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Students participating during a human rights lecture in a government school.

AAPP DELIVERED 14 LECTURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SCHOOLS

In the past it was impossible to conduct human rights lectures in government or private schools, however, now AAPP has been able to organize human rights lectures within government run as well as private schools. In the month of December, AAPP conducted 14 lectures on the protection and prevention of human rights abuses against children and civilians in government high schools in Thingangyun Township in Yangon Division and private schools in other townships. The respective governments, departments and regional parliament representatives, leaders from 88 Peace and Open Society, and other human rights groups participated and helped AAPP in organizing these lectures. The lectures focused on issues relevant to the students such as child rape, and other rights and duties as prescribed under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). These lectures were delivered by AAPP members, parliament representatives and other guest speakers, including but not limited to, Members of Parliament U Nay Phoe Latt, Daw Kyi Pyar;

Members of 88 Peace and Open Society U Min Ko Naing, U Ko Ko Gyi, U Kyaw Min Yu; Director Equality Myanmar Aung Myu Min; Secretary AAPP Ko Tate, Joint Secretary AAPP U Bo Kyi, In-charge AAPP Burma Office U Aung Myu Kyow, and AAPP Human Rights Trainers U Wanna Nwe, U Kyaw Swa Linn and U Kyaw Oo. These lectures were attended by students, teachers, school officials, township administrators, parliament representatives, departmental officials, police lieutenants, and civilians. At the end of each presentation, AAPP distributed UDHR pamphlets to raise awareness amongst the participants.

ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

MEETING WITH SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY TO DISCUSS FUTURE COLLABORATION

On December 9, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr. Win Myat Aye, received AAPP in Naypyidaw. During the meeting they discussed future collaboration between the Ministry and AAPP.



AAPP meeting with the Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement



AAPP attended a meeting on Prison and Human Rights at the Upper House

AAPP ORGANIZED A DISCUSSION ON PRISON AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE UPPER HOUSE

On December 12, 2016, AAPP organized a discussion about Prisons and Human Rights at the Upper House of Parliament. Around 100 people attended the discussion, including the Vice President of the Lower House, U Aye Thar Aung, members of parliament, military representatives and staff of the Democracy and Human Rights Committee. U Ko Ko Gyi (88 Generation Peace and Open Society) discussed issues in Prisons and Prisoner Rights. U Bo Kyi discussed conditions of Burmese Prisons and the potential of prisons reform in Burma. Mr. Andrew MacGregor (OHCHR) discussed international human rights which are related to prisons.



During the discussion on Prison Reforms at Lower House

DISCUSSION ON PRISON REFORMS AT LOWER HOUSE

AAPP was also invited to attend a meeting at the Lower House to discuss prison reform. U Bo Kyi, U Aung Myo Kyaw, U Zaw Moe and U Kyaw Soe Moe from AAPP attended the meeting with the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Public Affairs Management Committee at the Committee's office on December 20, 2016. The meeting was also attended by the Chairperson of the Public Affairs Management Committee Dr. Aung Tun Khaing, Secretary U Tint Soe, and other committee members.

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE TRAININGS IN SAGAING DIVISION AND SHAN STATE (NORTH)

As a part of the series of regular trainings on transitional justice, AAPP held two long Training's in the month of December. A 12 day Training from December 6 to December 17 was organized in Kin Moon Taw Village, Chaung Oo Township in Sagaing Division and a five day session from December 13 to December 17 was held in Bawday Village, Mongmit Township of Shan State (North). 22 people participated in the Sagaing Division Training, including former political prisoners, members from the NLD, 88 Generation Peace and Open Society, and All Burma Federation of Student Union (ABFSU). The training in Shan State was attended by 26 participants, including members of the NLD, Lisu Youth Network, Lisu National Party, Lisu Cultural Group, and Woman Network. Civilians and members of the Ward Administration also took part in the Training. The Training's were administered by AAPP's Human Rights and Transitional Justice Trainers Nay Won, Sai Myint Thu, and Kyaw Oo. Both the regions are facing numerous human rights violations. With lack of adequate resources for healthcare, education and increasing corruption and drug trade, crime rate is at an all time high in both the regions. The Training's serve as a capacity-building measure for these actors aiming to encourage and inform their participation in the democratic setup.