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Story of My Youth
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FROM THE EDITOR

MF-You(th) is a magazine created entirely by MFU students, for MFU students.

Our biannual issues feature various categories of content: short stories, experience sharing, poems, culture, etc. Within these categories, we publish articles about modern events that are interesting and exciting, because we focus on the issue that youths today care about. Our generation serves as a catalyst of change, and MF-You(th) strives to support young artists and designers who spark the flame. Our contributors are college writers because who better to inspire the new generation than those who are part of it?

Each MF-You(th) issue will have a unique theme to give our edition coherency – it is something to tie our articles, reviews, and photos together. This issue serves as a channel for our student to present the stories of their youth.

In our issues to come, the MF-You(th) staff will continue to work hard to curate and create interesting content for its readers. We hope our readers enjoy this magazine as much as we enjoyed making it.

Sincere regards,

MF-You(th) Team, International Affairs Division, Mae Fah Luang University

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STORY OF MY YOUTH

Everyone is like a book with different stories. I also have a lot of stories in my life and I want to share the story of my youth. My name is Phone Lin. I am a Myanmar Born Chinese. I live in Kyaing Tong which is in the eastern part of Myanmar.

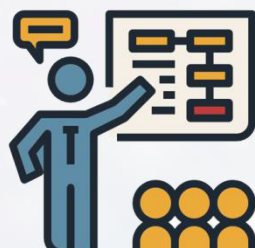
Maybe your youth were like me. My youth was full with education! Can you imagine that I had to wake up at 5:30 a.m. and sleep at 9:00 p.m. In the morning, I had to go to the Chinese school to learn Chinese. After breakfast I had to change the clothes and go to Myanmar school. In the afternoon, I had to go to the Myanmar tuition and then go back to the Chinese school again. After having dinner, I had an English tuition at my home. And there was tons of assignments and homework. Then, you can know how busy and tired I was. However, I was happy to wait for the arrival of weekends every week. Although there are some courses in my weekends but I cherish the free time that I got. Recalls to that time, my younger brother and I rode the bicycle out of the town in the weekends. There are a lot of paddy fields, mountains and small villages, to name just a few. We also enjoyed the fresh air, the nature and the beautiful scenery. As we are Christians, we have to go to the church every Sunday. Our church is on the mountain, under the mountain there is my house. Everything looked calm and peaceful. At that time, we didn't have 24 hours electricity. When the light came, it was the happiest thing happened in my youth because I like to watch cartoon. So, sometimes when we watched the cartoon on TV and reached



the most interesting part, the light went out. We were so regret and angry. But now, there is already 24 hours electricity in everywhere. Whenever I recall these memories, I realized that the best part in my youth is to spend time with family and enjoy the food that my mother cooked!

Although it was exhausting in my youth but I also got some experiences and educated. Now, I can speak four languages and I wish I can speak Thai while I' in MFU. Nowadays, we are also in our youth and don't think you are old. Let's try to get the opportunity that a university student can have. Explores new things and creates new stories for your life!

Phone Lin



A Place That We Call Home (Mae Fah Luang University)

The Narrative of a Myanmar Student's Life in his Second Home

“Whenever you stand, be the soul of that place” said Rumi. The meaning of that proverb is when you arrive in a strange country we have to adapt, do and act in accordance with the host country's traditions and culture. According to this proverb, Myanmar students from Mae Fah Luang University are able to adapt their living in a new environment, learn to speak different languages and about diverse cultures. There are many factors that help those students to adapt in MFU including many friendly seniors, staff and lecturers who are always available to help them.

When first-year students come to campus they have to live apart from their families across thousands of miles and past hundreds of mountains and rivers. In return, they enhance their knowledge and skills living abroad, while building friendships across borders and learning how to live in and contribute to society.

We honored MFU as a place we call home because it gives us knowledge in our fields of study as well as helps those students who are in need of financial support. MFU supports full and partial scholarships to Myanmar students in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees.

Myanmar teachers and MFU International Affairs staff are working closely to take care of and help students before their arrival and during their study at MFU. International Affairs staff warmly take care of students and are always available to help when students are in need and to assist students with their visas as well as for their academic performance. Again, International Affairs Division provides activities such as a city tour for new students. International Affairs Division also helps students to apply for grants for holding activities such as Myanmar Culture Day and other activities to strengthen the bond between students and staff.



International Club Activity



Myanmar Culture Day



There are many available opportunities for further study and job opportunities for graduated students. Every year different private companies such as CP, Singha and others conduct a workshop for international students. From this point, international students can join internships and learn about their future careers opportunities.

