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What is GEEK?

- A person who is preoccupied or knowledgable with Computing.
- An expert in Computer

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Why **Geek Girls?**

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Because there are some issues that hinder women from being active in tech industry.

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Why less women in Tech field ?

Issue #1 We usually think Tech field is Male dominated Environment.

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At Hackathon 2014; 48 hours non-stop hacking for business solution.

Only 9% out of total participants were women.

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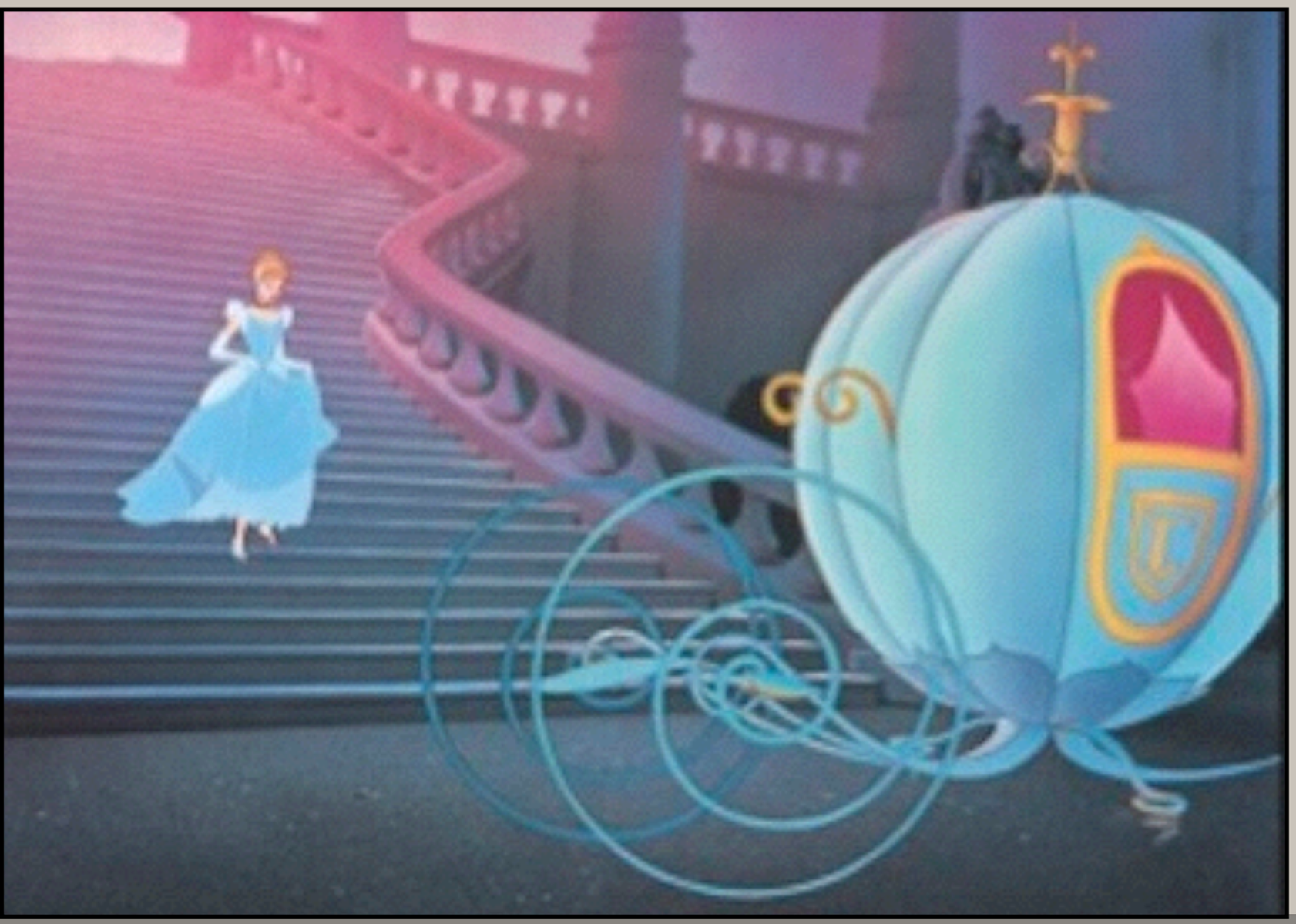
Why less women in Tech field ?

* Issue #2 Social Norms & family culture



***75% of girls in Myanmar is facing family curfew issue ***

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Why less women in Tech field ?

Issue#3 Lack of Community in touch for networking & sharing knowledge in terms of technology

But don't think that women are not good at computing & coding.

Because first Ever Programmer is woman!

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For those reasons, GeekGirlsMM is there to serve as an initiative community platform for IT students, working professionals & Tech entrepreneurs.

Founded in September 2014

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Sandi
(FoundHer)

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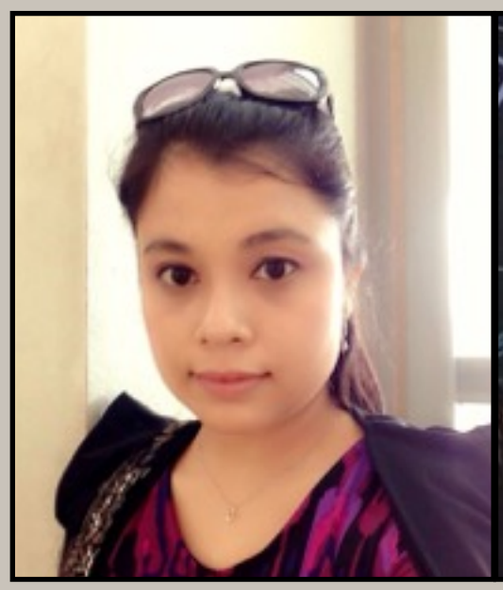
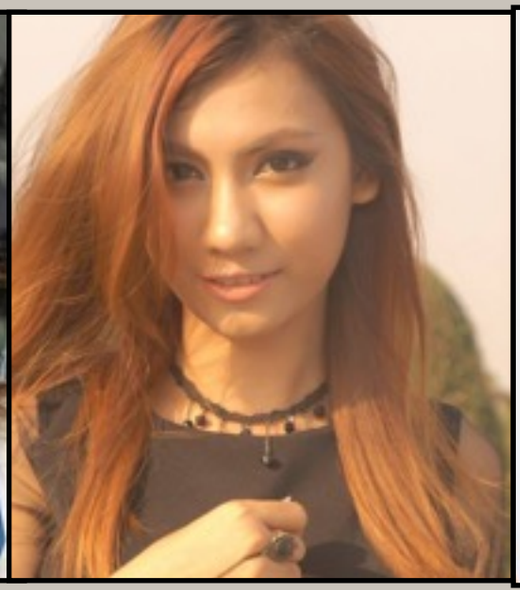
Over 1,500 Facebook members



Khin Mrat Noe
(Advisor)

Cho Zin Wint
(Mentor)

Shwe Yi
(Tech Support)



Honey
(Admin & Logistic)

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(Social Media)

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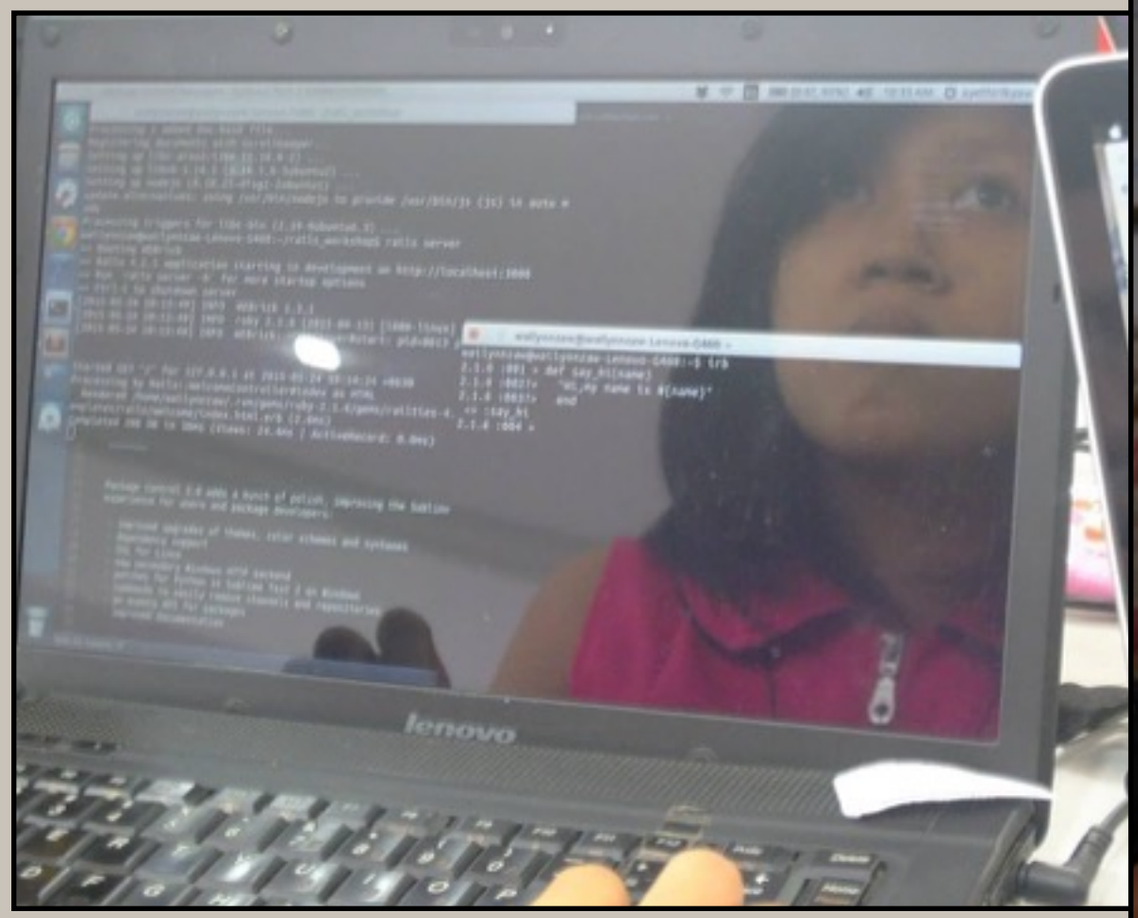
OBJECTIVES

