

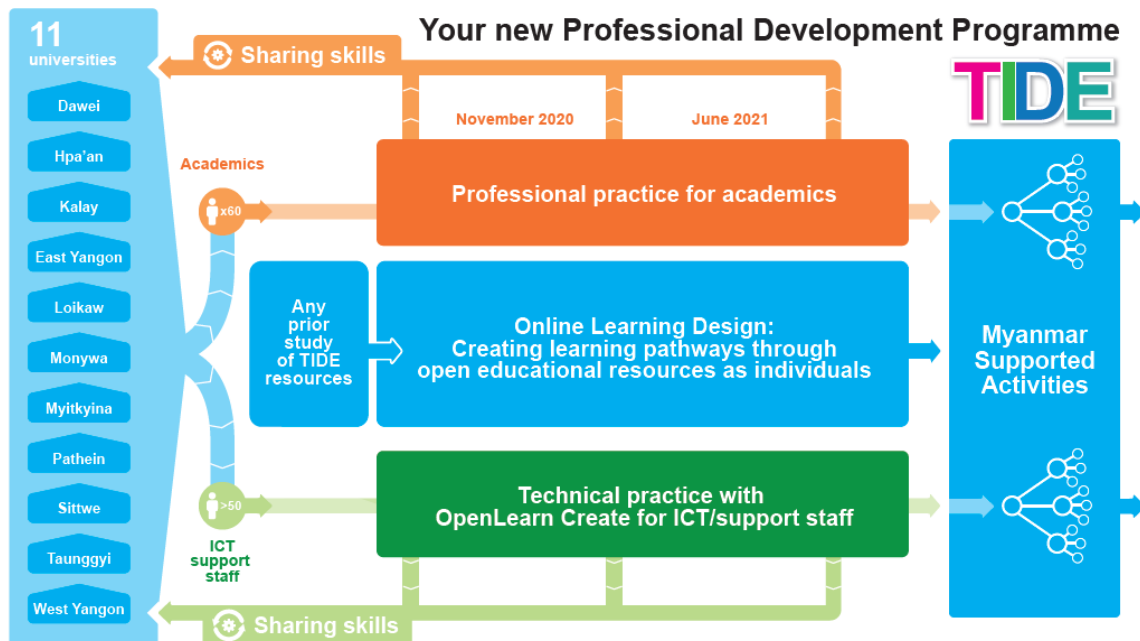
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Dear Participant from the 2019 cohort

As the Academic Director of TIDE it is my pleasure to welcome you once again to the project after a pause in activities. It is unfortunate that Covid 19 has disrupted all our plans more than once and that you have only completed half of the original professional development programme that the TIDE team had devised for you.

We have devised a new programme of professional development activities over the next 8 months, as shown in the infographic below, that you can continue to study whatever happens next. This is not as long or detailed a programme as you were undertaking before the disruption occurred and is largely by individual self-study as we are not able to meet in person or work in teams. But we still believe that this will be of value to you and your University.

The new programme still has a central element that all staff should study but there are also specific strands for academic staff and for ICT/support staff. You do have the benefit of your previous studies and some parts of the new programme will look familiar. There is an indicative schedule for studying the programme over the next 8 months assuming 1-2 study hours per week on average but because it is self-study you can work through it more quickly plus there are additional optional resources you could study if you want to. Further details on the new programme will be sent to you shortly and I would also like to invite you to watch the recorded presentation where I will tell you more about these new self-study activities you will be undertaking.





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An important feature of TIDE so far has been the way that the participating Universities have encouraged participants to cascade what they have learned through various training events to colleagues. While this has naturally stopped due to Covid 19 restrictions, we hope that you will be able to cascade what you have already learned and what you will now learn to your colleagues in your own organizations when that is allowed. We are also planning for some participants from the 2018 cohort who have already benefited from the original two-year professional development programme to support and encourage yourselves in developing your knowledge and skills. All this is to ensure that as many people benefit from TIDE as possible, both during and after the project ends, and that knowledge and skills are shared widely.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in keeping this international partnership moving forward.

Yours Sincerely,

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