



Kyaing Tong Inaugurates a New School Building

The photo tells the story. And it's inspiring. The new building provides a permanent home for the Cetana Learning Center in Kyaing Tong. Facilities include three large rooms for classes. Solar panels on the roof provide electricity for as long as 12 hours a day when the electric grid fails. Director Cynthia Paul and her family live at the center. She and her teaching assistants offer English instruction every day of the week -- mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Construction of the spacious and distinctively-styled Burmese structure was a family affair. Cynthia defined space needs, and her husband Teddy designed the building, laid bricks, did carpentry and supervised the workers. Students who saw Teddy at work called him "the mason." They raised the funds for the building through their families.

Cynthia recently led a course of instruction for tour guides. The guides will conduct tours to ethnic villages around Kyaing Tong. The diverse villages offer challenges for the guides since few villagers speak Shan and even fewer speak Burmese. Five distinct languages are spoken, depending on the village.

With the new facilities completed, Cynthia is now seeking funds to support as many as five high school students from an orphanage outside Kyaing Tong who would live at the school. They would attend public school and take English classes at the Center. The cost for each student to attend the center would be \$1,000 per year, a fantastic bargain considering the skills these students would be mastering.



Khoo Kyaw San Welcome To Cetana

After an extensive search over several months, Cetana has selected a superb new leader for our operations in Myanmar. Khoo Kyaw San is clearly comfortable in both the Myanmar civil society community and in the wider international, English speaking world. He has worked for the last 14 years in community development and is an enthusiastic supporter of education. As he puts it, "The best way to help our county develop in the long-run is through promotion of education for young people, particularly, from poor families."

Most recently, Khoo Kyaw San has been with Pact Myanmar, a group that offers humanitarian assistance in central and eastern Myanmar. He lives with his wife and small child in Southern Shan State, near Inley Lake. The family is moving to Yangon and Khoo Kyaw San plans to be on board at Cetana on June 1st.

Khoo Kyaw San, age 42, earned a BA in Business Administration from Middlesex University in London and has a BA in Economics from the University of Mandalay. We are delighted that he will bring his energy, skills and vision to Cetana during this period of heightened international involvement



Cetana Scholar AungTung

completed his studies in the US and in January he returned to Yangon to continue his work promoting civil society initiatives. At the Professional Research & Consultancy (PRC), Aung Tung conducts training for state and local government officials and employees concerned with various development fields and is also involved in community development activities across the nation. We at Cetana are proud to have sponsored Aung Tung's undergraduate and advanced education. He is clearly destined to play a significant role in his country's move toward democracy and involvement in world affairs.



Cetana to Launch Career Advancement Courses

Based on the successful Teacher Training course started last year, Cetana is planning to offer a series of courses that will help young professionals gain the skills needed to advance their careers. Among the planned courses are Business English, Writing Workshops and Business

English for Research. Future projects envisioned along these lines include a Computer Training Center and classes to prepare students who plan to study abroad to pass the required English proficiency tests. The new courses will be conducted in the evenings to attract working adults and they can be adapted for on-site training at a company's location.

New Partnership Between Cetana and Nassau Presbyterian Church

The Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ is providing a \$50,000 five-year grant to strengthen Cetana's leadership and partially fund a new learning center. In the first two years the grant will support our leadership enhancement program that is directed to positioning Cetana to prepare youth in Myanmar for careers in the international sphere. The grant's final three years will provide seed money to establish a new learning center outside Yangon. Cetana President Chenault Spence expressed his enthusiasm for this partnership: "We are grateful for the past support the Nassau Church has provided and look forward to this new and active partnership, a two-way endeavor that creates a dialogue between church members and the Cetana programs in Myanmar." In this collaboration, members from the Nassau Presbyterian Church will have an opportunity to tour Cetana learning centers in Myanmar with Cetana's former president and founding member, Lois Young.

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