

## Stiftunglife Student Program - Myanmar

### Activities in February 2018



On 28<sup>th</sup> January, Aung Bo Bo, Nay Oke and I had a meeting with mentor Dietrich Von Queis in Sagaing. His student, Aung Bo Bo was shy for the first meeting with the mentor. We went to have lunch at a Restaurant together. Nay Oke was able to explain more about their studies and their campus. Then, we drove round their University to show the mentor how it looks like. Unfortunately, we could not go inside.



We have 3 Education students who will finish studies this year. Tin Myo Ko(2<sup>nd</sup> from left), student of Michaela Schweikert, will finish his final exam of final year in March 2018. Win Min Aung (next to Tin Myo Ko) will finish in September this year. Khin Sabai Thet (not in the photo) will finish in September this year. Aye Aye Zaw(next to Win Min Aung) and Yoon Nandar Eain(next to Aye Aye Zaw), Britta's student are enjoying their time at the University with new experiences and activities.



Khant Soe Pyaw studies Civil Engineering in Pakokku. He lives in Myitche which is close to Pakokku. Hopefully, he will be able to take part in Stiftunglife School projects in these areas in the future after graduation.



It was a wonderful day for May Myat Thu to meet with her mentor in Bagan.



It was unexpected that their meeting would take place inside the Mandalay Palace. But, it happened so smoothly and luckily Sai Myo San was selected by his future mentor Uz Mutschler. It was an auspicious day!



The interview with Thu Htet Naing and Aung Htet Khaing was done at the hotel where Thu Htet Naing works. Aung Htet Khaing is a first year law student and needs five years to complete studies. To be able to support the family, we decided to choose the younger one.



Thein Naing Tun, Prof Grussendorf's student, had a chance to talk to Prof Mutschler at U Bein Bridge.





Thin Nwe Aye's village is about one hour drive by motor bike from Meiktila. Her father is busy harvesting and bringing chickpeas from the fields to home. Her parents are proud to see their daughter as a University student.



Khaing Htoo's village is also about one hour drive by motorbike from Meiktila but to the opposite direction of Thin Nwe Aye's village. Khaing Htoo's father said that Khaing Htoo was not happy at school when he was a KG student and always came back home from school. Now, he is a University student and he does not want to come back home from the University. His elder brother who was a teacher had to support Khaing Htoo when he was first year student and now it was a relief for him as Stiftunglife

supports for his studies. As a result, the elder brother can support the old parents and handicapped brother.



Aung Aung was selected in his second year in 2016. At that time, we were looking for Economics students and Aung Aung was thinking of leaving University for his financial problems in his family. His father was not well and all four children are students. Aung Aung, as an eldest son of the family had to

work for the family. The support he got from the foundation solved the education for all children. Aung Aung helps the family business weaving in the evenings and at weekends and it helps the family for living.





We have 5 final year Economics students in Meiktila. They have to make a thesis in the second semester and will be making research in summer. They wish to go and work in Yangon or Mandalay after graduation.