

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.

After the deduction of GlobalGiving administrative fees, we have now received a total of approximately US\$ 67,752 in disbursements from GlobalGiving for the University Scholarships for Students from Burma project (funds are received over time in Thai Baht at different exchange rates, so USD figures can only be approximately calculated).

By the 14th September 2015, we had disbursed approximately US\$ 65,927 to scholarship awards.

Selection and awards



Since the last report on 14th September, the Arohana Scholarship Fund Committee has made one further awards totalling approximately US\$ 595.

The total funds now raised by the 'University Scholarships for Students from Burma' project have therefore supported 61 awards enabling 51 students from marginalised communities across Burma to start or continue their Bachelor's, Master's or PhD studies at universities across Asia.

The recipients of these awards comprise 25 women and 26 men, ranging in age from 16 to 51 (average age of approximately 23, representing nine ethnic groups, studying 30 different majors at 18 different universities in 5 countries across Asia).

The award recipient was as follows:

Recipient:

Name: Chaw

Age: 34

Sex: Female

Ethnicity: Karen

Subject Studied: Business Administration

University: University of Thai Chamber Commerce

Award Amount: US\$ 595

Award Type: Partial scholarship

N.B. Names of award recipients have been changed to protect their identities.

In her own words “Some people may think business is profit for the boss only. As for me, I think business profits to every consumer, producer, worker or office staff and government. Farmer will produce rice and he will sell the extra rice to get some money. He will spend his money for his other needs. Merchant will buy farmer’s extra rice and sell again to a company. The company will buy rice and sell it spread over the supermarket or store. While the process was installed, every single person who involved in the process will get benefit as wages. Even government will get tax from the process. Doing business mean not only profit, you are offer convenience to consumer and offer jobs and income for many employee and producer (e.g. Farmer). Without merchant and company doing business the farmer might have to throw away his extra rice because he can’t eat his all rice. He may got sick and die because he don’t have money to buy medicine or get treatment. The employee won’t have any job to do and his income will effect to his family who depend on him. The government may get less money to develop his country either. The power of business can provide convenience to all people who eat the food. Some companies donate some of their benefit to Non-Government Organization to provide education, health and some other needs to poor community”.





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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