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DVB Debate aims to contribute to a new culture of open debate, in which anyone can participate and agree to disagree, in order to exchange ideas, create better mutual understanding and find solutions for societal issues to improve the future of Myanmar.

The team invites fellow media and debating clubs to join this initiative for open debate. A weekly press release, press picture and cartoon are available shortly after the recording. DVB Debate also has a modest budget to support local debating initiatives.

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Welcome to DVB Debate,
Myanmar's 1st open debate program.

This week's debate question is:

What Does Burma's Youth Want?

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This week's topic is YOUTH VOICE

Historical context:

Young people in Myanmar have played a crucial role in the country's political history. Since the time of British rule, University students have led several major protests movements calling for freedom and democracy. As a result, for decades, the restrictive military government in Myanmar repressed the youth and the education system through fear of dissidence. Since 2011, the country has been undergoing a period of gradual reforms and international sanctions are being lifted. Economic and social changes are spreading throughout the country, which in turn is creating new opportunities for young people and youth employment. In the three years since Myanmar's former military government handed over power there has been a noticeable increase in the number of youth organisations. Young people in Myanmar have more chances be influenced by modern trends, technology and ideas, as well as become involved with business and politics.

Facts & figures:

- According to the UNDP 'Youth' are defined as 15-24 year olds
- 52.5% of 15-24 year olds in Myanmar are employed (ILO, 2011)
- Myanmar reserved 5.43% of the national budget for education in the 2013 fiscal year
- The voting age in Burma is 18, the drinking age is 18 and the age of consent is 14
- Out of a 52.4 million population, the number of 15-24 year olds are estimated at about 9 million. (MOFA Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Points of view:

Youths, do not only stay in cities. Also go and work in the countryside. If you work in cities, you will be popular. But, to be effective, you must to the countryside.

(General Aung San)

There will be good adults when there are good youths. If youths see the bad adults, they should promise themselves, by mean of youth energy and youth conscience, not to be like those people.

(Aung Thin)

"I would like to, but..." is a sentence always used by the losers. For the youth, there must not be the word "but". A youth must have the spirit of "must".

(Lu Du Sein Win)

You need universities to reconnect you to the world, just as [Yangon] University has done admirably in the course of its history.

(German president. Joachim Gauck)

Information links:

www.actionaid.org

www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/bbcmmediaaction/tags/Burma/

www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-South-Central/2013/0601/Myanmar-s-youth-wait-for-key-fruit-of-reform-jobs

www.mofa.gov.mm/speeches/speech30.html

www.mymclub.net

www.facebook.com/MyanmarYouthNetwork/

www.myanmar-youth-association.org

www.nyforumburma.org

www.youtube.com/user/DVBYouthVoice

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