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Thank You for Supporting Reporters in Myanmar

Dear Members,

In May of this year we began a drive to collect used equipment and cash donations to help journalists in Myanmar cover the coup and ongoing violence in their country. The Club would like to thank the many members who made generous gifts to this worthy cause.

While our sister organization, the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand, had initially emphasized the need for equipment, it subsequently became clear that it was going to be difficult and expensive to send these items, especially during the pandemic. In addition, some of the donated equipment was too old to be useful, or consisted of smartphones locked into a Japanese provider.

We therefore took the decision to sell the donated equipment and make a cash donation to the fund established by the FCCT to support Myanmar journalists. We're happy to inform you that we were able to raise a total of 112,000 yen, and this amount has been forwarded to the account for Myanmar journalists. Thank you again for your support.

Last, but not least, the Club would like to offer special thanks to former member Albert Siegel, who generously offered his time and tech expertise in sorting out and selling the equipment.

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