- Inspire and Encourage the next wave of female IT Professionals



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Because 70 % of students in Computer Sciences & Tech Institutions are female due to the statistics from University of Computer Studies Yangon.

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OBJECTIVES

- Get women IT professionals to be more active and engaged in the greater tech community

WHAT WE DO...

<< Not eating Pizza>>

- Regular Meet ups,Talks & Discussions
- Technical, leadership skill & entrepreneurial related Workshops,Trainings and bootcamps
- Annual Events (Women Techmaker with GDG, Women in tech award celebration)

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Meet ups - 1ST MEET-UP (24TH SEPT 2014)

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At 1st meet-up, we shared about

- As a woman geek, what do you want to do with Technology
- What makes the woman geeks shy from getting involved in Tech activities
- What kind of program/training do you want to go through?

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Launched officially at Connected Women Conference (17th Oct 2014)

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Geek girls to tackle tech gender gap

By Catherine Trautwein | Monday, 27 October 2014

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Ooredoo's entrepreneurial branch Ideabox has kicked off an initiative in Myanmar to create space for women in the country's tech scene.

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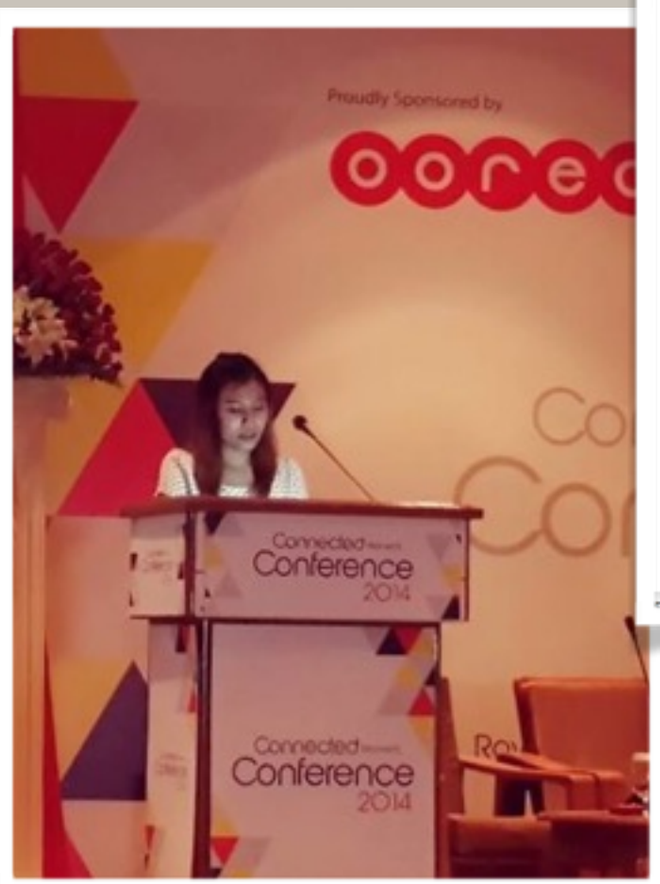

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Meet ups - 2nd MEET-UP (13TH NOV 2014)

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More members joining at 2nd meet-up which included themed talk.

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WORKSHOPS – COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC SPEAKING (13TH DEC 2014)

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TALKS - “EMPOWERING WOMEN & RURAL POPULATION WITH TECHNOLOGY (24TH JAN 2015)

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Workshops - ASP.NET WORKSHOP (24TH FEB 2015)

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WORKSHOPS - PERFECTING YOUR ONLINE IMAGE WORKSHOP (11TH MAR 2015)

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WORKSHOPS - RUBY ON RAILS WORKSHOP (24TH MAY 2015)

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Girls be geeking at Ruby on Rails Workshop

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Girls are equally as enthusiastic & geeky as boys.

