

Report on Observation of International Day of Sign Languages 2025

Date: September 23, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Auditorium, Rayburn College, Gangpimual

Organized by: Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) in collaboration with Rayburn College

Introduction

International Day of Sign Languages 2025 was observed on September 23, 2025, at Rayburn College Auditorium, Gangpimual. The program was jointly organized by Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) and Rayburn College with the aim of promoting the importance of **Sign Language**, highlighting the the importance of Sign Language for Persons with **Hearing Impairment**, talents of persons with disabilities, and spreading the message of inclusion and accessibility.



Proceedings of the Event



The program was compered by **Ms. Lily C. Tangpua, Psychologist, The Malsawm Initiative (TMI)** and interpreted in sign language by **Ms. Ningthianching, Asst. Teacher, The Malsawm Initiative (TMI)**, ensuring accessibility for all participants.

The session begin with the much anticipated **debut performance of "The BandAbles,"** a newly formed group of visually impaired

musicians. Their performance inspired the audience and stood as a testament to the limitless creativity and resilience of persons with disabilities.



A special session on the importance of sign language was led by **Ms. Ngaisangching**, Speech Therapist and Principal of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI). This was followed by an inspiring message from **Ms. Khawlching**, a Class X student, TMI, who emphasized sign language as a vital tool for communication and inclusion of persons with hearing impairment. Together with **Ms. Daisy**, also from Class X, she engaged the audience by teaching basic sign language gestures, making the session both interactive and impactful.



A significant highlight of the program was the **launching of the music video "Hihtheihdan Tuam Chiat"** by **Mr. Khumlalven (Class X, TMI)** and **Ms. Chingnunhoih Guite**. The music video was officially released by **Pu Rev. Dr. Khen P. Tombing, Principal of Rayburn College**, who also delivered a special message as the host. Following the launch, **Khumlalven gave a soulful live performance**, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.



The program concluded with a heartfelt **vote of thanks from Pu Pauzagin Tonsing, Director of CCI**, who acknowledged the collaboration of Rayburn College, the dedication of performers, and the enthusiastic participation of the audience.

Conclusion

The observation of the International Day of Sign Language 2025 successfully reinforced the importance of sign language as a bridge to inclusion for persons with hearing impairment. By providing a platform for students and musicians with disabilities to showcase their talents, the event also highlighted the values of diversity, creativity, and empowerment.

