



Statement on the Anniversary of the Internet Blackout in Myanmar

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On the anniversary of the suspension of mobile data services in parts of Rakhine and Chin States in Myanmar, The American Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (AMCHAM Myanmar) unequivocally reiterates support for the unrestricted flow of information, one of the conditions necessary for business and communities to thrive. Lifting prolonged restrictions on internet access will be a positive step in the right direction to promote continued foreign direct investment (FDI) and will encourage businesses to operate responsibly and ethically. We call on the government to restore internet access to the impacted areas.

About AMCHAM Myanmar:

The mission of AMCHAM Myanmar is to promote and connect American business in Myanmar by encouraging local partnerships and upholding the highest business standards. AMCHAM Myanmar is a non-partisan, non-profit business organization. We advocate the principles of free trade, open markets, private enterprise, the unrestricted flow of information, and ethical business practices. It is fundamental to our philosophy that good ethics and good business are synonymous. We believe that American business plays an important role as a catalyst for positive social change by promoting human welfare and the principles of free enterprise. AMCHAM recognizes that American companies already set the highest standards for ethical business practices. We encourage our members to communicate information about their existing programs and practices relative to good corporate citizenship in the markets in which they operate.