



## 25 YEARS SERVING YOUTH IN MYANMAR

*"We want to have English so that we can make our own lives."  
- Monk Ashin Sanda Wara, Sanda Rama Monastic School*

Your support for Cetana during twenty-five years is surely impressive, especially for programs in Myanmar where the struggle to become part of the world community is ongoing. Cetana's determination to continue our investment in Myanmar is steadfast. More than ever Myanmar needs youth who are educated and who envision their futures in the world community. Your continuing support is essential in helping Cetana make this happen.



## CETANA TRAINS MYANMAR'S FUTURE LEADERS Our Students in Learning Centers in Yangon and Myanmar



### Brang San Awny

After high school, Brang San Awny arrived, alone, in Yangon from his home in Kachin State, eager to learn English. "My ambition is to be a good teacher, to share all I have learnt and to be a translator for my Kachin people at the same time." He is now earning a teaching degree at Assumption University in Thailand. He's clearly on his way to reaching his goal.



### Zo Saw, Ye Lin Zaw and Saw Say Giay Wah

These students come from small villages around Dawei and live with relatives while pursuing their English lessons. Hard-working and enthusiastic, they will clearly be leaders in the new Myanmar.

### Students Going Abroad

Prospect Burma sends promising students abroad to further their education. Cetana provides these students with intensive English language instruction so that they can fully participate in an English language environment.



## SUCCESS STORIES

### Cetana Graduates Are Making A Difference



#### Ma Yar Gar - Tour Guide

Ma Yar Gar completed his English studies at the Kyaing Tong Learning Center and then graduated from its Tour Guide program. Now he's an active tour guide, and in his spare time he volunteers, helping out in the Young Learners program.



#### Zaw Win Aung - Businessman

Zaw Win Aung was employed by an oil and gas service contracting company when his employer organized a Cetana English class for its mid-management staff. As a result of the enhanced English fluency gained in this course, he was promoted in the company, and later was awarded a scholarship to study abroad.



#### Cherry Myo Lwin - Engineer

"I come from a poor family and there was no way for me to think of studying abroad," said Cherry. Cetana helped her earn a Master's degree in Engineering at AIT in Thailand. She went on to earn a Ph.D in Japan. A natural leader, she managed a successful campaign to rebuild a primary school after the devastating Nargis Cyclone.



#### Kyaw Oo - Forester

With a Cetana Scholarship, we helped Kyaw Oo earn a Master's degree in sustainable forestry from Assumption University in Thailand. Now he is overseeing a mango tree reforestation project on an island in southern Rakhine State. He is committed to his home villages – Khin Yar and Thaug Zin, Mon State – and is working with Cetana to bring books to their libraries.



## LOOKING FORWARD

### Cetana's Visionary Plan for the Next Decade

#### Build Partnerships

**Emily Fisher, member of Metta Partners, in Myanmar with young women from the Metta Geha Children's Home in Kanpelet**



Partnerships have long been one of Cetana's strengths. Our partnerships, past and present, with such notable institutions as Metta Partners, the Open University in Hong Kong, DeBoer Foundation, Child's Dream, and the Open Society have enriched our student body and enhanced our programs. We seek to expand our community connections which have demonstrated their synergistic value.

#### Create a Pre-Collegiate Program for Parami University of the Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Kyaw Mo Tun  
Founder, Parami University**

Parami University will be the first residential university in Myanmar that offers a holistic education in the liberal arts. By 2020, we expect to have a strong partnership with Parami, preparing students to reach academic levels that will allow them to thrive in a college environment. Students at Parami will earn degrees through Bard College in NY. An active student exchange program with students from Bard and Centre College in Kentucky is planned.



#### Adding Social Studies to Our Learning Centers

**"TEACHER CHRIS"  
Director, Dawei Learning Center**

Our Dawei learning center is conducting a pilot program that adds socially oriented topics to its English curriculum. Subjects such as economic development, sustainability and ethnicity compliment English instruction. In Yangon, we plan to introduce an expanded curriculum, based on the template being created in Dawei.





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## YOUNG LEARNERS The Future of Myanmar



### 21st Century Tots

Cetana's Young Learners program provides summer vacation and weekend programs for youngsters in Yangon, Kyaing Tong, and Dawei. Classes cost about \$1 per session. Next summer, Cetana will have an enrollment of 500 early learners. The earlier a child starts learning a second language the easier it is to reach fluency.



### New Classes at Sanda Rama

Working with Metta Partners, Cetana will offer free English classes to 200 youngsters who live in one of Yangon's neediest areas. Classes at the local Sanda Rama Monastic School will be open to all. A big attraction is that the teachers incorporate critical thinking into their lessons.

**EVERY DOLLAR YOU CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY  
SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS IN MYANMAR**

**HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CETANA'S PROGRAMS IN MYANMAR**

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To donate by mail: Cetana Educational Foundation  
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November 10, 2017

Dear Friends of Cetana,

We have seen a remarkable 25 years of steady progress in Cetana's service to the youth of Myanmar. The pictures in the leaflet are a journey through the history of Cetana, from Kyaw Oo, an early scholarship student, through the young learners marveling at their lessons on a computer. Help us celebrate this happy occasion by ensuring Cetana's future.

The horizon for the youth of Myanmar, once closed by a wall of fear, is now infinite with possibilities. Our work is to broaden this horizon to help the next generation attain the leadership skills they need as leaders of the new Myanmar. I would like to invite each of you to join us in expanding this horizon.

As I sat at my desk to begin to write this letter, there came a chime on my computer, a *New York Times* article about yet more heart-breaking tragedy among the Rohingya people. The next chime came almost immediately, a note from a journalist friend in Myanmar decrying the lack of information in the country, "*They don't tell us.*" What better way can there be to ensure a bright future for Myanmar than to help young people to think critically and in a universal language.

Many of you have been with us from the inception, and you have supported us during the early years of quietly going about fulfilling our mission to the youth of Myanmar. Cetana has grown and developed along with Myanmar, and we look forward to the opportunities that present themselves to expand our work and serve a wider range of Myanmar youth.

Whether you have been with us for a long while or are new to our family of supporters, please consider how your contribution can bring about a brighter future- the next 25 years -for the youth of Myanmar.

With warm thanks and best regards,

*Chenault Spence*

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