

Discussion on 'Hate Speech' held in Yangon

Yangon, 24 April— Discussions on Hate Speech were held at the Sky Star Hotel in Yangon on Thursday in an event jointly organized by the Ministry of Information and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Director-General U Ye Tint of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information delivered the opening speech at the occasion. Senior Lecturer Dr. Venkatlyer, media law consultant of FES, clarified international laws, definitions and possible difficulties regarding the term 'hate speech'.

Dr. Venkatlyer also answered questions.

The discussion was attended by officials from the Ministry of Information, as well as the members of the Myanmar Writers' Association, the Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association, the Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association, the Myanmar Press Council (Interim), the Myanmar Journalists Union, the Myanmar Journalist Network, and people from the National Management College, Journalism Course, UNESCO, FES and the news media.

The Bonn-based foundation was established in 1925 as the political legacy of Friedrich Ebert, Germany's first democratically elected president. It is the largest and oldest of the German party-associated foundations.

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