



# August Newsletter 2020



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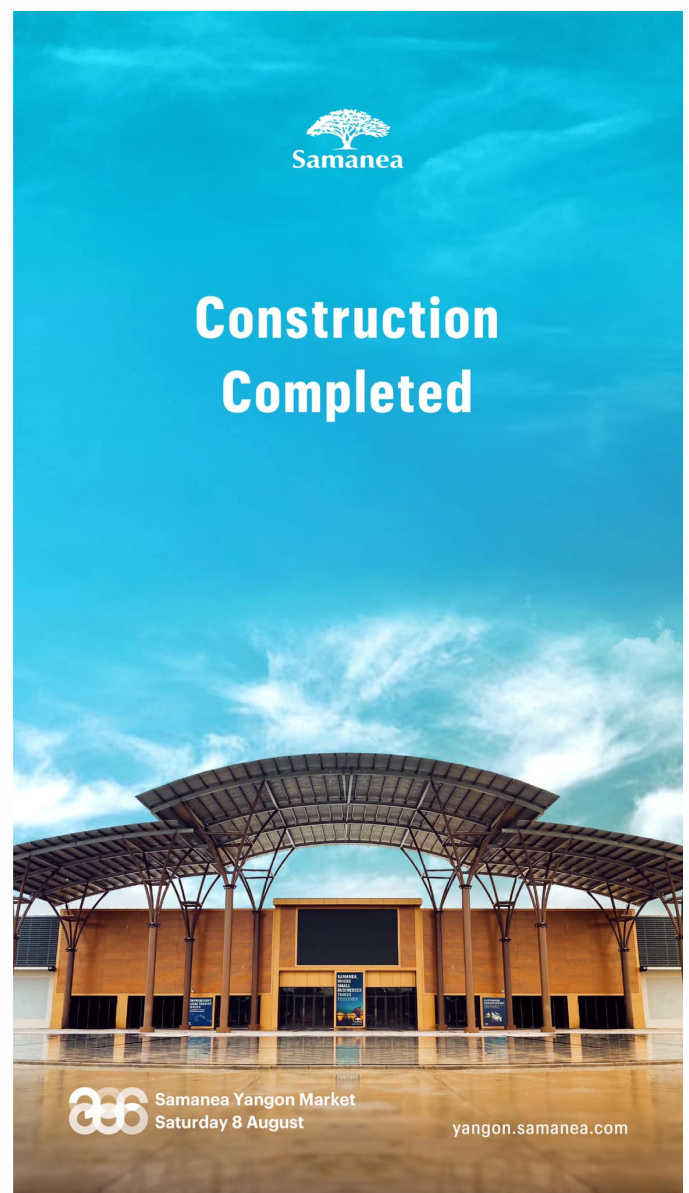
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## **RecyGlo's Warehouse is Officially Operating in East Dagon, Yangon**

You are cordially invited to our factory in Yangon, Myanmar. We are pleased to announce that RecyGlo is operating a recycling facility in Myanmar which is co-funded by Responsible Business Fund (RBF). It is located in East Dagon, Yangon. The process of installing our machines and setting for all the operations have been set up correctly in time. We are ready to operate and manage the segregated plastic waste with our machines. Starting from this moment, our clients, and stakeholders from different sectors can pay us a visit to our factory if you are interested in the low-value plastic waste management process. For the factory visit, we are planning to host at the end of this 2020 or beginning of 2021 - yes, this soon!

