“Kwanraat” (“network” in Burmese) is supporting some 20 exiled Burmese journalists by providing them with training and the opportunity to create mini documentaries analysing the factors that led to the collapse of democracy in Myanmar. These mini documentaries will then form the basis for a full-length documentary. An advocacy campaign led by the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) will also be put in place to keep the return to democracy on the European political agenda.

AIM
To contribute to the work of Burmese journalists to defend freedom of expression and promote the country’s return to democracy.

FOR WHOM?
→ 10 exiled Burmese journalists based in Europe
→ 10 exiled Burmese journalists based in Asia
WHEN?
From March to December 2022.

HOW?

→ Training face-to-face (in France or Thailand) and online training for journalists in exile.

→ Information: filming and production of 12 mini documentaries. An FMM team will use these mini documentaries as the basis for a full-length documentary.

→ Advocacy: launch of an advocacy campaign directed towards the European institutions, implemented by the European Partnership for Democracy, and organisation of an event to raise awareness within the European Parliament.

EXPECTED RESULTS

→ Enhanced skills among Burmese journalists in exile;

→ Production of documentaries on the situation in the country;

→ Creation of a network of Burmese journalists in exile;

→ Development of an advocacy campaign directed towards the European institutions.

CFI, the French media development agency
CFI works to foster media development all over the world, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab world and the European Union’s neighbourhood. We support media players to foster dialogue between local authorities and citizens, to ensure that people gain the best possible access to information. Core topics include fighting misinformation, promoting gender equality, protecting the environment and promoting democracy and civic engagement. CFI operates under the umbrella of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and is a subsidiary of the group France Médias Monde.

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