

## **Myanmar National Human Rights Commission**

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The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, outlining the fundamental principles of children's rights was unanimously proclaimed by all (78) member States during the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 1959. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) was adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly through Resolution No. 44/25 on 20 November 1989. In commemoration of these significant events, November 20 was designated as World Children's Day, and today marks the 34<sup>th</sup> celebration of this occasion. The theme for this year's World Children's Day is "**For Every Child, Every Right**".

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), a human rights treaty, has been signed by all member states of the United Nations. Myanmar became a signatory to the Convention on 15 July 1991. Myanmar also signed two optional protocols to the Convention and repealed the Child Law 1993 and enacted the Child Rights Law 2019 in order to further prevent the sexual violence against children and the worst forms of forced labour as well as to implement children's rights.

Children around the world face challenges such as poverty, malnutrition, limited access to education, child labor, premature marriage, and sexual exploitation. To ensure the future enjoyment of children's rights and well-being, it is imperative to work towards creating better conditions for them.

On the occasion of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Children's Day, observed on 20 November 2023, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission urges government organizations, civil society organizations, international organizations, and the public to collaborate on activities promoting children's rights with the aim to foster the development of well-behaved and dependable young individuals within the community.

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