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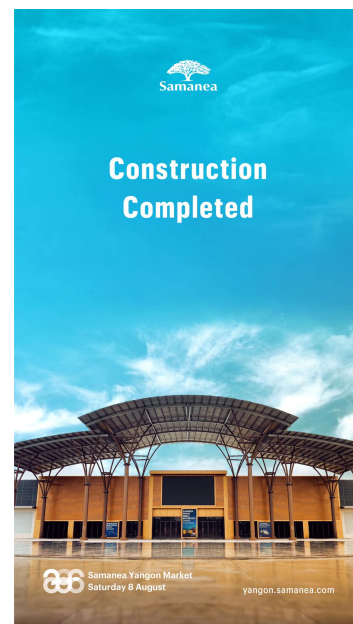
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## Visit to Our Showroom in Samanea Yangon Market



We have finally launched and welcomed to a Recycled Products & Int'l Trading showroom at Samanea Yangon Wholesale Market located in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon. You are all warmly invited to have a visit with us, room 9 - 48 at any time from 9 AM till 5 PM. In the showroom, you can have a look at our recycled plastic lumber for sustainable furniture, and obtain more information about our waste segregation and management services, and waste management operations with international trading mechanisms.

If you would like your final products to be made in a sustainable way, we will make sure that your products are manufactured from neo-recyclable plastic waste. Our products may as well fit perfectly in any sustainable action plan for your home, office, campus, school, and compound.



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## **KBZ Bank, the Largest Bank in Myanmar: Perceptions on the Waste Management Implementations as a Private Sector Player**

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### **1) How do you define waste management in your organisation?**

At KBZ Bank, we organise our approach to corporate social responsibility around three key pillars, climate change mitigation through education, talent development for the future economy and inclusive society and workplace. Throughout the organisation, waste management is defined as a crucial part of our work around sustainability and climate change. As a company, we take a proactive approach by implementing an internal waste management initiative.

With guidance from RecyGlo, waste produced from KBZ Bank's head office in Yangon are separated into four categories and quarterly audits are conducted to identify, quantify and analyse the composition of the waste. The audits help us understand the patterns and how we can best manage waste within the organisation.

Here are some of the results of our waste management efforts supported by RecyGlo: **Waste Management:** 895 kg of waste was recycled at KBZ Bank's head office from February 2019 to March 2020. Of this, 79 percent was paper, 15 percent was plastic, three percent was aluminium cans and three percent was glass. Our efforts to recycle is in line with the requirements suggested by the ISO 14001-2015, Yangon City Development Council (YCDC) as well as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). **Carbon Footprint Offset and Climate Change:** By recycling paper, plastic, can and glass waste, we avoided directing waste to landfill. In doing so, we reduced carbon footprint and the effects of climate change. **Land and Marine Life Protection:** By preventing our plastic waste from being landfilled, we contributed towards reducing land and marine pollution.

## 2) Why are waste management plans needed?

A waste management plan spans the entire life cycle of a piece of waste, from when it is generated to how it is disposed. Every business creates different types of waste, and each organisation must create waste management plans that are tailored to their specific needs.

Here are some of the key business considerations around waste management plans. With climate change posing as a genuine threat, environmental consciousness has come to the fore. How businesses dispose of their waste makes a difference to the environment. Consumers expect companies to implement sustainable, responsible environmental practices, and this extends to waste management. Business waste disposal can be costly.

Companies can save costs by adopting waste management practices such as recycling. Business owners owe their employees a duty of care around their business waste. In some cases, improper storage and disposal of waste can have adverse health effects on employees. Regulations around business waste management are enforced for environmental and health reasons and there is a duty of care that applies to all business waste.

## 3) How do you measure your waste management practices with RecyGlo?

With support from RecyGlo, we conduct regular audits to quantify and analyse the composition of waste we generate. This allows us to identify opportunities for improving our approach to waste management and to put in place responsible practices. These practices include proper separation of trash, the reduction of waste by implementing the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), and encouraging our colleagues to go “paperless” wherever and whenever possible.

## 4) What are some reasons why organisations should in waste segregation and waste management practices?

Waste segregation is the separating and sorting of waste. When sorted, waste is easier to recycle.

This means less waste goes to the landfill. Everyone, including businesses, should be responsible for the waste they generate. For businesses seeking support, waste management specialists such as RecyGlo can provide advice, insights, and services to suit their unique needs and offer cost-effective solutions.

5) Why should people focus more on waste management practices during the COVID-19 period?

It is even more important to be mindful of waste management during COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the disruption of services caused by delays and limitations, it is likely that there could be a backlog of materials to process. In turn, it could pose a threat to public health and could potentially cause the spread of illnesses and diseases. Therefore, it is important to continue managing waste and recycling even during the COVID-19 crisis.

### Accepting The Challenges of this Pandemic



Mourning to 2020 with our ability to pull together as a group is one the one main reasons that a species of weak, hairless, and junkless were able to spread across the globe and even leave – if only temporarily – its confines within our generation of existence possibly.

Our sincere hope is that the current pandemic will succeed in creating a feeling of greater harmony and care for our fellow living beings, and will encourage all of us to work together to confront another existential threat to our circular economy across the globe.

The pandemic is not just a reminder of the human impact on the environment, including the significance of man-made pollutants on global warming and air pollution. It is also similar: an imperceptible menace that knows no borders, overwhelms aging infrastructure and every stakeholder who struggles to grapple with the scale of the threat we are facing. To define the pandemic is the same as climate change which takes every minute, days, weeks, months, and years to happen like a warp speed. It is a bit hard to accept this situation, but let's not make it harder!

## Responding to Second Wave of Pandemic with Full-Prepared Actions

Myanmar is also continuously having a second wave of COVID-19 pandemic starting from August 2020. In number, 3,195 of persons are infected and they are still in government hospitals for treatment according to the data from the Ministry of Health and Sports Myanmar. Most of the infected areas, several townships have been set up for lock-down and stay-home practices for more appropriate social distancing approach. For further prevention and protections, from businesses to local and international organizations are temporarily closed or working from home.



RecyGlo is now fully prepared for the risk management plan for all the employees in Yangon, Mandalay, and Nay Pyi Taw for health and safety insurances during and after COVID-19 pandemic. Having insurance is one of the important parts of our company's risk management plan for all the employees. No one can see how and what the next pandemic will hit. Hence, it is the best time to invest in life and health insurances. We not only subscribe to the private health and life insurance but also to the public insurance. Social Security Board (SSB) insurance guaranteed a safety net during these difficult times for all of us.

From these insurances, all of our employees could save their lives and health without financial worries. They are having the supportive backbone system from these insurance subscriptions before, during and after any emergency cases.

Nevertheless, our company has been having two days work-from-home (Monday and Tuesday), three days work-at-office. With the advanced protection and preparation practices, we shall overcome the current and next global pandemic.



## Providing Waste Management Services in ASEAN

*We have been focusing on the market of the waste management sector across ASEAN countries since 2017. People will get to know that waste collection and segregation are the factors that determine the efficiency of a waste management system: material recovery facilities play a key role in integrated solid waste management plans, providing a safe environment for waste pickers to work and engage in formal economy, encouraging communities to recycle, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and stopping the waste at the source before they end up in the oceans.*

A thing that is known for having the open dumping of waste is the most common waste management approach in low - and middle - income countries. In a solid waste management process, a meaningful engagement with local communities is necessary to ensure sustainable waste management operations. Educating with eco-friendly-based curriculum in the school, public college help in shaping the people knowledge and integrity on recycling behaviors. In addition, community involvement helps in creating job opportunities, bringing in ownership in the management of waste especially on a decentralized basis, and encouraging multi stakeholders contributions. In terms of financial support, it can be managed through CSR projects, especially those led by the private sectors.

We can divide the parts of our waste management functions by ensuring public health, and investments in all the three components substantially - solid waste management, eco-schooling and CSR program from every sector. That is a way of leading a holistic approach to waste management and it is necessary especially in the growing megacities of Asia.



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### Overview

We wish you got some insights you are really looking forward to read on and upgrade the knowledge about waste management system, and circular economy.

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