



U.S. EMBASSY RANGOON INTRODUCES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (DCM), **ELEANOR NAGY.**

The U.S. Embassy Rangoon Facebook team sat down with her and asked a few questions.

U.S. Embassy Rangoon Facebook team (US): In your career, where have you been posted?

Eleanor Nagy (EN): In my twenty-plus years in the Foreign Service, I have served abroad in Nigeria (West Africa); Paris, France; Macedonia (Eastern Europe); and a short assignment in Timor Leste. In assignments in Washington, I have worked on Southeast Asia policy, refugees, and most recently on agricultural development and food security.

US: What do you think the young people of Burma should know about people their age in the U.S.?

EN: Young people in the U.S. today are eager to make an impact on society, and they desire to connect with others while doing so. Not so different from your country!

US: Do you think social media has affected the way the younger generation interacts?

EN: Yes, social media like Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn have positively changed the way we keep up with old friends, meet new people, date, and look for jobs. It has increased tremendously our ability to share information and ideas and link with people at home and around the world

US: What are your thoughts on social media as a platform for learning about and exchanging ideas?

EN: Social media is a fantastic platform for sharing information, whether to keep up to date on recent events at the U.S. Embassy or exchange news with family and friends.

US: What is the first website you go to when you open your computer?

EN: Recently I have been going to the website of National Public Radio (NPR) to listen to news from Washington. It keeps me up to date with U.S. news, world politics and economics, and it also airs intriguing and sometimes humorous human interest stories, such as a preview of the Newport Jazz Festival or watching the “Astronaut’s Guide to Life in Space” on YouTube. You can also access NPR on Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter.

US: What are you reading at the moment?

EN: In addition to keeping up with current events here and in Southeast Asia by reading all sorts of news, in my free time I’m currently reading a book about the brain and our emotional development called *Anatomy of the Soul*.

US: What is the tastiest Burmese dish you’ve eaten?

EN: Chicken curry, eggplant salad, and tea leaf salad are some of the tastiest dishes I’ve tried so far.

US: What places in Burma do you hope to visit during your time here?

EN: I would love to visit Kachin state, specifically the Haukaung Valley Wildlife Preserve – to see elephants!

US: What are your goals for reaching out to the people of Burma over the next three years?

EN: I would like to meet as many people as possible and see as much of your fascinating country as I can, in order to understand it better and hopefully bring greater understanding between our two countries.

US: What is a piece of advice you have received that you are glad you followed?

EN: A few pieces of advice come to my mind: 1) always treat others with respect; 2) to those whom you trust who work under you, give as much freedom to act as possible; and 3) don’t chew gum in public!

Do you have more questions? Do you have an idea of someone else you’d like the Facebook team to interview? Let us know in the comments section of this posting!