to helping key community actors gain access to appropriate higher education to optimize their positive impact in Burma in key sectors including health care, education, community development, rights and media. The Arohana Scholarship Fund is currently waiting for further funds to be received from GlobalGiving before the Selection Committee meets to decide on further scholarship awards.

Closing Statement

We hope that this report shows clearly the potential of these scholarship recipients to become catalysts for incremental social change in Burma, and that you can appreciate the direct link between quality higher education and grassroots development in communities in Burma. We also hope that it demonstrates that even the smallest contribution of US\$ 10 can make a difference in terms of keeping a Burmese scholarship student in university education.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude to all of you who have helped raise funds for this project by making donations and spreading the word. We hope that this report will inspire you to continue to support us in the future. The beneficiaries of these awards, the students, have individually expressed their gratitude to us for the support they have received. We would like to pass on their thanks to you.

If you have any questions about this report, or about our work, please do get in touch.

With our best wishes,



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