** Testing out Google Cardboard**

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MEETUPS- HONOURABLE AMBASSADOR OF GLOBAL WOMEN ISSUE MS. CATHY BRUSSEL MEETS GEEKGIRLSMM.

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CSR WORKS - GEEKGIRLSMM'S DONATION TO FLOODED AREA (12TH AUG 2015)

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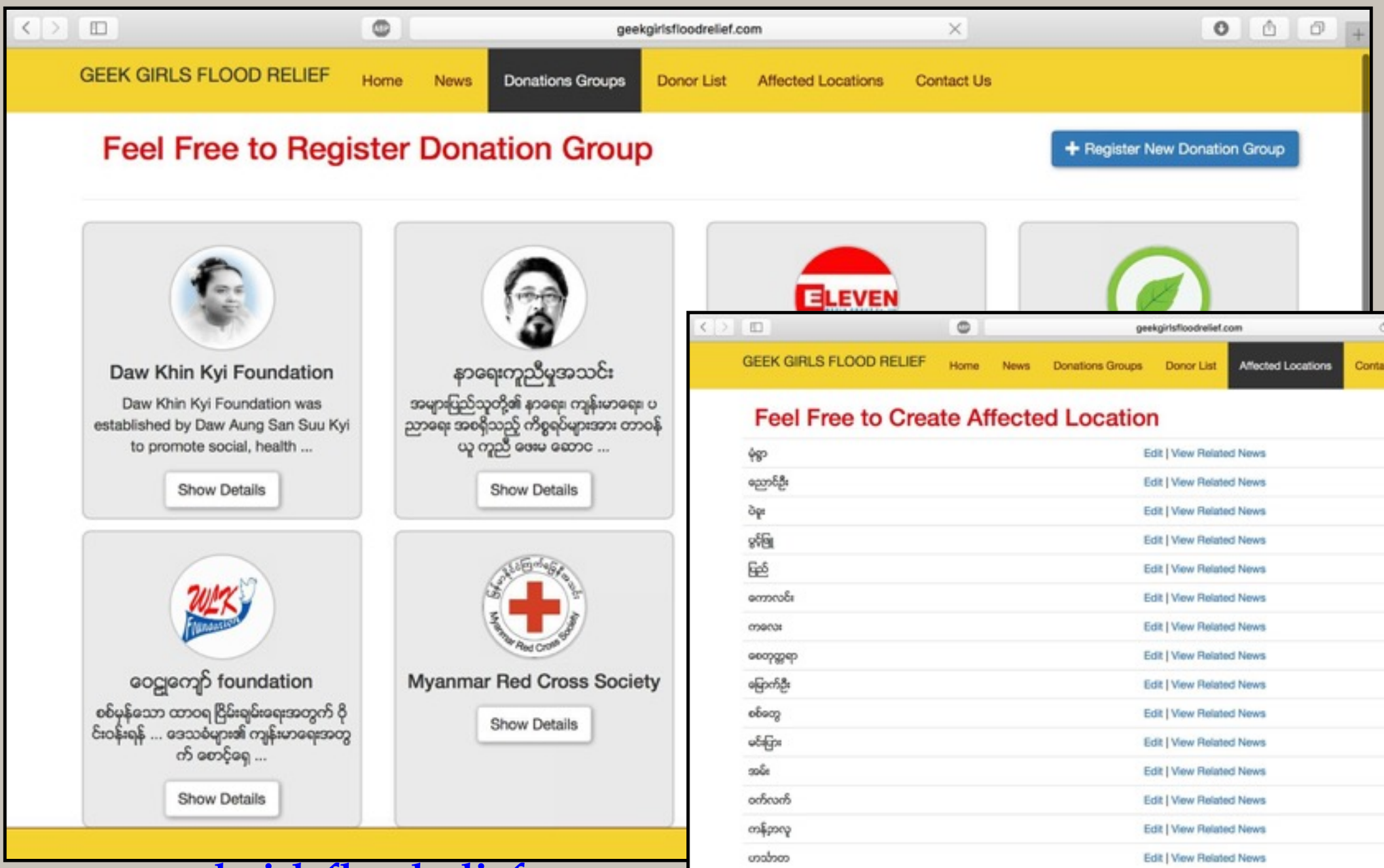
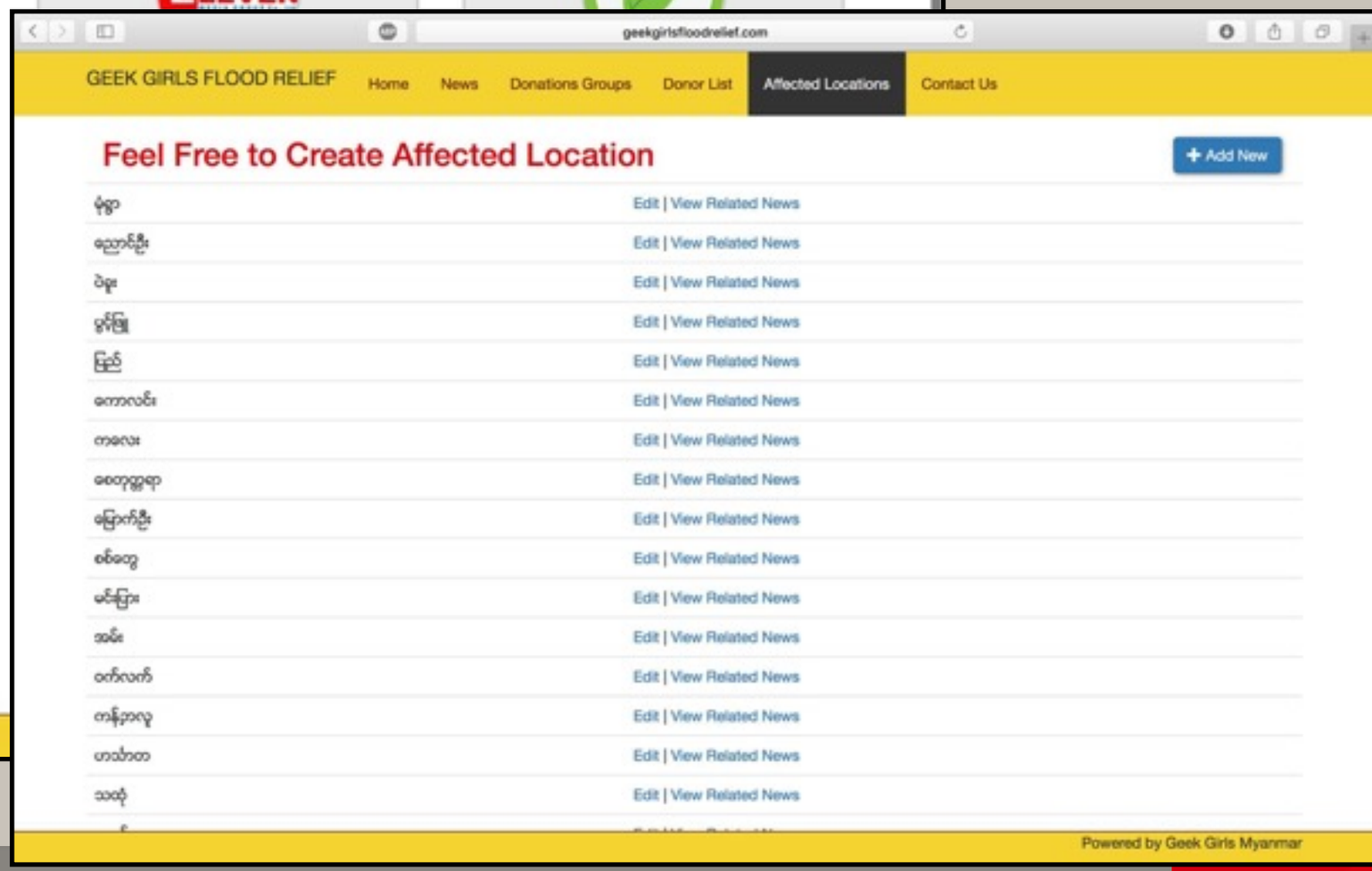
And built an information site for locating flood victims and aid organisations.





