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Tekkatho Foundation

TRUSTEES' REPORT
& ACCOUNTS



Khan Academy on a Stick
Natural Selection and the Red Butterfly

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LMS Mouse pad



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TEKKATHO FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

WHAT WE DO

The Foundation uses digital technologies to support educational change across Myanmar. We build free, self-contained digital libraries of educational resources that the current generation of students can use right away.

Our local hosting model means that people can dependably access the eTekkatho library content at high speed from within the library building even when connectivity is poor. In this way, we provide young people with fast and easy access to a wealth of learning opportunities.

Our mission is to advance the education, particularly but not exclusively, of the people of Myanmar (Burma), including by:

(a) providing digital libraries and other education infrastructure in areas of limited or no internet connectivity;

(b) promoting exchanges, teaching placements and research partnerships between educational institutions and international partners.

We also run programmes of face-to-face training to introduce librarians and students to the availability and content of digital resources and build their IT and information literacy skills.

Today's students, who will play such a key role in the economic, social and political future of Myanmar, often struggle to gain a relevant education in institutions that lack the tools they need to deliver a strong learning environment. Our projects deliver quick, effective solutions to this problem.

We believe that improved access to resources in education will transform minds and opportunities, powering society and enabling more fulfilling lives. eTekkatho can be a driver of change right across Myanmar. We aim to strengthen university and medical libraries across the whole country so young people can benefit from the opportunities digital technologies bring wherever they study.

DIGITAL LIBRARY LOCATIONS



TRUSTEES' REPORT

ETEKKATHO IMPACT

For Year 2016/17

ETEKKATHO AT PHAUNG DAW OO

Phaung Daw Oo monastery school in Mandalay provides a free education to over 7,000 children from across Upper Myanmar.

The eTekkatho library at Phaung Daw Oo is used by hundreds of young people to research their assignments, build their IT skills and prepare for work and college.



Student Kyaw Win Khant uses eTekkatho for his studies as he can freely access thousands of fantastic educational resources at high speed without racking up unaffordable data charges.

"Of course I use eTekkatho! It's really useful for my studies. I use Wikipedia, Khan Academy and MIT. I like the talks and I improved my communication skills. eTekkatho makes it easy to get resources for all the youth. It's really useful! It has a lot of essential knowledge and resources that currently students are looking for."

Teachers too use eTekkatho to strengthen their subject knowledge and use the teacher training resources, as librarian Nann Hlar Kyi explains:

"Some of the Phaung Daw Oo teachers go to nearby villages to teach lessons, like English language or IT. They come to the library to use eTekkatho firstly to improve their own knowledge and then go out to the villages to teach children. Some of the teachers make new learning projects on chemistry, physics and maths based on eTekkatho resources. Students from schools outside Phaung Daw Oo also come and use eTekkatho for maths and sciences."





Students learning to use eTekkatho at Taungoo University

USAGE

DOWNLOADS

100,000

In the reporting year, over 100,000 individual full text ebooks, video lessons, datasets, lectures and other types of educational materials have been downloaded from the eTekkatho eLibrary. Some of our most popular resources included:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology OpenCourseWare, containing video lectures, readings, exercises and exams for over 2,000 undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Coursera MOOCs (self-contained courses) from the University of Manchester, complete with video lectures, quizzes and even a virtual laboratory
- Snapshots of Wikipedia, English and Myanmar language editions
- Fun science videos from Fuse School
- Khan Academy video lessons, many with embedded Myanmar subtitles
- English language learning materials from the British Council.

REACH

DIGITAL LIBRARIES

+8

With 8 new digital libraries opened in 2017, the number of institutions and communities benefiting from an eTekkatho library has increased 38%. This means that there is now an eTekkatho library in every state and region of Myanmar.

EDUCATION

TRAINING COURSES

60

We have run over 60 training courses during the year, directly reaching thousands of learners, educators and librarians at eTekkatho digital library partner institutions.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

ETEKKATHO ACTIVITY

For Year 2016/17



Students at Dawei University using the new eTekkatho Digital Library.

January 2017



Hpa-An University students learning to use their new eTekkatho library on desktop and mobile devices.

March 2017



eTekkatho training course at Bago University.