Myanmar senior students are involved in both study and activities. They always warmly welcome the junior students and help guide them to the right path. They also share their experience to their juniors on how to perform and live on campus. Every year, Myanmar students celebrate Myanmar Culture Day for the purpose of building a great relationship between Myanmar students and demonstrating Myanmar culture to the MFU family. Last but not least, Myanmar students not only gain knowledge from the classroom but also learn how to contribute and give back to communities.

Furthermore, every semester Myanmar students call for donations for the project named "Fund for kids". Then they make a trip to provide donations to a school for orphans in Thailand. By organizing field trips in the remote areas, the Myanmar students get an opportunity to build great relationships between senior and junior students which leads to respecting each other and creating a sharing and caring community among them. The funds have been distributed not only to schools in Thailand but some funds are also allocated to Myanmar where there is a need. In 2013, more than 2100 USD have been transferred to Kyan Dyne Aung Community Based Organization for "Non Formal Education Program" in Kamarnut Village, Bago, Myanmar to support teaching materials and school stationary.

In addition to doing great things for society, Myanmar students also put effort to enhance their own capacities and abilities. Myanmar students have different talents in different areas; some of them are recognised as remarkable and outstanding students in the academic aspect, some of them are highlighted as having great leadership skills, some of them are actively involved in volunteering and many of them join student exchange programs at the partner universities of MFU.

During the summer break, Myanmar students seek out new experiences and apply the knowledge that they have learned in class through doing internships both in Thailand and USA. From this point, MFU Myanmar students always seek new experiences from their summer break and study trips.

Every year, on teacher appreciation day, the day that students express their deep respect and gratitude to their teachers, the outstanding students will be invited to receive their honors certificate from the university. Many Myanmar students have been invited to receive honors certificates for example, one of Myanmar students, Sai Kham Kham, who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Software Engineering degree, was awarded an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award with a grade point average of 3.92. In addition, that year there were 11 international graduates with First-class honours and eight international graduates with second-class honours.

In conclusion, it is really a great chance and the best honour for us to learn and obtain new real-life experiences as MFU students. MFU is a learning environment with patient lecturers, friendly staff and supportive friends. MFU opens the window for all to explore a diversity of social and cultural patterns with integrity. You can hear the words “significant change in social and academic life” from every student of MFU in each semester. With supportive learning environment, social warmth and well-qualified administration make us feel that MFU is an ASEAN villa in a peaceful garden, where we are proud to call our second home.

Sai Hseing Pha

THE DECISION

It was a cold day in the autumn at the small park, Emma and Knightley still spent time together as usual.

Emma, the woman who had beautiful heart face shape like her mother with little chubby cheeks and little nose like Chipmunk which Knightley adored so much. She got soft-light blonde with straight long length hair like silk, and she was skinny and tall like a model. Knightley, the man who had beautiful diamond face shape and little nose. He got soft and dark brown like black coffee with curly short length hair, and he was tall with lean muscle like most men in Greek mythology. Not only they both had total different appearances, but their personalities were different as well. Emma was an individualism and prudential woman, and she also was very self-centered whereas Knightley was a gentleman with warm heart. He was reasonable, hardworking like a horse, and calm as a summer sea. However, they still love each other since they had met.

As usual, they were together at the park. Emma lied down on Knightley's lap reading a book while Knightley was talking about their future. Knightley always talked about their fortune, and the speech that always came out from his mouth was "I will work harder and get more money so your parents can see that I am suitable to you". Emma was so tired of that speech because she was tired of struggling to make her parents understand about their love as Knightley's status was different from her. Although they had been together for two years, Emma's parents still considered that this love would never work because Knightley was no one in the society whereas Emma's father was provincial governor, so Emma's family was well known in the society. Emma also never thought that the marriage between her and Knightley could happen. She only knew that at that moment she loved Knightley and he loved her as well, and that was all enough for her but Knightley didn't think like that. Although he was not rich, he got scholarship and graduated from Yale like Emma but because of his status, he could not achieve his goal of being the owner of a company. He never give up on his fortune, he still worked hard. Fortunately, his boss saw his struggle and ambition so that he became his favorite.



By the time when Knightley had been busied with his works for a week, Emma had met a guy named Eric, the man who had oval face with little chubby cheeks and big nose, and had soft and brown as hot chocolate with straight medium length. He was tall with bulk muscle. They started dating. Emma found that she began to like him, and she was confused. She repeatedly emphasized to herself that she had done the wrong thing, but she could not deny this feeling.

Emma cried every night because she still loved Knightley and knew that he truly loved her too, but Eric was the man who she had looked for. He had perfect appearances, status, and wealth. He also had more time for her than Knightley. She began to think that whether she loved Knightley or she just had attached to him for long time.

One evening at the famous classical restaurant, Eric asked Emma to marry and then Emma said, "Yes" immediately as she thought that it's time for her to make the decision between love and wealth.

