



**“Opportunities and Challenges for the
Implementation of International Relation Offices
in Myanmar”**

CHINLONE partners:

Dagon University and University of Mandalay

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Organization of a University

- Academic Departments
- Administrative Departments
- Research & Development Unit
- IRO
- QA Office
- ICT Office



IR Unit (Dagon University)

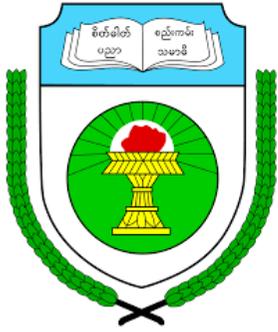
-organized with 10 members.





Why IRO needs to be established?

- To contribute the internationalization of home university
- To promote the quality of Education, Research and Services to a global society
- To be a channel between students and global society & to tackle the problems they face
- To link the home university with different cultures to do so.



What IRO is doing ?

- 1) Build effective collaborations with global universities using affordable strategies and available resources for sustainability
- 2) Encourage and facilitate the collaborations with Dagon University's departments and their partners to exchange faculty, students and teaching materials to develop the curricula.



What IRO is doing ?

3) Facilitate faculty members in their teaching and research that involves collaborations higher education institutions abroad Engage students in educational and research experiences internationally



What IRO is doing ?

- 4) Encourage and facilitate students to participate in student abroad programs and international volunteer programs.
- 5) Increase the internationalization of the curriculum, library, campus and community.



What IRO is doing ?

- 6) Foster excellence in the study of liberal arts, international relations, social sciences and natural sciences.
- 7) Keep track of growth and document the successes of the international collaborations.



Opportunities of International Collaboration

- Exchanging staff and students
- Innovating teaching and learning methodology
- Encourage staff to do research and projects
- Hosting conference, workshop, training, seminar
- Signing MoU/ MoA



Attending CHINLONE Kick-Off Meeting & MoU Signing Ceremony





International Conference



**Dagon University & Chonbuk University host the Conference about
“Useful Plant and Technology”**



International Conference



**Higher Education Leadership Program-Myanmar:
Teaching, Research and Community Service**



Visiting Professor from PKNU





Volunteer Group



Teaching Korean Language





Training-Workshop on Service Learning





Cultural Exchange and Volunteer Program

Kamphaeng Phet Rajabhat University-Mae Sot (Thailand)





International Collaboration between Universities



**2019-2020 Enhancing the sustainability of water supply and drainage systems
through low impact development: a pilot study in Yangon
Dagon University & Hong Kong University**



International Projects



TIDE (Transformation by Innovation in Distance Education)



International Projects



CHINLONE (Connecting Higher education Institutions for a New leadership On National Education)



International Joint Research



JWRC (Japan Wildlife Research Centre)



International Joint Research



Building Education & Research Capacity and Disseminating the Technology to Regional Community for Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources in Myanmar



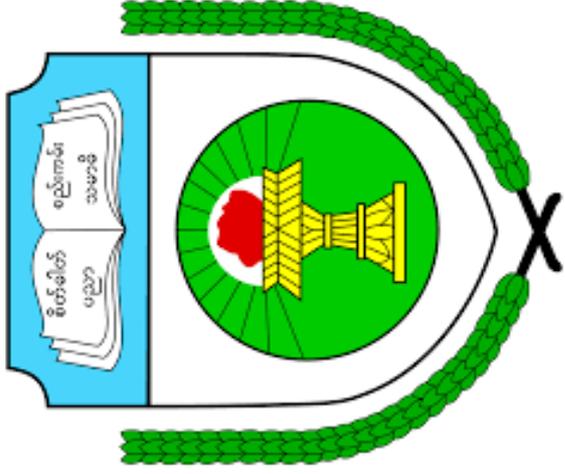
Challenges for the implementation of International Relation Offices in Myanmar

- 1) Heavy administrative procedures, policy, rules and regulations
- 2) Limited financial support
- 3) Limited equipment
- 4) Communication and language barriers
- 5) Technological gap
- 6) Heavy workload of staff
- 7) Transfer system of staff
- 8) Not having alignment with academic calendar with collaborating universities



Possible solutions

- 1) Need to put IRO establishing as a part in a draft of University Charter
- 2) Need to consider about retaining well-trained IRO staff at their host university in promotion and transfer system
- 3) Need to consider the education budget to support IRO materials
- 4) Give more trainings focusing on interpersonal skills to IRO staff
- 5) Adjust the steps of the procedures in signing MoU & MoA
- 6) Need to adjust academic calendar of Myanmar Universities to align with international universities



Thank You

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