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Access to Education of Burmese Refugee Children in Mizoram, India

Khin Mon Lin is a former lecturer at the Department of Law. Currently, she works as a freelance researcher and Human Rights educator. She is working as a part-time tutor under the PNMD programme. Her teaching and research interests include human rights, intellectual property rights, and terrorism. Her academic works have been published in national and international publications and e-proceedings.

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