



Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. Men temporarily banned from working abroad (update)

Today's press carried reports of gradual reopening. Importantly, however, men aged from 23 to 31 years appear to be still blocked from working abroad. There has been no official announcement from the Ministry of Labour.

"Some demand letters for foreign jobs for men that were temporarily suspended accepted again by the Ministry of Labour"

An official from the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation stated that some demand letters for foreign jobs for men that were temporarily suspended are accepted again by the Ministry of Labour.

The official from the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation said, "They were accepted again today, 7 May. Demand letters, I mean. Demand letters that were temporarily blocked are accepted again."

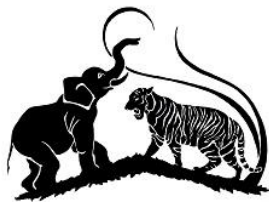
According to some overseas employment agencies, demand letters were accepted again on 7 May, but some agencies faced some restrictions.

An official from an overseas employment agency said, "Some of the companies that submitted [demand letters] were told that there were restrictions, but not with an official letter. Only the agencies that submitted [demand letters] will know what the restrictions are. Demand letters are definitely accepted again."

Demand letters of workers aged from 23 to 31 years going abroad have reportedly not yet been accepted, but this is not confirmed yet.

We contacted Permanent Secretary U Nyunt Win from the Ministry of Labour by e-mail about the matter but have not yet received a reply as of 7 May evening.

According to overseas employment agency sources, demand letters with which overseas employment agencies applied to the Ministry of Labour were no longer accepted starting from 1 May.



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The Ministry of Labour responded to the media that the right to leave for abroad was temporarily suspended for men to have time to review issues pertaining to the right to leave and for other reasons.

This was the reply by the Ministry of Labour to some enquiries from the media regarding reports that the right of male workers to work abroad had been halted.

The Ministry of Labour said that there was a temporary suspension to have time to review issues pertaining to the right to leave and for other reasons.

There are more than 500 overseas employment agencies in Myanmar, and most of the Myanmar workers go to work in neighbouring countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and Korea.”

[Original published on the [website](#) of Eleven Media on 7 May 2024. Text translated.]

There are additional reports from other sources, such as “50% of male workers may go abroad again” and “only PJ passport holders affected by the ban” (Myanmar has 9 types of passports: PB - business; PT - dependent; PJ - job; PR - religious; PS - seaman; PE - student; PV - visit; PD - diplomatic; and PO - official).

2. Intellectual Property Department publishes first trademarks to invite oppositions

The Intellectual Property Department on 1 May 2024 uploaded the first edition of a [Trademark Journal](#) (with some corrections on 7 May 2024), publishing in it the first 250 or so trademarks for which applications for registration or re-registration were filed and paid for since the online filing system went fully live in April 2023.

Interested parties should watch this space regularly as they have 60 days from publication for filing an opposition against the registration of a trademark to which they take exception (“This application was made in bad faith because the trademark is similar to mine, and I started to use it way earlier!” “I applied for registration of this trademark earlier!” “It’s ridiculous that he should try to monopolise such a common word as ‘apple’ for his personal apple juice business!” – such things).

Please contact us if you have discovered a trademark in the Trademark Journal to which you may have better rights so that we may file an opposition for you.



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If no opposition is filed within 60 days from publication, the Intellectual Property Department may proceed with registering the trademark.

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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