**Part time jobs can help the education and career development**

*Why do I choose this topic?*

* Unlike other countries, Myanmar does not have the part time jobs and practical projects for the university students. When the youths get into the jobs, they are facing with the difficulties for not knowing how to apply their specialized subjects in their jobs. Moreover, they are not able to work under work pressure because of the lack of experiences.
* Because of the facts mentioning above, most of the youths are depressing whether they are employed or unemployed. This problem becomes the most important serious one in our country. I think that providing part time jobs to them may help to solve this problem. So I decided to do research and discuss this topic by concerning with my theme group.

*What is part time job?*

* Most of the students and some employees who do not have high salary and enough income apply and work the part time jobs. There are various kinds of part time jobs depending on the different fields.

*The different kinds of part time jobs*

* Educated people can apply the part time jobs based on their education. Moreover, sending the newspapers, working at a restaurant, working as an advertiser, service jobs, etc. are also part time jobs.

*Some people who are applying part time jobs in Myanmar*

According to an article of Khin Yadanar from Myanmar Alin Newspaper (1 Jan, 2016), some of the part time job workers in Myanmar are the followings.

1. One of the part time job workers, Ma Thu Thu, said that she can get nearly 20000 kyats in a day if she can ask at least five people for the market research. She is a market researcher. Although her part time job can help her to get high income, she is looking for a permanent job to apply.
2. Next one is Doctor Tin Tin Htay, she worked as a study guide during her university student’s life. While she was working as a study guide, she said that she wanted to leave her university and keep on working as a study guide only. She hardly tried to control not to leave her university until she finished studying at the University of Medicine.
3. A person who is working as a part time interpreter said that it can be possible for everyone to get extra money by working part time jobs. He also said that nowadays, as IT is developing, people can find the money by doing online jobs and as foreign investments are getting stronger in Myanmar, other part time jobs may emerge after working eight hours in a day. Another fact he mentioned is that now, students are called by Telenor for applying part time jobs.

*Percentage of employers in Myanmar*

* According to Khin Yadanar’s article from Myanmar Alin Newspaper (1 Jan, 2016), the latest survey for employers mentioned that there are 33.9 millions of people (above the age of 15) who are able to work. Among them, 71 % of population live in rural villages and 29 % live in cities.

*Percentage of part time jobs workers in Myanmar*

The following facts are taken from Khin Yadanar’s article.

* The calls for the part time jobs is only 1% in Myanmar.
* According to work.com.mm, the foreign investment companies only calls for applying part time jobs.
* One of the managers from an agency for job seekers said that there are about twenty youths who are looking for part time jobs in a month. Although they are trying to persuade the employees to give the part time jobs, they are still failing.

*Opinions for working part time jobs*

* Dr Zaw Lwin, labor researcher, said that the youths who want to have self-development should apply the part time jobs. He also said that it is necessary to give the part time job opportunities if the country wants to give the employment opportunities for the youths. Another one he said is that, the employees should give the part time job opportunities for the employers. (Ref: an article from Myanmar Alin Newspaper, 1 Jan, 2016)
* Ko Si Thu, an engineering students from Mandalay Technological University, said that the engineering students can be able to apply the part time jobs if the government can manage to connect with the technological companies. By doing such kinds of internship programs during the student’s life, the students may be smarter and will be able to apply their respective subjects when they apply as employers.

***My point of views for part time jobs***

According to the above facts, my opinion about part time jobs are below.

* Most of the universities in Myanmar do not give any job information for the students. Even they do not stick on the notice board for the employment opportunities. How can the university arrange for the students to apply the part time jobs is that they can call the students for applying the works in the university like book cataloging at the library for the students who are concerning with library specialization subjects. And they can stick the information on the notice board for part time jobs which are suitable for the students like translation in which language specialization students can apply their subjects by doing part time jobs.
* In the first research, I presented about the plans which the government can create the internship opportunities for the students. That internship opportunities are also some parts of part time jobs.
* Of course, there may be some disadvantages about part time jobs. In above, as Doctor Tin Tin Htay’s words, the students may follow the money if they cannot control their mind in the half of their studying. But there is just a few disadvantages for applying part time jobs.
* Besides, I have presented in the first research that providing part time jobs can give much benefits in their career development by reducing in that kinds of issues like lack of essential skills, employers’ needs and requirements.

In conclusion, I hope to get some benefits for the youths by discussing this topic in IDFC 2017.

Ref : The news article written by Khin Yadanar in Myanmar Alin Newspaper, 1 Jan, 2016

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