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## Women honoured by the UNEVOC Centre in Myanmar



The International Women's Day (IWD) celebrated at the Government Technical Institute (GTI) Insein on 12<sup>th</sup> March marks the very first event organized by the UNEVOC Centre of the Ministry of Education – Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (hosted at GTI Insein) since the relaunch of its activity on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Officials from DTVET and the Yangon Region Government honoured the event together with over 400 vocational students and teachers.

Dr Nyan Win Than, the Acting Deputy Director General of DTVET, provided the opening speech by highlighting the importance of women leaders and technicians for the country and explained the country's plan on empowering women.

The International Women's Day is celebrated every year globally on 8<sup>th</sup> of March to honour the achievements of women for their powerful contribution in various fields.

Women's Day holds a great significance and it is becoming a custom today year after year in Myanmar. The advantage of organizing this event at the school is that it has given a chance to instil the culture of respect and care for women into the minds of the young generation.

The theme for 2019 women's day is "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change". The campaign theme for this year is "Balance for Better". The theme will focus on having a better gender balance in accessing education, health care, vocational training and all areas of life.

GIZ fully supported the event and it was successfully finished around 1.00 PM with the closing remarks by Mr Jegan Ganeshamoorthy, the Advisor of GIZ, explaining GIZ's perspective on gender and GIZ supported activities to improve the vocational system in Myanmar including GTI (Insein). Two local organizations, WIN-Peace and Women Organization Network (WON), facilitated the event through presentation, dance and theatre performance that created the awareness of gender equality, women empowerment among colleagues, staff and trainees of GTI Insein. Furthermore, students actively participated in the quiz competition on gender knowledge. During this half-day event, GTI (Insein) students demonstrated this year IWD theme "Balance for Better" by performing a role play and presented the challenges of women in engineering field.

More pictures from the event:

