Parami Institute
A development programme of Liberal Arts and Sciences education
Parami Institute – History & Overview

In 2003, Pre-Collegiate Programme (PCP) was founded in Yangon to promote liberal education to Myanmar high school graduates. This serves as an urgent response to the nation’s long-term need of quality education for a stronger sense of values, ethics, civic engagement as well as the philosophy and practicalities of democracy among young people as they step into adulthood.

Having recently democratised, the citizens are vulnerable as even basic support of educational infrastructure such as schools and training centres are very limited, exacerbated by out-of-date instructions and rudimentary facilities; let alone a holistic education curriculum that can foster sustainable democracy in Myanmar.

With the passion to expand on the mission of PCP, a group of the programme alumni sought to establish Parami Institute (PI) in 2017 – a non-profit, liberal arts and sciences academy to reinforce an accessible home-grown international standard liberal education. PI aims to promote analytical, true democratic minds and inclusive leadership qualities among youths from diverse backgrounds.
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Parami Institute (PI) of Liberal Arts & Sciences targets promising recent university graduates and working professionals to support them in their civic mission with an emphasis on experiential learning classes, interactive talk series and conferences to encourage meaningful participation, reflection and innovative, interdisciplinary manner among students in responding to complex, modern-day social and political problems.

Child’s Dream has been supporting the running costs of the Institute’s main programme - Parami Leadership Programme as well as their subsidiary public event series - Parami Talk Series and Parami Conference.

PI aims to widen liberating, development options available to Myanmar students by offering courses in liberal arts subjects.
How It Works

- **Parami Leadership Programme (PLP):** 36 civic-minded, socially engaged students from all walks of life are selected for an intensive 10-month course for which features discussion and writing-based modular classes and workshops of liberal arts and sciences. Through collaboration with Mote Oo Education (another Child’s Dream programme) in developing curriculum and other learning materials, PLP curriculum focuses on, to name a few, Contemporary Political Thoughts; Science, Society and Ethics; Global Cultures; Modern Economy and Entrepreneurship, etc. The subjects are oriented to nurturing critical thinking, interdisciplinary learning, articulate communication and comparative understanding between east and west humanities order to achieve insights in the three core elements below:
How It Works

❖ **Parami Talk Series (PTS):** a monthly public talk series featuring high-profile Myanmar and international speakers, shedding light and offering discussion opportunities with the student participants on complex local and global issues through the wider communities. The topics range from opportunities and crises in education and contemporary economy to leadership and sustainable development in a rapidly changing world. The programme hosts roughly 10 talk series annually with approximately 600 attendees overall.

❖ **Parami Conference (PC):** a biannual event intended to gather academics and educators from schools across the country with the purpose of promoting higher education in a more coordinated fashion. The event gathers as many as 50 external educational organisations per year.

Many graduates currently hold leadership positions in the public and private sectors in Myanmar after having built up their competence and qualifications as well as pursuing university education abroad.
Budget

The total amount of the institute’s overall running costs is **USD 120,000** for the academic year 2020-2021 (June - May).

Transfers from Child’s Dream to PI are made in four quarterly instalments during the financial year.

**Monitoring & Reporting**

Payment is proceeded quarterly at reception of narrative and photo reports as well as monthly financial & activity reports. Feedback is also obtained directly during regular visits by our Yangon based team.

We report to donor(s) on a semester basis and visits can easily be arrange anytime.

Breakdown of approx. Annual Budget for Parami Institute 2020

- **Salaries 53%**
- **Office Costs 21%**
- **School Equipment and Stationery 12%**
- **Household & Kitchen 4%**
- **Administration Overhead 7%**
- **Project Implementation and Monitoring Costs 3%**