



MYANMAR DIGITAL RIGHTS FORUM

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Urgent Statement of Myanmar Digital Rights Forum

15th December, 2016

Myanmar Digital Rights Forum brought together about 90 representatives from organisations from private sector and civil society, as well as government and media, to discuss concerns concerning digital rights.

The two-day Forum held at Phandeeyar starting from 14th December 2016 is the first Myanmar Digital Rights Forum organised by Phandeeyar, together with Myanmar ICT Development Organization, Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business and EngagedMedia.org, with the support from Embassy of Sweden.

The participants discussed in particular the draft Citizens' Privacy and Security Protection Law which has been written in the Pyithu Hluttaw and is currently under final consideration at Pyithu Hluttaw.

A number of concerns were raised about the impacts and practical implementation of the Law if it is adopted in its present form. In view of the complexity of these issues, particularly as they relate to use of ICT and affect digital rights including privacy and freedom of expression, as well as their interaction with existing Myanmar laws and international human rights standards

The Forum called on Pyithu Hluttaw to postpone the adoption of the Law until a full public consultation has been carried out.

Following organizations signed the Statement.

1. Burma News International (BNI)
2. Colourful Girls
3. Engage Media
4. Gender Equality Network
5. Kachin Women Peace Network
6. Kernellix Company
7. Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB)
8. Myanmar ICT for Development Organization (MIDO)
9. Mustardseed Organization
10. New Generation Youth Organization
11. PEN Myanmar
12. Phandeeyar
13. Research Team for Telecommunications Law
14. Root Investigative Agency
15. Rainbow Organization
16. Royal Rose Women Organization
17. Sintgu Township Peace and Development Organization
18. Moethaukpan LGBT Organisation
19. Saydanar Garden Organisation

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