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Happy New Year RecyGlo-ers!

Here at RecyGlo, we'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope your upcoming year will be as exciting as ours.



New Year, New Goals, New Bowls



January has been a nerve wracking month for RecyGlo as we held our breaths at the outcome of the ASEAN Rice Bowl Startup Awards. As the winner of the Best Newcomer Award at the Myanmar Rice Bowl Start Up Awards, we were selected as finalists for the regional awards along with strong competition from the ASEAN region including eventual winners Teky from Vietnam. Although we were not triumphant this time, we are still so proud of our team for getting this far in the competition, for the national win and for all the work and progress we've made in 2019. We may not have been the official winners but we still have a lot to celebrate and want to thank everyone who has supported us through our journey and congratulate the winners Teky on their well-earned win!

Pictured above: Thet Maung Maung Toe (IT Team Lead) at the ASEAN Rice Bowl Awards in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Women CEOs and Their Journey to the Top

On the 16th of January, our CEO and co-founder Ma Shwe Yamin Oo participated in a panel for women founders and CEOs for a frank and open discussion on the experience of women in positions of leadership and power and the barriers uniquely faced by women. Issues raised included overcoming internal and external fears, mental health, and systematic gender roles deemed incompatible with women entrepreneurs. But there was also inspiring messages of breaking glass ceilings, benefits of admitting vulnerability, the well earned successes and the positive outlook for aspiring female leaders.

The panel truly showed the emerging role of women in South East Asia as no longer just caregivers and wives, but also as forward thinking, entrepreneurial and strong figures capable of more than they've previously been allowed to achieve.



“ A lot of the initial fear comes from within and I try my best to overcome that fear. We need to try at least ONCE despite the fear. ”

- Shwe Yamin Oo, CEO and Co-Founder

Stop e-wasting time, get e-cooking!

RecyGlo have teamed up with Australian company Switch Batteries and REAM (Renewable Energy Association Myanmar) to create a product for affordable and reliable e-cooking in Myanmar using modular power-packs made from recycled lithium-ion technology.

While this idea has been posited before, there has never been any practical attempts to implement this technology in Myanmar. Problems cited have been that it is too expensive, too difficult, and too unreliable but in collaboration with RecyGlo who are providing recycled batteries, Switch Batteries providing their technical knowledge and design thinking and REAM with their regional industry experience and knowledge of local contexts, this project has become a reality.



Pictured: Mike (Switch Engineer) explaining the recycled battery pack technology Pan Nyo villagers

E-Waste to E-Cook continued

In the last 2 weeks of December, the project team headed out to Pan Nyo to meet with the local people and start the initial stages of implementation, training and dissemination of the recycled Li-ion powered cooking technology. This initial phase has been a great success with a scheduled follow up and expansion to be continued early this year. To hear more about the next phase of the project, follow along in the upcoming newsletter!

On the right: The villagers testing out the rice cooker powered by the recycled battery packs



ISO 9001:2015

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Did you know, we've got ISO 9001:2015 ?

Last month was an especially busy month as RecyGlo worked to become an ISO 9001:2015 certified organisation. Our organisation successfully met the ISO 9001:2015 quality standard as certified by the Bureau Veritas which means that our clients and partners can be assured that RecyGlo provides high quality, reliable, and consistent products and services. The conformity to the ISO 9001:2015 quality management system ensures we can meet our client needs through continual improvement but also resolve issues quickly and effectively. We are very proud of our certification and look forward to our clients, partners and communities reaping the rewards of our hard work.

Climate Change, Air Pollution and a Potential Solution?

All eyes are on Australia's devastating bushfires and the ongoing destruction of livelihoods and land. While bushfires have historically been commonplace in Australia's nature scape, the influence of climate change exacerbating the severity of the fires has become a leading question. The tragedy there has highlighted the importance of tackling climate change and working to minimise the horrific effects.

But what exactly is Climate Change and what can we do about it? Climate change at its core is the long term change in global climate patterns caused by increases in greenhouse gases from human activity resulting in rising Earth's average temperature. This means that humans have been the drivers of climate change and it is up to us to make changes in our behaviour and consumer habits to ensure we have a bright and sustainable future.

