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MYANMAR INVESTMENT LAW (MIL)

- ▶ Myanmar Investment Law (MIL) was enacted in October 2016 and has been effective since April 1, 2017.
- ▶ The MIL combines the Foreign Investment Law (FIL) 2012 and the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law 2013.
- ▶ The new Investment Law was created to attract both Foreign and Local Investors by simplifying the application process and offering tax breaks, incentive, rights and protection for businesses.
- ▶ Under the MIL, a foreign investor is allowed to conduct business in Myanmar as :
 - ▶ 100% foreign – owned entity in permitted sectors or
 - ▶ joint venture with foreign, local, or government entities.

- ▶ Myanmar Investment Commission(MIC) was formed under Myanmar Investment Law(MIL).
- ▶ It is a government-appointed body which streamlines and approves investment proposals, and comprises high-level figures, senior officials and experts from government ministries and non-governmental bodies.
- ▶ Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) scrutinizes and grants the investment projects.
- ▶ MIC also issues investment-related notifications and orders.

PRIORITY AREAS OF INVESTMENT IN HEALTH SERVICES

▶ **Health Services**

- ▶ The Promoted investment activities as priority areas to invest under health sectors:
 - ▶ Training and developing health service support human resources
 - ▶ Hospital service
 - ▶ Medical laboratory service
 - ▶ Traditional hospital service
 - ▶ Private clinic service
 - ▶ Research for medical education and medicine
 - ▶ Research on traditional medicine and laboratory service

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH NEED APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SPORTS

- ▶ Private hospital services
- ▶ Private general health services
- ▶ Private mobile health services
- ▶ Private care shelter services
- ▶ Private traditional hospital
- ▶ Private traditional clinic
- ▶ Manufacturing private traditional medicine and medical product
- ▶ Manufacturing of traditional drugs
- ▶ Trading of traditional pharmaceutical raw materials (herbal items)
- ▶ Traditional herbal cultivation and production
- ▶ Traditional medicine research and laboratory
- ▶ Research on vaccine and diagnostic test kit production

SOCIAL SERVICES

- ▶ Early Childhood Care and Development Law (ECCDL) was enacted in 2014 and its regulation was adopted in 2015.
- ▶ The ECCD Law was also amended in 2018 again.

Early Childhood Care And Development Law (ECCDL) 2014

Early Childhood Care

- ▶ According to the Early Childhood Care and Development Law (ECCDL) 2014,
 - ▶ The Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement issues the permit for home based or community based day care center.
 - ▶ Established Central Supervisory Body and States/ Regions supervisory Bodies to manage and arrange ECCD activities.
 - ▶ Under the Chapter 5, Article 8, Sub para (a) of amended ECCD Law 2018,
 - ▶ Private and non-governmental organization from abroad which desire to establish day care center or pre-primary schools shall apply to the States or Regions Social Welfare office for the permit.

Elderly Care

- ▶ Older People Law was enacted in 2016.
- ▶ Elderly care services are jointly managed and supported by the Ministry of Health & Sports, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement and NGOs.
- ▶ Government also provided financial and technical assistances to the private nursing homes recognized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement.
- ▶ Elderly care scheme has been launched in 1992 and elderly care initiatives were introduced such as specific care for the elderly in station hospitals and rural health care centers, private nursing home, home for aged, older people self-help group, day care center, etc.
- ▶ However, supply of this service has not met domestic demand and it should be done as PPPs activity.

KEY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTORS

Myanmar as a LDC country,

- ▶ So, country's economic development is not too much. Incomes of national people are still low. Most of people pay only few attentions on health and social sectors.
- ▶ Still need technical assistance and capacity building for services personnel.
- ▶ Need to develop PPPs cooperation more.

On the other hand, some people have capacity to take advanced medical treatments.

Health and social services are needed to develop more and more.

POSSIBLE INVESTMENT AREAS ATTRACT FROM JAPAN

- ▶ Investor should invest following services in Myanmar to fulfill required services as a certain extents:
 - ▶ hospital service
 - ▶ clinic service
 - ▶ childcare center service

ATTRACTIVE POINTS

- ▶ For Hospital & clinic
 - ▶ Myanmar's medical tourism to abroad is increasing.
 - ▶ On the other hand, most of Myanmar people need economy hospital and clinic services which will be affordable to take their necessary medical treatments.
- ▶ For Childcare center
 - ▶ Parents and their families who reside in urban areas are emphasis on carrying out their day to day survival.
 - ▶ So they cannot take care their children properly.
 - ▶ They need such kind of assistances at a reasonable cost.
- ▶ Myanmar Investment Law and Early Childhood Care & Development Law provide the opportunity to invest the health and social services sectors as primary investment activities.
- ▶ Therefore, it is also a attractive point to invest in our country.

Thank you for your kind attention!