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Annual Appeal for 2020

SEE WHAT CETANA GRADUATES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

Greetings from Myanmar.

Cetana students have distinguished themselves with their contributions to the social fabric of Myanmar and in their personal lives. Some students come to Cetana with specific intent. Others come to discover what they will make of their lives. They all benefit from nurturing Cetana programs that provide strong training in English language and critical thinking.

The foundation on which Cetana is built and continues to thrive is you. Your faithful contributions over the years have ensured that the students learn year after year. Cetana is changing and growing along with Myanmar, and your support ensures that the students in this and coming years can become a vital part of their society.

I would like to take this opportunity to give personal thanks to all of you. My time as President comes to an end the first of the year. I care deeply for the young people in Myanmar and I will continue to see that Cetana prospers to serve them. The time that I spend in this country is very special. I recently had a meal with a student in Kyaing Tong whom I first knew as a shy, young child eight years ago. He is now attending university to study engineering and is an assistant teacher at the Kyaing Tong learning center. The conversation was as easy as one I might have with you. Seeing how his life and the life of more than 8,000 other Cetana students unfold is rewarding.

Our work together as partners makes Cetana a meaningful activity for all of us. Our continued commitment will ensure that the month-old child of my friend and priest in Yangon, Fr. William, will, like his father, be able to learn English at Cetana and have a promising future.

Best regards,

Chenault



**Sanda Rama Monastic School
Students Will Take Their
Places as Future Leaders of
Myanmar.**





Saw Sett Min Thu
English Proficiency Program
Director, Community Development

"The Cetana English Proficiency Center is the only place that I studied English after high school. I studied one and a half years in the center, and it provided skills that I needed to follow my career path. The scholarship and stipend

provided by Cetana benefited enormously a kid like me who could not afford the tuition fees. I learned not only English but also manners and life skills because the teachers were passionate about nurturing their students. Currently, I am studying in the Community Development program at the Myanmar Institute of Theology and running a training center to support the development of youth and civil society. I am also opening a mini-library to help increase the capacity of young people in the community."



Khin Khin Myat Thu Hlaing
Scholarship for Study Abroad
Business Consultancy
Government Relations

"Through the Cetana Scholarship I received in 2009, I had the life-changing opportunity to study at DePauw University. While majoring in international relations and psychology, I experienced a world-class liberal arts education and worked with wonderful professors and classmates.

The skills I have acquired have made me a valuable asset to my company and my country."



Cheni Thein
Academic English Program
Myanmar Institute of Theology
Kindergarten Teacher and
Graduate Student

"The Cetana program at the Myanmar Institute of Theology was a whole new educational experience for me. Everything I experienced – lectures, exercises, assignments and presentations, helped me gain confidence. While attending this program, I was able

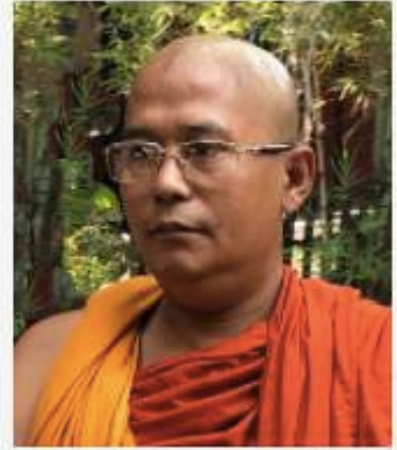
to achieve my dream to become a teacher. Therefore, it was the right thing to choose to join the Cetana Academy Program for English."





**Monk Ashan Sanda Wara
Teacher Training Program
Sanda Rama Monastic School**

"When I began the training classes, I was afraid of English. I could read a little, but listening and speaking were difficult, especially pronunciation. After one year, I and the other teachers in the program have moved to the intermediate level, and we have helped our students by being able to speak English well."



**Kyaw Zin
Business Career Enhancement
Oil Exploration Company**

"I joined the Cetana English training class to study Business English in 2015. As it was my very first experience in learning English language with a native speaker, I learned from the 60-hour course not only business English but also a proper English accent, pronunciation, and a way of natural speaking. Those skills are really useful

and directly applicable in daily communication at work especially in giving presentations, writing reports, and communicating."



**David
Kanpetlet Teacher's Training**

David lives at the Metta Geha Children's home in Kanpetlet, Chin State. When he finished high school, he remained at the home to help care for the younger children. He has studied for two years in the teacher-training program in order to be able to help the children with their schoolwork. He is currently taking computer courses with a Cetana scholarship. These will permit him to find a good job in the growing tourism industry in Kanpetlet.





Zaw Win Aung
Corporate Training
Geological Engineer

"English plays a vital role in my personal and professional career. I attended the two Cetana 60-hour Business English courses as part of our company's training program in 2015-16. Because of that opportunity, I had significant improvement in my English proficiency. I have been improving

in my ability to communicate in English, both in business and social interactions, since then. This improvement will guide me to a better future."



Welcome Kristen Brooks
Cetana U.S. Business
Administrator

Cetana is delighted to welcome Kristen Brooks as the Business Administrator for the U.S. office. Kristen has a master's degree in elementary education and taught for five years before deciding to

spend more time with her daughter. She has worked as an administrator for the last twelve years in other organizations throughout the U.S. In her free time Kristen enjoys kayaking and cooking, and, as a new mother, she is especially fond of sleep. Kristen is excited to work for an organization that helps the people of Myanmar achieve their dreams

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To discuss donations of appreciated stock, and to remember Cetana in your will please contact Kristen Brooks. kristenbrooks@cetana.org.