PARTICIPANTS OWN THE CHANGE—iPACE PROVIDES THE SUPPORT

American Center Yangon | Jefferson Center Mandalay

WHAT IS iPACE?

The Institute for Political and Civic Engagement (iPACE) is an educational resource for Myanmar’s emerging democratic leaders to develop and increase their knowledge and practical application of fundamental democratic principles while promoting civic engagement to foster more representative and accountable governance.

iPACE designs and implements intensive civic education through thematic courses, mobile clinics, and networking and advocacy events at the American Center in Yangon and the Jefferson Center in Mandalay. Workshops and networking activities are provided to alumni and the public.

To bring the information to those who cannot attend our courses in Yangon and Mandalay, a series of iPACE mobile clinics have been designed and implemented in partnership with local community-based organizations in Chin State, Kachin State, Karen State, Kayah State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State, Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, and Ayeyarwady Region.

WHAT WE DO

• Design and implement intensive courses on democratic principals and civic engagement
• Strengthen capacity of local democracy advocates and civic leaders
• Strengthen networks among local activists

A GROWING NETWORKS OF LEADERS

iPACE participants represent all states and regions throughout the country as well as all major religious and ethnic groups of Myanmar. iPACE has trained nearly 2,900 participants from 44 political parties and over 1,000 civil society organizations, including:

• Non-governmental organizations
• Community-based organizations
• Political parties
• Labor unions
• Peace advocacy groups
• Women’s empowerment groups
• Disability rights groups
• Student unions
iPACE COURSES
Our educational curriculum is developed by international and local subject matter experts who are leaders in their fields. Course themes include: political transitions, democratic foundation, political engagement, federalism, transparency, peace advocacy, leadership for change, organizational development, civic engagement, advocacy for ending gender-based violence, electoral observation, communications for civil society, and many more.

iPACE NETWORKING EVENTS
A variety of networking events are offered to participants. These events are designed to inform participants about civic issues, highlight the importance of consensus and coalition building, and provide opportunities for participants and other democratic leaders to network around matters that are important to them. Our networking events have included panel discussions on democratic transition topics, discussion forums on advocacy efforts, visits to parliament, and face-to-face meetings with political leaders.

iPACE ALUMNI NETWORK
With a growing network of nearly 2,900 civil society leaders across the country, iPACE Alumni participate in annual Alumni Reunions at the American Center in Yangon and Jefferson Center in Mandalay. To maintain contact and foster networking opportunities throughout the year, iPACE produces a quarterly Alumni Newsletter as well as actively connecting and informing Alumni via social media on our Facebook pages.

“Activism is a good thing, but to actually participate in the political process, one must go a step further and equip themselves. iPACE did that for me.”
- YOUTH POLICY ACTIVIST, MANDALAY

“iPACE gave me the technical knowledge I needed and a strong network of different organizations in our country. The courses I took improved my advocacy skills and continue to help my work.”
- MEMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, YANGON

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