

## Prospect Burma

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**To invest in the democratic future of Burma through its young people, giving impoverished Burmese students access to education by means of a scholarship programme.**

The TFN grant enabled the project to expand both the numbers of Burmese scholarship students to whom they were able to give grants, and the size of the grant they were able to give them. The project went from supporting 160 students in 2005/2006 to just under 200 students in 2006/2007. The money given so generously by TFN donors has meant a life changing education for students who are determined to use the knowledge they have acquired for the ultimate good of the people of Burma.

An example of one student who benefited from TFN's grant:

AUNG KYAW SOE is 21 years old and Pa O studying Computer Information Systems at Payap University. His father was forced to construct roads for the Burmese army, and their land was confiscated by the regime in order to increase the size of a golf course. He was arrested entering Thailand and has worked as a research assistant on human rights violations. After graduation he wants to work in media for an independent news agency because in his words *"People in Burma lack political awareness and knowledge which enables the regime to manipulate oppression and violate fundamental rights...for instance in remote areas, when government confiscates land and forces people to work without payment, the people do not now how to ask for compensation or let the international community know of the government's human rights abuses."* Prospect Burma gave him a grant of US\$3,000.