

Investment Mission Report

1. Project Name

Outward Investment Mission to Myanmar

2. Implementation Venue, period

Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, August 16 - 22, 2010

3. Organizers

ASEAN-Japan Centre, Embassy of the Union of Myanmar

4. Observations and reports

The objective of this investment mission is to visit Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw to update information of its economy and investment environment in Myanmar.

The first general election is scheduled in Myanmar on November 7, 2010 and expectation of democratization has become high.

As for Myanmar economy, it sustains stable growth. Recent economic reformation such as establishment of four new private banks in this August, expansion of definition of foreign currency earned by export in January and liberalization of import and sales of gasoline around January.



Foreign direct investment concentrates in natural resources sector such as petroleum and gas and agriculture, but there is some investment in other area such as hotel by Thai company and manufacturing sector.

Due to economic sanction, the number of garment manufacturing companies decreased from 400 to 160. About 90 % of remaining companies are domestic and the rest are foreign companies including joint venture.

The business had been sluggish, but it is now recovering since the end of 2009. They hope to increase export to Japan using AJCEP, importing materials from ASEAN countries. They strongly expect technology transfer from various fields from Japan as well.

According to the manufacturers which have factories in many countries, Myanmar workers are diligent and literacy rate is high (85%).

Lack of electric power is significant. During dry season and after four PM in rainy season, a garment company provides electricity by their private electric generators.



Myanmar economy is stable and growing steadily. While lack of electric power is still one of the important issue in business, there is a big potential and attractiveness for investors such as lower cost. The field of business cooperation will be broadened based on our warm relationship.