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MEETUPS- GEEKGIRLSMM TURNED ONE IN SEPTEMBER 2015.

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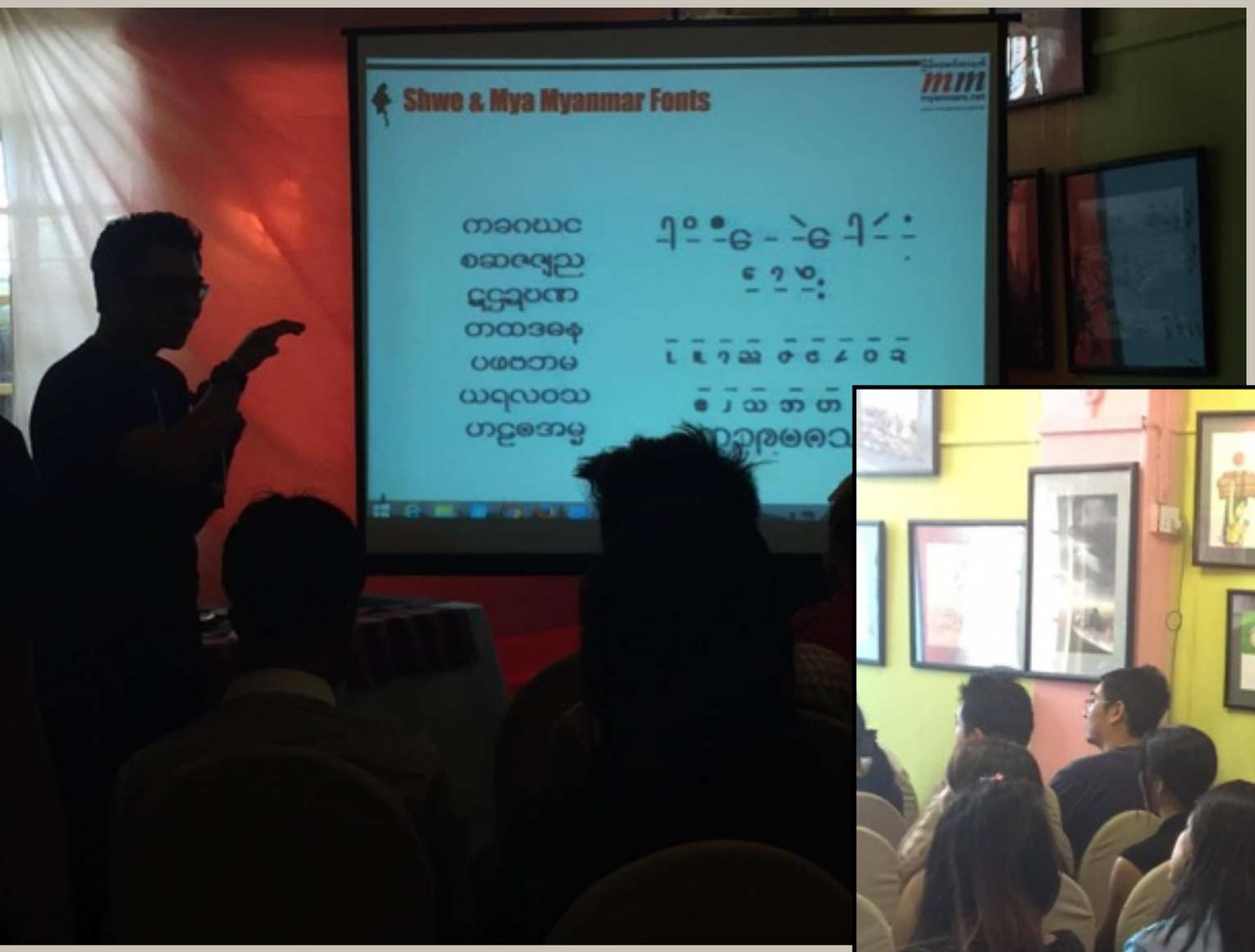
TALKS - EVOLUTION OF MYANMAR FONTS <<UNICODE & ZAWGYI>>
(23RD JAN 2016)



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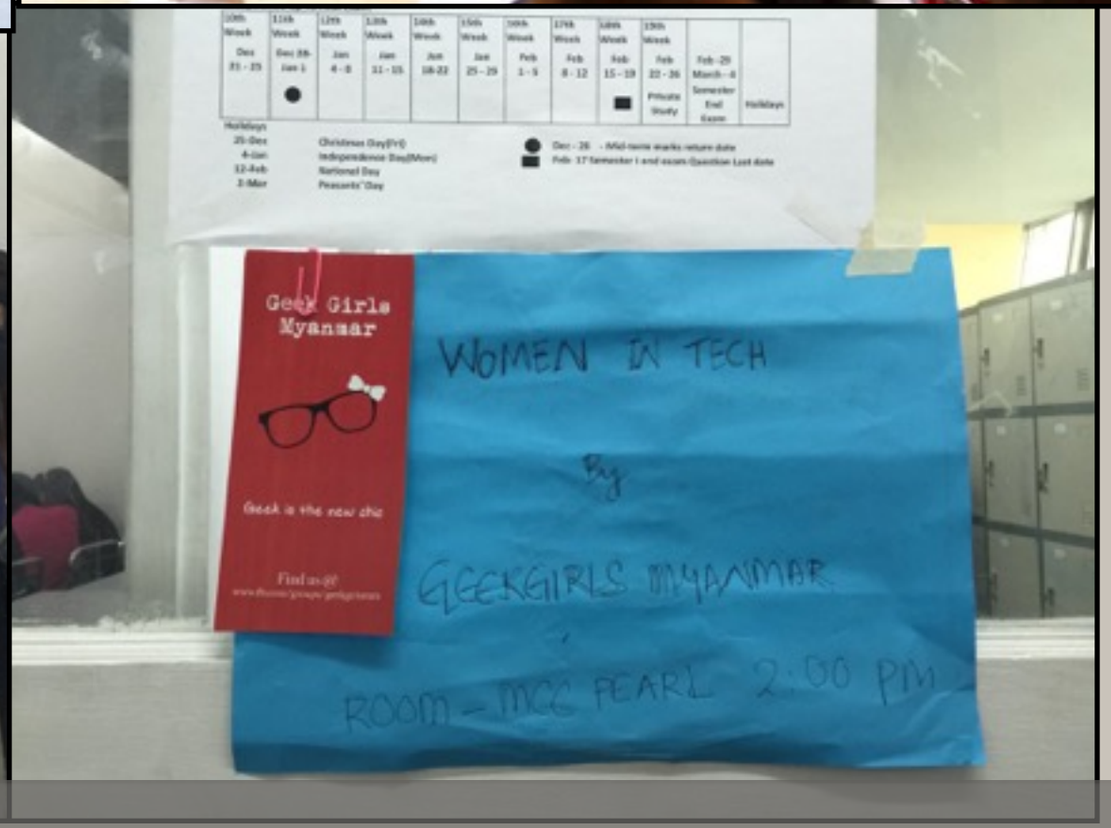
COMMUNITY EVENTS - GEEKGIRLSMM'S PARTICIPATION IN BAR CAMP 2014 & 2016



