



Issuance of the Handbook for Media Access to the Courts in order to Enhance Communication with the Media and the Public

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar; October 8 2015 – The Supreme Court of the Union has issued the **Handbook for Media Access to the Courts** in order to enhance the communication with the media and the public at different levels of the court through the public relation services.

The strategic objectives of the Judiciary Strategic Plan (2015-2017), relating to promote the public awareness, are to improve communication with the media and the public, and to implement court information initiatives.

To achieve these objectives, the Supreme Court of the Union has carried out the observation of the activities of courts at international countries in releasing court information and news of the cases after designing the Court Information Project; compilation of the guidelines to follow in obtaining information from the courts after conducting seminars and workshops with the court information experts from courts of international countries; presentation and discussion of those guidelines at the “Meeting of the Three Main Pillars and the Media” held on 4-5 October, 2014; establishment of the Public Information Boards and assignment of Court Information Officers at the courts of different levels; and conducting the Workshops on Judicial Public Information for the officials of court information in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay. This Handbook for Media Access to the Courts, being the outcomes those mentioned activities, is one of the achievements in developing the court information services and the media skills.

The contents in the Handbook such as the Formation of the courts, Adjudication of the Cases, Obtaining Information of the Cases, Guidelines to Follow in Obtaining Information from the Court, Related Terminology of the Criminal Law, and Communication with Court Information Officers will be of an assistance for enhancing the communication between the court and the media, including obtaining information from the court, and for providing accurate information to the public.

In cooperation with the media, the Supreme Court of the Union is committed to providing court information services to the general public at different levels of the courts in accordance with the strategic objective to “Promote Public Awareness”.

The Handbook for Media Access to the Courts is available at the official website of the Supreme Court of the Union: <http://www.unionsupremecourt.gov.mm>.

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