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Study and training tour on international relations, democratization and public participation in Switzerland

As a contribution to the transition and democratization efforts in Myanmar, the Embassy of Switzerland brings a cross-selection of participants from Myanmar to Switzerland for a longer study and training tour on international relations, democratization and public participation.

A first pilot course took place in Geneva in 2013. 24 Myanmar citizens from the Parliament offices, political parties, administration and civil society participated in this novel course after having been selected by an independent panel composed of respected members of Myanmar academia. In 2014 another batch of 24 traveled to Geneva.

Now, a third batch of 24 participants from different political parties, civil society organisations, government ministries and the Parliament offices. The participants will leave for three weeks at the beginning of April to learn about international relations, democratization and public participation in Geneva, Switzerland. They will see global and local governance in practice by visiting international, federal and local institutions and interacting with the stakeholders.

The course participants will also visit various institutions, such as the local parliament of Geneva and the Federal Parliament in Bern, Swiss political parties, the United Nations, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. They will also have interactions with the many lecturers and guest speakers from a range of institutions involved in international relations, democratization, human rights and public participation.

They will return to Myanmar at the end of April and will join the growing group of GCSP Alumni.

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