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ANNUAL EVENTS - WOMEN TECH MAKERS - COLLABORATION GOOGLE DEVELOPERS GROUP (7TH APRIL 2015)

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EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT - MOVIE NIGHT(20TH MAY 2016)

TALKS - PANEL DISCUSSION AT UNIVERSITY OF COMPUTER SCIENCES YANGON (27TH JULY 2016)

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SPECIAL PROGRAM - FEATURING WOMEN IN TECH OF THE MONTH (MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 2015)

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Woman in Tech of The Month Series 2015-2016

Inspiring the next wave of tech girls by sharing their success stories and struggles in tech field

ANNUAL EVENTS - 2ND ANNIVERSARY AND WOMEN IN TECH AWARDS (24TH SEPT 2016)

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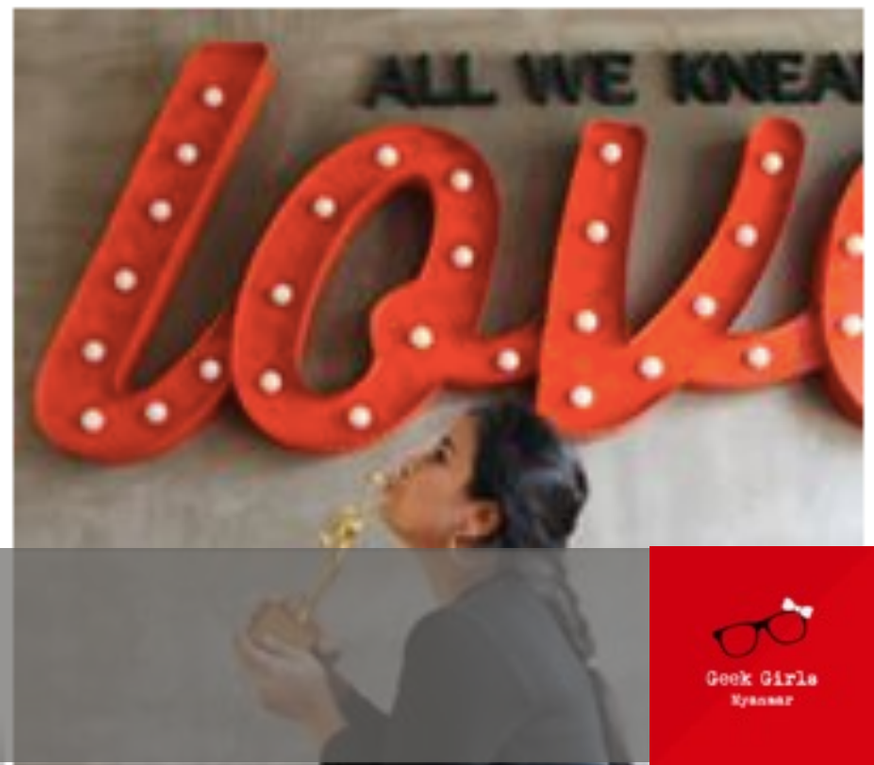
Be there to help and support each other. Because girls can do it!