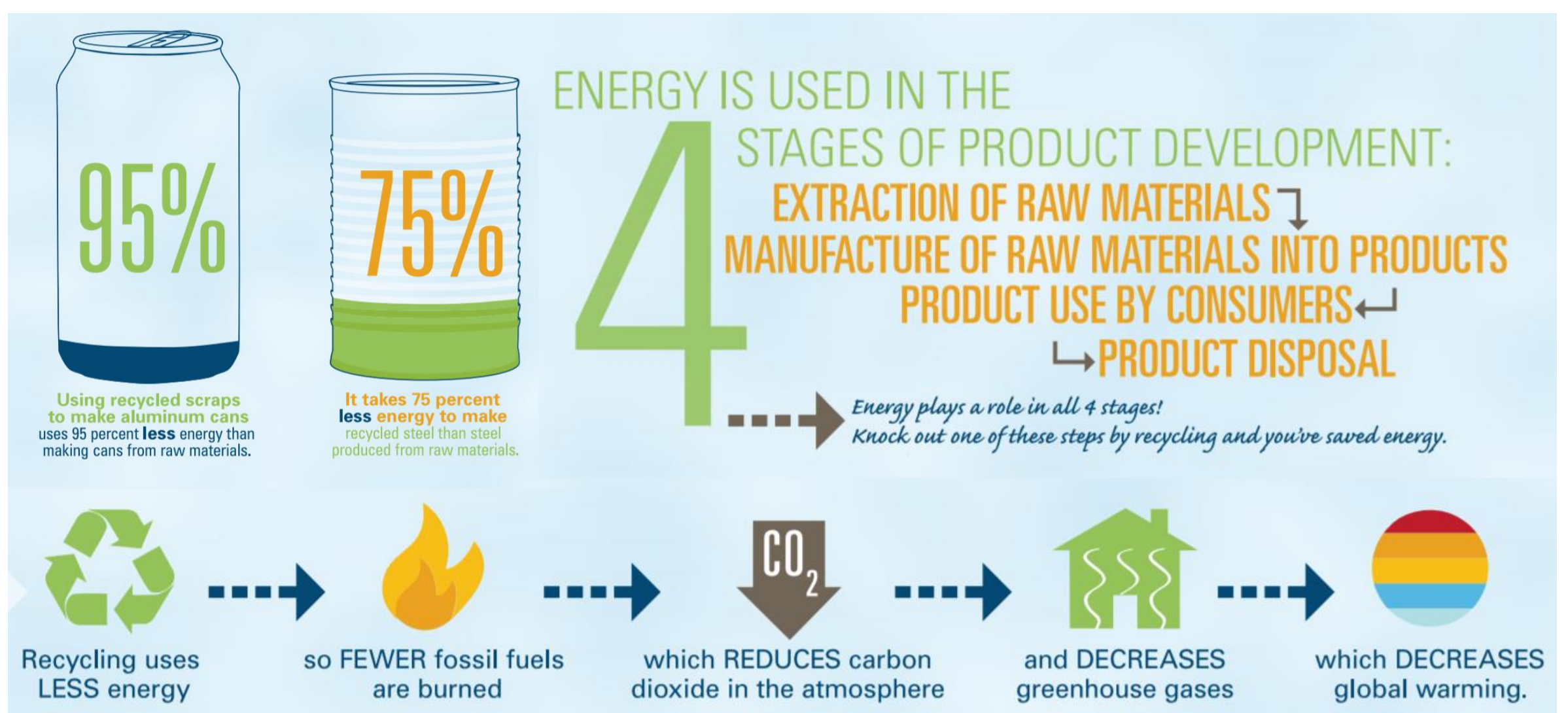
In Myanmar undoubtedly there is a problem with production of greenhouse gases caused by the huge amounts of organic waste in landfills and the frequent burning of waste. While the solution to Myanmar's complex waste management problem is an ongoing process, as individuals your actions can still make a difference in the fight against climate change.

Firstly, choosing alternative methods of transportation such as walking, cycling, and taking the bus instead of driving, taking taxis and flying via plane.

Secondly, being more conscious of energy consumption, such as using more environmentally friendly electrical appliances, turning off air-conditioners, fans, lights, computers, laptops etc when not in use.

Most importantly, the 5 R's – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle should be practiced in all aspects of daily life including refusal of plastic bags and drinking straws and other single use plastics. Instead using reusable shopping bags, food containers, wooden/metal/glass straws etc. But the 5 R's are not just applicable to plastics, but also to things such as food waste, consider Reducing the amount of food purchased to only an amount you know you can consume and compost excess food.

Remember, no change is too small, every bit counts and your contribution to the fight against climate change can make a big difference!



Oh My Trash!

We are so excited to announce that **Oh My Trash** was launched this weekend with a launch event in Maha Bandula Park in Yangon. Oh My Trash is a personal waste management app and waste trade matching platform.

The app allows users to sell their no longer used products to junk shops and small waste management providers who then refurbish or re-purpose them, with some items also being upcycled or recycled.

To use the app you simply download the application on your android phone and then make an account. Once you're set up the app allows you to select the items you wish to sell which are then matched with the nearest buyers in your area.



Not just trash trade - the app also allows users to submit their own entries for junk shop or waste collection locations as well regular articles with tips on how to recycle and other recycling news.

For more information, head to our website at www.ohmytrash.com

Or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ohmytrashmyanmar/

The app can be downloaded by clicking the following link:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.omt>

Environmental Leadership Event



Date - 26.1.2020 (Sunday)

Time - 3pm – 5pm

Venue - Pansuriya Gallery Cafe

We are holding the third in our series of "Environmental Leadership 3.0", focusing on "Reduce Air Pollution and Increase Your Lifespan". The event will cover recommendations on preventing, implementing, and information about how air pollution affects our lifespan and health. There will be a panel discussion that will feature a range of professionals in Myanmar from the medical, public health, and business development sector.

We hope that with this discussion, all the insightful knowledge and perspectives delivered to the public promotes healthier habits and a cleaner Yangon. So join us this Sunday the 26th of January to be part of the cleaner Myanmar movement.

**Start the New Year with
our pollution solution,
get RecyGlo-ing today!**

Stay tuned for our next newsletter to hear more about our exciting upcoming events and news, and follow our journey on making Myanmar a cleaner place!

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