

Myanmar participated Marist District Workshop for First Time

On May 30 -31, 2019 Myanmar also formerly known as Burma participated the two-day workshop on Funding for mission organized by Fr. Christopher Ganzon SM, the Philippine District Superior.

In the workshop, there were three Marist Fathers – two from the Philippines and one from Oceania province, a Marist Sister, three RNDM sisters, a Trinitarian sister and a Myanmar. Bro. Allen Sherry FMS from Australia facilitated the workshop for two days.

Paul Brang Mai from Myanmar, who was a former Marist scholar, said, “This is another chapter of my life. I am very grateful that Fr. John Larsen SM, General Superior has arranged me to be able to join this workshop.” Paul is currently the principal of UBM Learning Centre in Myitkyina where college students and local young people learn English in his centre.

Marist Fathers arrived in Myanmar in 2004, but they were not allowed to extend their visas. So, they left from the country in 2005 staying only for 18 months. Then, they moved to Thailand and have been responding to the education, health and migrant worker needs of the Burmese Community in the border town of Ranong, Thailand.