February 2017



New eTekkatho installation at Taunggok Degree College

March 2017

During the reporting period, we are pleased to report that, with the support from Omidyar Network, new eTekkatho digital libraries have been set up at:

- Bago University (eTekkatho is sited in the main library building),
- Hakha College (in Building 1),
- Taunggok Degree College (in Building 1),
- Bhamaw University (in the main library building),
- Dawei University (in the main library building),
- Hpa-An University (in the main library building),
- Laisho University (in the main library building) and the
- National Library in Yangon (on the first floor of the National Museum)

We have ensured that students as well as staff are able to access eTekkatho at all the university partners. This means that students and academics from a total of 23 universities are now able to access the eTekkatho digital library from their campus. Members of the public can access eTekkatho at a further 6 community libraries. A Burmese language guide on accessing eTekkatho at each institution has been produced.

These new digital libraries augment the existing eTekkatho digital libraries set up over the past five years at:

- Brahmaso Library, Mandalay
- British Council, Mandalay
- British Council, Yangon
- Dagon University
- Kalay University
- Loikaw University
- Magway University
- Mawlamyine University
- Mandalay University
- Myitkyina University
- National Library, Nay Pyi Taw
- Pathein University
- Phaung Daw Oo, Mandalay
- Sittwe University
- Taunggyi University
- The University of Medicine, Taunggyi
- Taungoo University
- West Yangon University
- Yadanabon University
- Yangon University
- University of Distance Education, Yangon

OUTREACH

With the support of Omidyar Network, we have run over 60 training courses during the reporting year, directly reaching thousands of learners, educators and librarians at eTekkatho digital library partner institutions.

With the kind assistance of the British Council, we have enlisted nine of their Millennium Centre staff members to part-time positions on the eTekkatho project. The Millennium Centres are physical libraries scattered across the country and the British Council staff run eTekkatho training and promotional events at 13 nearby institutions, namely the universities at Laisho, Myitkyina, Bhamaw, Taunggyi, Taunggyi Medicine, Sittwe, Taunggyok, Loikaw, Mawlamyine, Hpa-An, Dawei, Kalay and Hakha.

We have produced a short video about the work of the eTekkatho project which is available on the Tekkatho Foundation website, and the Facebook page about the eTekkatho project continues to grow with over 9,000 followers, almost all of whom are young people in Myanmar.

FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING

The Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous support of Omidyar Network, which has enabled us to reach even further in our work to make world-class educational materials freely available to young people in Myanmar.

NGOSource has renewed its certification of the Tekkatho Foundation as equivalent to a U.S. 501(c)(3) public charity under the Equivalency Determination (ED) process as set out by the published regulations of the IRS and the Department of Treasury.

The Foundation is eligible for HMRC's Payroll Giving scheme and registered with Charities Trust, a HMRC-recognised Payroll Giving Agency. We would like to thank Sally MacDonald, Head of Asian Equities at Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd for facilitating this arrangement.

GOVERNANCE

The Foundation has appointed three new trustees with strong interests in education in Myanmar. These are:

- May Tha-Hla: May Tha-Hla is founder and trustee of Helping the Burmese Delta, which builds schools in the Irrawaddy Delta region of Myanmar.
- Ed Nash: Ed Nash is part of the University of Oxford's International Strategy team where his areas of responsibility are East and Southeast Asia, North America and Oceania.
- Dr Daw Khin Mar Mar Kyi: Khin Mar Mar Kyi is a documentary film-maker and anthropologist specialising in issues of gender equality, sustainable development and peace.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DR CELIA RUSSELL

Chair of Trustees

Celia has a longstanding interest in how digital technologies can be used to advance education in developing regions, having previously worked for Jisc and the University of Manchester building digital infrastructures for the higher education community.



PAUL MURPHY

Trustee and Company Secretary

Paul leads on the technical strategy and the development of the technology behind eTekkatho. He is also Head of Digital at Co-operatives UK, holds an MSc in Technology Management and is a member of the British Computer Society.



DR KHIN MAR MAR KYI

Trustee (appointed 14/3/2017)

Khin Mar Mar Kyi is a documentary filmmaker and anthropologist specialising in issues of gender equality, sustainable development and peace.



ED NASH

Trustee (appointed 14/3/2017)

Ed is International Strategy Officer for the University of Oxford. He previously worked international communications roles, and prior to that as a journalist in the UK and China. He holds an MA from the University of St Andrews and an MSc in Comparative Public Policy.



MAY THA-HLA

Trustee (appointed 14/3/2017)

May Tha-Hla is a co-founder and trustee of Helping the Burmese Delta, She has extensive experience in running practical projects that bring about change on the ground and over the years her work has helped improve the life chances of tens of thousands of people in Myanmar.

