

TRAINING CENTER

Spotlight



Myanmar Training Center

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The Myanmar Training Center was inaugurated on 16 March 2015. It is situated at the Department of Gastroenterology, Yangon General Hospital (YGH). YGH, with 2000 beds, is the main teaching hospital of the University of Medicine 1 Yangon. In 2015, there were a total of four postgraduate students in gastroenterology. There are now seven students. Apart from an active postgraduate specialty program, the Center also arranges short courses in endoscopy. There is a regular one-month basic endoscopy course for surgeons, physicians and nurses from district hospitals since 2015.

Moreover, teams of doctors and nurses from the Center also visit larger regional hospitals with endoscopy units. For example, in 2019, teachers visited three hospitals, including Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State and the East Yangon General Hospital.

The Center maintains teaching links internationally. Visits in 2019 were from the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG), APSDE (Asian Pacific Society of Digestive Endoscopy), AEG (Asian EUS Group), and ANBIG (Asian Novel Bio-Imaging and Intervention Group). Lectures and hands on teaching are provided. Topics have included endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP. Doctors and nurses from our sister gastroenterology units around Myanmar are invited to attend these workshops.

Consultants and fellows from the Center have also attended overseas meetings including DDW and APDW annually. In the February of 2020 the Center arranged WGO-supported annual educational activities. A total of 40 doctors and 30 nurses attended, who came from 6 districts and 6 Yangon Hospital. Topics included the writing of the Endoscopy report, bowel preparation for colonoscopy and CRC screening. Additionally, hands on colonoscopy teaching was provided by Professor Thein Myint (University of Medicine 1), Professor Than Than Aye (University of Medicine 2), and Professor Moe Myint Aung (University of Medicine Mandalay) and did frank discussion. The training was targeted for beginners. They can apply the experience and knowledge to their patients gained from this activities. We are grateful for the financial support of the WGO.

Prof. Moe Myint Aung, a Co-Director of the Center, has been promoted to the position of Head of the Department of Gastroenterology at the Mandalay General Hospital. We extend warm greetings and *Metta* to colleagues worldwide!