Her parents were very pleased to her marriage as well as her groom. They told her that Eric was the best perfect man to her and she would have good fortune with him for sure.

When Knightley knew about Emma's marriage, he was not so sad because he thought that she had chosen the right one for her good fortune. Indeed, he always realized that he was not suitable for her.

Time went by so fast like Emma's feeling. Four year later, Emma was delighted with her life as she got everything she needed; big house, luxury car, and fabulous closets although Eric had less time for her. She always said to herself that she had made the right decision.

One day, Eric brought Emma to the company where he worked, and introduce her to his boss. Surprisingly, Eric's boss was the person whom Emma used to close to, Knightley. 'Alas! It's impossible,' she said to herself. She was stunned for a while and could not find a word to greet him. Knightley then greet her first by shaking hands, and introduced himself as he pretended that he never knew her before. After Knightley had introduced himself, he leaved hastily. Eric turned to Emma and told her that before his boss had this day, he started from the ground up. He was struggled a lot to had a good fortune for his ex-girlfriend who he was willing to marry. "I want to know who she is! Whether she know that she has changed his life?!" Eric said. Emma nodded, and said nothing.

Emma realized that at the time she had got no love as her husband had less time for her. They seldom dated or had dinner together. She just enjoyed her life with her luxury things, without love. She then was greatly disappointed and thought that if she had chosen Knightley,

her life would have been better than this day. She couldn't stop thinking of Knightley, and she recalled all happy moments that Knightley and she were together. "Oh my Knightley! My dear!" she kept moaning to herself.

One evening in spring, she went back to the park that she used to go with Knightley. She never went there for ages. Astonishingly, she met Knightley there, and found out the truth that he went to the park every week. He then said to Emma that he didn't know where to go because this park had brought happiness to him even at this moment, and then he brought Emma to sit on the public wooden chair because he wanted to talk the important thing to her. Emma was so excited and nervous about what he was going to say. "I don't want you to be blind. I have to say directly that I have seen your husband go out with a guy so often, and I ensure that they both have seen together for a while. I wish you get what I am trying to say." Knightley said hesitatingly.

Emma believed in every words of Knightley, and then she couldn't stop tears rolling down on her chubby cheeks. She felt deeply guilty to Knightley, and also to herself as she realized that she had made the wrong decision. At this moment, she lost love that she had dreamed. After that, she wiped her tears and built up her courage to ask Knightley whether they could be together again.

"The woman I love in the past four years is already gone. I am not the one who make any decisions, but her." Knightley said with gentle smile and then he leave away.

Emma suddenly realized that love must not have the condition whether the status, education or anything. If she had loved Knightley unconditionally, she would have been happy with her relationship by then. One lesson that she learnt from this situation is that love must be something without boundaries between the couple.

Kansinee Seekhueankaew

White

In the midst of atmosphere of love and romance, many couples are walking together happily, but there is a poor woman having been lonely walking without anybody among lovely couples. Jane sweeps her hazel brown eyes over them sadly. She thinks that she should not come here alone. At least, she might call her friend to come with her.

Actually, today Jane intends to come with her boyfriend, Dan. He is a handsome guy that many women have dreamed of. He has a perfect body and strong muscles like an ancient Greek sculpture.

He seems to be perfect unlike Jane. She is just an ordinary woman. However, Jane can hold Dan's heart until now.

When Jane thinks of him, she feels both happy and angry at the same time. Dan is pretty good but he often makes Jane feel offended. A few days ago, Jane had been waiting for him for many hours, but he stood her up due to the business.

Jane realizes that no matter how busy he is, if he really loves and cares about her, he should find the time for her. Therefore, she has been mad at him and does not answer his phone or read any messages from him.

The more she thinks of Dan, the more she gets angry.

Lately, Dan does not have time to meet Jane. He seems to be busy all the time and acts weird like a man having a secret. Maybe, he has been cheating on her. Jane looks terrible. Her face with bright natural makeup becomes pale.

If it is true, what should she do?

Deep down, Jane knows that only she loves him and gives him all her heart. Maybe, Dan wants to leave her hands and find another one who is better than her.

"It's cold..." she says.

Jane moves an overcoat closely to prevent herself from the cold weather. Her long straight fair hair is being flipped along cold wind stream.

Jane extremely slaps her face in order to get rid of silly thought. If she still stands here, she may become a snow doll. So, Jane immediately goes to her destination.

As soon as Jane enters the restaurant, she beams with pleasure. The interior of the restaurant features luxury materials and furniture gracefully. In addition, it is decorated with lots of flowers, especially White Lily.

She loves White Lily because when she gets mad at Dan, he always carries a lovely bouquet of White Lily in order to kiss and make up with her.