ALSO ON THE BOARD IN THIS PERIOD

Dr Michael Marett-Crosby

Trustee

Resigned 3/1/2018

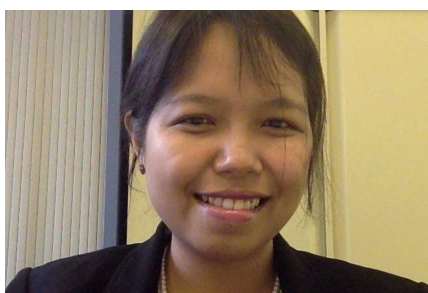
PROJECT STAFF



YIN MIN TUN

eTekkatho Project Manager

Yin co-ordinates the implementation of the eTekkatho digital libraries. Yin has a BA (Hons) and MA in Geography and a Masters of Research from Yangon University.



MAY THET KHINE NYEIN

IT and Education Co-ordinator

May Thet joined the eTekkatho team determined to improve access to education in Myanmar. She has a B.C.Sc (Hons) and Master of Computer Science from the University of Computer Studies, Yangon. May Thet runs the training eTekkatho programme and sets up the local installations at universities and community libraries.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS

For Year 2016/17

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Account and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

The power of appointment and removal of trustees is vested in the existing trustees.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure they benefit the groups of people we are set up to help. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work over the 12 month period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017.

When reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities, we have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of education.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number
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FINANCIAL REPORT **STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

For Year 2016/17

The trustees (who are also the directors of Tekkatho Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For Year 2016/17

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2017.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P B Syddall F.C.A. F.C.I.E.
P B Syddall & Co Chartered Accountants
Grafton House,
81 Chorley Old Road
Bolton, Lancashire, BL1 3AJ

Date: 9 June 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For Year 2016/17

		Notes	Year ended 30/9/2017 Unrestricted fund (£)	Year ended 30/9/2016 Total funds (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Donations and legacies		104,478	8,309
	Investment income	2	7	-
	Total		104,485	8,309
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities	General		104,013	12,988
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES			472	(4,679)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	Total funds brought forward		1,029	5,708
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			1,501	1,029

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

At 30 September 2017

		Notes	2016 Unrestricted fund (£)	2015 Total funds (£)
CURRENT ASSETS	Cash at bank		1,501	1,029
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,501	1,029
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,501	1,029
NET ASSETS			1,501	1,029
FUNDS	Unrestricted funds	4	1,501	1,029
TOTAL FUNDS			1,501	1,029

The notes form part of these financial statements

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30/9/2017.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2017 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

1. Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 June 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Murphy - Trustee

FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For Year 2016/17

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2017 (£)	2016 (£)
Bank interest received	7	-

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2017 nor for the year ended 30 September 2016.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2017 nor for the year ended 30 September 2016.

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		<i>At 1/10/16 (£)</i>	<i>Net movement in funds (£)</i>	<i>At 30/9/17 (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	1,029	472	1,501
TOTAL FUNDS		1,029	472	1,501

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		<i>Incoming resources (£)</i>	<i>Resources expended (£)</i>	<i>Movement in funds (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	104,485	(104,013)	472
TOTAL FUNDS		104,485	(104,013)	472

Comparatives for movement in funds

		<i>At 1/10/15 (£)</i>	<i>Net movement in funds (£)</i>	<i>At 30/9/16 (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	5,708	(4,679)	1,029
TOTAL FUNDS		5,708	(4,679)	1,029

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

		<i>Incoming resources (£)</i>	<i>Resources expended (£)</i>	<i>Movement in funds (£)</i>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	General fund	8,309	(12,988)	(4,679)
TOTAL FUNDS		8,309	(12,988)	(4,679)

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2017.

6. FIRST YEAR ADOPTION

The charity's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" for the first time. The charity transitioned from UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 October 2015.

The transition to FRS 102 has not required any restatement to the reported financial position.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For Year 2016/2017

		2017 (£)	2016 (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations and legacies	Donations	106	2,278
	Grants	104,372	6,031
Total		104,478	8,309
Investment income	Bank interest received	7	-
Total incoming resources		104,478	8,309
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	Grants to institutions	101,000	10,915
Support costs Management	Administration costs	1,282	422
	Insurance	1,731	1,651
Total resources expended		104,013	12,988
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		472	(4,679)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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