### NEWSLETTER 151 - 25 March 2024

### Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

#### 1. Domestic travel restrictions

It is <u>reported</u> that since around 21 March 2024, domestic travellers wishing to purchase an overland bus ticket must present a recommendation letter ("travel certificate") from their ward administration office or (and?) police station, in addition to the citizenship scrutiny card, if they wish to travel to any other destination than the address shown in the citizenship scrutiny card.

### 2. Factory recommendation letters for workers travelling home during the Thingyan holidays

We do not have an official source for it, but we understand that industrial zone executives and CMP entrepreneurs were informed in a meeting with officials on 15 March 2024 that workers and students would not be drafted with priority, and that workers travelling during the Thingyan holidays should take their employee cards (from the industrial zone, presumably), social security cards and citizenship scrutiny cards with them, along with a ward recommendation letter to prove their residence in Yangon and a letter from their employer.

On 21 March 2024, the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association provided its members with a sample letter which we have reproduced below in an English translation.

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Letter No.: A Hta Hka/2024 (1371)

Date: 21 March 2024

To:

All member factories/companies

Subject: Notice so that you may be able to write an endorsement for employees who return to their home areas



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If member factories/companies wish to provide a recommendation letter for easy travel of workers in their factories who will return home during the Thingyan holidays, we have attached a sample letter to enable them to create/write it.		
Attachment: 1 copy		
On behalf of the Chairman (Khin Maung Oo, Office Team Leader)		
Copy: For office filing		
	Attachment	
	Company letter head	
	Date: Day Month 2024 Year	
To: Relevant officials		
Subject: Endorsement		
I/our company Co., Ltd. are a CMP garment export business, and the worker shown below belongs to the staff in our factory:		
(1)	Name:	
(2)	Registration number:	
(3)	Social security number:	
(4)	Company staff number:	
(5)	Department in which he/she works:	
(6)	Current address:	
(7)	Permanent address:	



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[Company stamp]	Signature:	
	Name:	
	Position:	
Copy: For office filing		

### 3. National Service Law update

Official registration of potential recruits started in "almost all Regions and States" on or before <u>16</u> March <u>2024</u>. Registration is the first of three steps (registration, medical examination, summons to serve) in the drafting process. State Administration Council ("SAC") officials have repeatedly stated that only a small fraction of persons in the relevant age group should expect to be actually called for service.

We have uploaded our <u>latest presentation</u> (slightly amended) on the National Service Law which we held on 22 March 2024.

Photos are circulating in social media of the registration form, medical criteria rendering a person unfit to serve, and criteria for exemptions, the reduction of service time, and deferments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to receive further information in this regard.

#### 4. Revocation of telecom-related licenses

The Ministry of Transport and Communications under the SAC <u>announced</u> on 22 March 2024 that it had revoked with effect from 15 March 2024 the licenses of Fiber Link Myanmar Co., Ltd., Kiss Telecom Group Co., Ltd., FPT Myanmar Co., Ltd., and Myanmar Cyber Co., Ltd., and requested the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration ("**DICA**") to blacklist the companies and their shareholders.

Readers may wish to check whether they have any active contracts with these companies.

### 5. Our new office address

We have relocated our office to the following new address:

No. 55 (D), Inya Myaing Road, Golden Valley, Bahan Township, Yangon Region



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We hope that you have found this information useful.

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