She smiles widely.

If Dan can come with her, it will be a romantic candlelit dinner.

Jane looks down on her mobile phone. Since they have gotten into an argument, she still sulks, but Dan has tried to call and has sent messages to make up with her. Her long peach nails touch the phone screen that shows Dan's number. She confuses whether she ought to call him or not.

Suddenly, a receptionist greets her with a friendly smile. Thus, Jane stops to focus on her phone.

"Excuse me madam, is you Ms. Jane?" the receptionist asks politely.

"Yes." Jane nods and smiles.

"Please follow me."

Jane thinks Dan must have plans to surprise on her absolutely because this restaurant is reserved by Dan. Her heart starts beating faster. Her face is blushing. What kind of plans does he prepare for her? But why she feels ambivalent instead of having happiness.

Jane becomes anxious, when imagining Dan surprises by breaking up with her or coming with someone. Maybe, he does not come.

'What does she expect?'

Sometimes, Jane wonders why she has to bear with him. During dating with Dan, She thought that she was happy, but she was wrong. In fact, she has tried so hard so far. She has been waiting. Maybe, she should accept the truth.

Meanwhile, Jane is falling into her thought. A man's voice wakes her up. His voice sounds like rhythms of drums. It is strong and soft. Then, she glances around to find out where the voice comes from.

DAN!

Jane suddenly gives a big smile, but she immediately stops that smile.

Dan sits with another woman!

Jane cannot believe it. She gets shock for a while. It is just a hallucination in her head. How dare he cheat on her!

'Sorry Jane, I have a lot of works to do. See you next time.'

'Today, I'm too busy.'

LIAR!

Jane feels both confused and angry. Is this what she deserves? She asks herself again and again. She does not want to be fooled or overthink like a madman any more. It is enough! This is not a time to cry but time to fight. She walks intently toward them.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

"Why do you so mean to me? You are heartless!" Jane cries heavily. She makes an effort to blame him without caring anybody.

"Jane! What are you doing? " a strange man shouts at her. She turns, following the voice. Then, she finds familiar eyes. They are gray as a silver sky. Suddenly, she gets stunned.

DAN!

She sees another Dan with a lovely big bouquet of White lily. Then, who is the man that she thumped in the breast. She turns her face upwards slowly. Her hazel brown eyes widen.

HE IS NOT DAN!

Jane wants to disappear from this awkward moment. *** END ***



Sonnet

“The lucky girl”

Are the star getting closer to the sea?
As your love is coming closer to me.
thing that you did make others jealous of me.
Nothing to fear cuz you are here with me.
I know sometime i might act like im bored,
I'm a lucky girl who make my heart cry,
I don't care 'bout your feeling anymore.
Now I'm a lucky girl with a sad smile.
The day that you leave me like the world ended,
Brought me to the heavier mind every time.
Last word that you said like tattoo in my head.
No more to be ur lucky girl in this time.
SORRY is the thing that you deserve to gain,
But you kick me out and said don't meet again.

Nutnaree Morthip
Virasine Kumla



“A tiny girl ”

A tiny girl mourning beneath the big sky
 No light, no hope will make her shine
 People ask her what make she cries
 She looks at them with hopeless eyes
 Then said her life was dark and blind
 The hunger and lost take away her smile.
 Her red tears cover all the ground
 Crying for the was and mourning sound
 And hoping for the better life which peace
 is all around.

Juthamard Pul-a-nan

“Let him go”

When he walked away.
 Our love become to the end.
 But my new life begins.

life is like a book
 If you read it till the end
 New one wait for you

Problems that you face
 Every path has a way out
 Called new beginning

Too tired today
 Recover by the darkness
 begin shine tomorrow.

Forget what have passed
 What makes you depressed,
 Let it go let's begin

Close your eyes and think
 New beginning can happen
 Do it for yourself

Tidasin Moolchaisai
 Chawanya Pinthongkam
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Poems

"The scalar sailor"

The scalar sailor sailed stare and share
 Across the sea, sky and souls
 Smiling, singing and searching
 The dolphins majestic and the whales smooth

The scalar sailor sailed steer and scare
 Across the summer sea, scream and shine
 Singing, searching and sorting
 The fishes racing, eating and eaten

The scalar sailor sailed spite and shiver
 Across the stuns, sorrows and speed
 Smoking, styling and stressing
 The waves crashing and the tides high

The scalar sailor sailed scars and stitches
 Across the sea, stale and sores
 Sorting, sprouting and standing
 The current warm and the shores near

The scalar sailor sailing shun and shine
 Across the summer stars, skills and surprises
 The breezes kissing cheeks and blowing hair
 The scalar sailor still sailing.



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