

International Juggling Festival

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Serious Fun Committee
"Everyone needs to have fun!"

Entertainment, laughter and fun take center stage as the first international juggling festival ever staged in Yangon, Myanmar, invites local, regional and international jugglers, street theatre and circus performers to come together for a week of extraordinary activities from 9-15 February 2015.

The festival is being organised by the Smile Education and Development Foundation in partnership with the Serious Fun Committee, which has successfully staged similar events in neighboring Laos and Thailand.

There is a serious mission behind the fun. The festival will bring people together, bridge gaps and teach new skills to disadvantaged children. It will also provide training and promote regional and international linkages for local performers, and celebrate Myanmar's remarkable juggling heritage.

To achieve these aims, international jugglers are traveling to Yangon to perform and teach for free, making their own generous contribution in support of this exciting ground-breaking initiative.

Festival highlights include:

- 🚧 **Day of Fun in Mahabandoola Park, February 14** - featuring walkabout acts, shows, public participation games, community workshops, Juggling Olympic Games, and a fire juggling finale.
- 🚧 **Children's juggling project** – regular workshops starting in December for children and teenagers, including disabled groups, giving participants a chance to learn new skills, have fun, build confidence and experience success. During the festival, these young people will take part in shows for their communities and the public.
- 🚧 **Big Show Spectacular** – featuring top local and international acts.
- 🚧 **Training and development** for talented local performers, delivered by some of the world's best jugglers.

The festival will reach out to diverse communities across the city and bring people together in a spirit of fun. This unique event will be a valuable, rewarding and entertaining experience for all involved. Serious Fun is seeking sponsorship to support the festival activities.

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