Prospect Burma is committed to enabling Burmese students to gain an education, and in turn to gain key skills and a global outlook with which to shape the future of the country. Help us to make this your legacy too.

Prospect Burma started life in 1989 following the pro-democracy uprising of the previous year. Today the work we do is more important than ever, as democratic developments since 2011 are increasing the need for infrastructure and vital skills in Myanmar.

Education is the key to a sustainable future for the country, and is at the heart of what we do. Each year our scholarship programme enables more Burmese students to gain vital skills in higher education, to help build a brighter future for the country. Our scholarships prioritise key developmental subjects, which include public health, education, the environment, human rights and public administration.

Our students come from a broad range of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds.

In many cases, when our students return to the country their skills are unique within Myanmar, as they have gained expertise in areas which are continually developing, while the education system within Myanmar remains static, under-resourced and below global standards. We aim to work to a future where this isn’t the case.

“My husband and I had always put off writing our wills, but the birth of our twins, Ellie and Felix, made us realise that it is an important step to take. We chose to leave a proportion of our legacy to Prospect Burma in order to provide for future generations and reinforce the importance of charitable giving to our children.

This is more than just a job for me. I firmly believe that Prospect Burma’s work is long-lasting and effective, and I am happy in the knowledge that we are contributing to Myanmar’s future.”

PB Executive Director, Hannah Marcazzo
Who will your gift support?

Higher-education Scholars

Political prisoner projects

English language training

“Without the scholarship, it would not have been possible to pursue my studies... [my studies] will greatly enhance my future career prospects to continue my efforts to help benefit communities in Myanmar. I believe that organisations like Prospect Burma are vital to students from Myanmar”

PB Scholar Thant Sin Oo

Every year Prospect Burma awards over 90 scholarships to students studying undergraduate, masters and PhD degrees in a huge variety of subjects, at universities around the world. We have watched our alumni go on to achieve incredible things, with a very high percentage taking their skills back to their country.

Higher education is a life changing process for any young person, and even more so for someone from Myanmar where access to education is such a challenge.

Your legacy will help us to support many more students, and make a huge and positive impact to their future and to Myanmar.

Prospect Burma also supports select English language projects in order to help Burmese students gain access to international education. One of these projects is Sky Age Education Centre which runs intensive English and computing courses for disadvantaged young people, including children of ex-political prisoners. We work with the Open Myanmar Society (OMI), which provides local governance training in ethnic areas of Burma. Both causes support our main task of helping to improve the democratic future of Myanmar.

Whilst a legacy may seem like a long term prospect, it will allow us to plan for the future and help us to maintain our support of Burmese students in the years to come. We rely on the continued kindness of our supporters to continue pushing for a brighter future for Myanmar.
A lasting impact

For many people, leaving a legacy can be one of the most effective ways to support a charity which they hold close to their hearts. Funds may not be readily available to us over our lifetimes, but leaving a legacy in our Will can be a wonderful gift. We are extremely grateful to those who choose to remember us in this way. You can rest assured that any gift you leave us will be put to good use. We have a very rigorous scholarship application process, and only select students who have demonstrated a desire to gain skills and qualifications that will help them shape the future of Burma.

"Education is the only possesion that cannot be taken away from us" - Htoi Ra, PB Alumnus
Dr Sasa was born in Lailenpi village in Chin State to parents who had had no formal education – like many local families they couldn’t read or write, and to this day Dr Sasa doesn’t know his birthdate. He attended the village school, a small bamboo structure which the students shared with livestock. There was no local doctor or medical centre. Dr Sasa received a Prospect Burma scholarship to support him through a degree in medicine. After graduating, he put his skills and experience to good use, bringing together hundreds of Burmese people from rural areas, to provide basic health training and launch the region’s first primary healthcare service “Health and Hope”. By 2015, 834 health workers from 551 villages had graduated from Health and Hope’s six-month training course. The organisation also runs an educational scholarship programme to support the next generation of leaders in Chin State, and has expanded its health work to support the training of Traditional Birth Attendants in addition to supporting local villagers to build Community Health and Education Centres.

“The greatest gift we can give to the younger generation is education. They will be able to do so many things. Just watch - we will change their story.” Dr Sasa, PB alumnus and social entrepreneur

What your gift can do

£6,000* could provide a scholarship for one year of study at an ASEAN University

£20,000* could provide a scholarship for one year of study at a UK, North American or European University.

£50,000* could provide a scholarship for a Master’s degree at a UK, North American or European University.

£100,000* could fund a full Doctorate study at a UK, North American or European University

* Based on our 2015-2016 figures, taking into account administrative costs, up to date course fees and inflation
How to leave your legacy to Prospect Burma

The only way to leave a legacy to Prospect Burma is by having a legally binding Will. To be legally binding, a Will must be signed in the presence of two witnesses, see examples below.

If you are in any doubt about your Will you should take legal advice. Once signed you should store your Will in a safe place and review it for time to time to ensure that it reflects your wishes. If it doesn’t, it should be updated.

What form should my Will to Prospect Burma take?

A share of the Residue – a Residuary legacy

The Residue of an estate is your assets less the liabilities and the costs of dealing with the estate. You can leave a share of the Residue of your estate to Prospect Burma. Below is some example text:

“I give [AMOUNT] percentage of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by will in any manner I think proper to Prospect Burma [CIO number 1167686] of [Victoria Charity Centre, 11 Belgrave Road, London, SW1V 1RB] and I declare that the receipt of their treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”
**A cash legacy**

This is a fixed sum to Prospect Burma. Example text for a cash legacy is below.

“I give the sum of £___[AMOUNT] to Prospect Burma [CIO number 1167686] of [Victoria Charity Centre, 11 Belgrave Road, London, SW1V 1RB] and I declare that the receipt of their treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.”

**A codicil to an existing Will**

If you already have a will, you can amend it by adding a codicil. If you would like, you can use our suggested wording below.

“I [name] of [address] declare this to be [first/second...] Codicil to my Will, dated and made [DATE] of [MONTH, YEAR] in addition to any legacies given in my said will, I give the sum of £___ (amount in figures and words) to Prospect Burma [CIO number 1167686] of [Victoria Charity Centre, 11 Belgrave Road, London, SW1V 1RB] for the general purposes of Prospect Burma, and I declare that the receipt of their treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge. “

**Keep in touch**

Please let us know if you choose to leave a legacy to Prospect Burma. This allows us to plan for Prospect Burma’s future projects but we can also provide you with support to describe your legacy correctly if, for example, you would like a dedicated scholarship in your name, in a subject and/or country of study of your choice.
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