

# Message from the Director (25 March 2020)

Dear all

Following recent government directives to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Myanmar, the British Council offices are temporarily closed until the end of April.

You can find updates about our projects, programmes and other services on our website [here](#).

The decision to temporarily close was taken in support of the Myanmar government's efforts to reduce risk, and to also help protect the health and safety of all our customers, staff, and the communities in which we operate.

I would like to assure you that the temporary closure of our office is in no way a reduction of our commitment to Myanmar, or our desire to connect people to the best learning opportunities from the UK. All our [online English programmes](#) remain accessible 24/7 and our [digital library](#) likewise. We are currently developing options for digital and virtual teaching and other services. We remain committed to customers, clients and partners in Myanmar and our intention, as well as maintaining services wherever we can in line with government advice, is to resume other services as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

Following recent changes to UK government travel advice, some of our international colleagues have left Myanmar temporarily. However, myself and others remain to ensure we can keep connecting people in Myanmar to the best learning and cultural opportunities from the UK.

As some of you may know, the British Council has been operating in Myanmar for over 70 years. I would like to re-assure you of our continued support during these difficult times.

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