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PISA and ALARM to Launch Myanmar’s First Climate Change Leadership Institute in Naypyitaw, Myanmar – February 18-22, 2013

Myanmar’s rapid and fragile reform process has signaled new opportunities for growth and investment in the country. Strong interest in its natural resources, particularly gas and minerals, have led to growing international investment and aggressive development plans by the government of Myanmar. Amidst the mood of optimism and progress toward greater political and economic reform, climate change poses a significant challenge to an equitable and prosperous future.

Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PISA), a research and policy program based at the George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs, and ALARM, Myanmar’s leading environment governance NGO, will lead a five-day program for 45 influential government officials on how to mainstream climate change into development planning. This first ever Myanmar Climate Leadership Institute (MLICC) marks Phase I of a multi-year initiative to provide support and assistance to forward looking officials and civil society organizations as they plan for Myanmar’s development and full integration into the global community.

The MLICC builds upon PISA’s successful Climate Leadership Initiative launched in 2007 with support from The Ford Foundation and The Chino Cienega Foundation. Programs in Vietnam, Washington, D.C. and Bangkok for delegates from six ASEAN countries constitute the basis for this expansion into Myanmar.

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