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EDUCATIONAL VISIT - A VISIT TO E-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE & ICT EXHIBITION (7TH OCT 2016)

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Geek is the new chic for Myanmar women

By Chit Su | Friday, 03 July 2015

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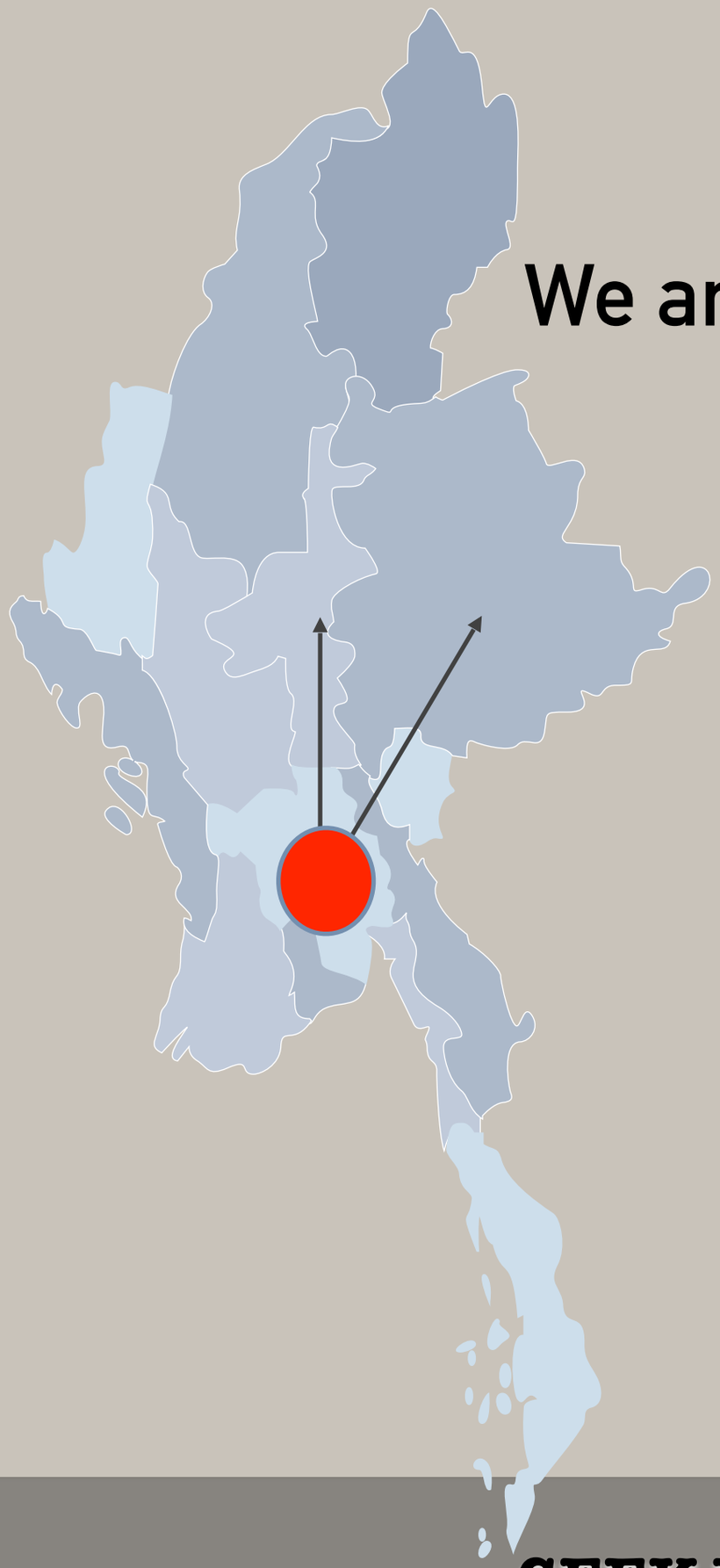

We are expanding throughout the country…

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GROWING COMMUNITY

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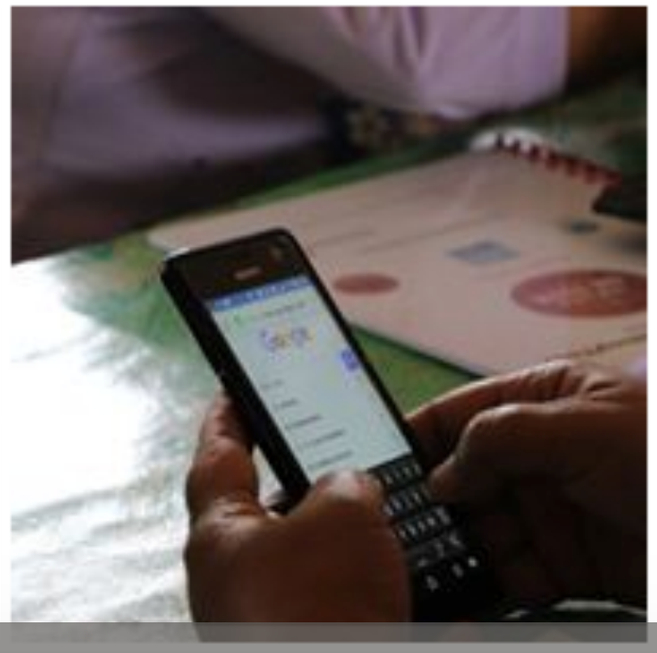
On-going project - Workshop Tour in Shan State (5 cities)



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