

# **The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science**

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The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science was constituted on 16 August 1999 with 717 members and an executive committee comprising 24 members headed by a president, three vice-presidents, and a secretariat comprising a secretary and three joint secretaries. Members of the Academy are mostly professors, associate professors, researchers and PhD degree holders who once served or are now serving in the various universities, colleges and institutions of the Ministry of Education.

### **Mission**

The primary mission of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science is to participate and contribute to the changes and reforms that are needed to prepare future generations to meet and overcome the challenges of the new millennium.

### **Commitment**

The establishment of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science underlines the crucial role assigned to academicians, experts and technocrats by the State in its endeavours to build a new modern and developed nation. The Academy is fully committed to this undertaking, and the entire membership of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science is firmly resolved to do everything within its power to help fulfill the national aspirations of the State and the people.

## Aims and Objectives

1. To help in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with the expertise and knowledge of the members of the Academy.
2. To undertake research which will be of benefit to the nation as well as to provide guidelines for research.
3. To inspire and motivate new generations of scholars and technocrats who will serve the nation.
4. To lay down firm foundations for the pursuit of the arts and sciences which are essential for the development of the nation, and,
5. To pursue programmes and measures for improving the educational aspirations, training and proficiency of all those citizens who are actively involved in the development of the nation.

## Committees

- ❖ A committee for the dissemination of modern methods and techniques of teaching and learning
- ❖ A committee for the promotion of research and providing guidelines for research programmes and projects
- ❖ A committee for the dissemination and propagation of knowledge and expertise among the general public
- ❖ A committee for the promotion of measures aimed at the generation and proliferation of competent researchers, academicians and technocrats.

Each of these committees draws up and implements programmes in accordance with the specific aims and objectives of the Academy.

## Conferences and Seminars

# The Seventh Research Conference

The MAAS annual research conference has been held regularly since the year 2001, with The Best Paper Award being conferred for academic excellence and significant research contributions in each subject since 2005. The papers are judged by respective selection committees comprising scholars in each field.

The opening ceremony of the 2007 Annual Research Conference was held at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall. After the conference was declared open, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt gave an opening speech in which he emphasized the need for enhancing studies in Myanmar Language and Literature. The keynote address this







**Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt delivers opening address**



**U San Lwin gives keynote address**

year on the Compilation of a Myanmar Language Dictionary, was given by U San Lwin, Director General (Retd.) of



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the Directorate of the Myanmar Language Commission. At the close of the opening ceremony the audience dispersed to the various venues of the University of Yangon and the Institute of Economics for the presentation of papers from 29 October to 2 November 2007. Altogether 272 papers were submitted.

The Seventh Research Conference came to a close on 2 November with a ceremony at the Diamond Jubilee Hall, to confer awards for the best doctoral dissertation and research report in Arts, Science, and Social Science for the year 2006 as well as awards for the Best Paper submitted in each subject at the 2007 Research Conference.

The dissertation and research report awards were presented by President of the Myanmar Arts and Science Academy U Than Oo. Then the Best Paper awards were presented by Prof. U Thaung Htut Rector/ Dy. Min. of Education (Retd.), Dr. Maung Di, Rector/ Dy. Min. of Education (Retd.) and Vice-President of MAAS Dr. Hla Wai. ■





## A Significant Step Forward

# The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award



The year 2007, will be put on record as the year in which the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science took a significant step forward in achieving one of its principal aims and objectives. It was able to implement its goal of providing incentives to scholars and researchers to engage in quality research work with the conferring of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award.



The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award (Arts)  
 The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award (Science)  
 The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award (Social Science)  
 were conferred in

October 2007 for the best doctoral dissertation and research report in the specified field after the Annual Research Conference to:

- Dr. Maung Maung Swe, Asst. Lecturer, Department of Myanmar Language and Literature, Pyay University for his contribution to **Studies on the**



### Formation of the Pyu Script and its Development.

- Dr. Thandar Aung, Asst.Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, Univeristy of East Yangon, for her contribution on **The Isolation,Characterization and Identification of some Bioactive Constituents and Investigation of Cholestrol Lowering Effect of *Euphorbia hirta* lin (Kywe-Kyaung-Hmin-Sae) and *Oldenlandia corymbosa* Lin (Sula-Naphar).**



- Dr. Soe Than, Lecturer, The Institute of Education, Yangon for his contribution to the study of English as a foreign language with research on **Developing a Bank of Extended Vocabulary Exercises for Learners of English as a Foreign language: A Contribution to Grade Nine Students in Myanmar.**

The winners were awarded a cash prize, a certificate of honour, scrolled and enclosed in a traditional lacquerware cyclinder and in contrast, a modern stylized commemorative plaque by the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science. (See inserts) ■



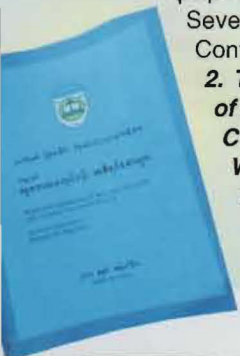
## Meetings

- The executive committee of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science holds regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month and informal meetings on the last day of month to discuss future plans and make suggestions for items to be included in the monthly agenda. These informal gatherings sometimes turn into brainstorming
- sessions on academic topics.
- Additional meetings are held by the committees of the MAAS as and when required.
- Coordination meetings are held with members of the MAAS in Upper Myanmar by a team headed by the President and some EC members twice a year. Vice-President Dr. Thein Myint who permanently resides in Mandalay is responsible for coordination with members from Upper Myanmar



## Publications - 2007

1. ***Journal of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science – Volume VI/ Nos.1-7.*** This is a publication of the papers presented at the Seventhth Annual Research Conference 2007.
2. ***The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, 2006 Calendar Year Award Winning Doctoral Dissertation and Research Reports, January, 2008.***



## Miscellany

- ❖ EC members of the MAAS give lectures to students working for their doctorate and masters degrees and supervise doctoral dissertations. They are also invited as external examiners in *viva voce* examinations.
- ❖ Internet communications was installed by the Myanmar Post and Telecommunications Department at the Office of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science on 15 June 2007.





## Other Activities

### MAAS Participation in Post-Nargis Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Many members of the Myanmar Arts and Science Academy, led by President U Than Oo, and EC member Dr. Myo Thant Tyn as well as young and active members of Yangon University staff such as Dr. Thazin Lwin of the Physics Department and other academic staff participated in the Project for Bioremediation and Bio-Micro-Enterprises for Better Livelihood in Yangon and Ayeyarwaddy Divisions. The Envir-Klean Technologist Associates (EKTA), affiliated with the Myanmar Ceramic Society(MCS), have been conducting Project Bio-remediation of Aqua-Agrobases (BAA) as part of the rehabilitation programme for Nargis victims. In the fourth week in the aftermath of the cyclone EKTA made its first visit to sites in Mawlamyinegyun Township, one of several severely devastated areas, to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The purpose of the second visit was to apply Em (effective Micro-organisms) Technology at the most contaminated points and the third to continue bioremediation and to record the extent of effectiveness of the treatment. Members of the MAAS will continue to participate in Project BAA in all its phases.



### Bi-monthly Talks

Since the formation of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science scholars from various fields have given bi-monthly talks on a wide variety of topics, open to all interested. The talks are usually held in the Conference Hall of the University of Yangon thanks to the good offices of the of the Rector. This year's talks were on:

- **Renewable Energy** by Col Thaung Win, Chairman of the Technology Committee, Yangon. (2-4-08)
- **Educational Approaches in**

**Singapore** by U Thein Lwin, Managing Partner, JointCom, 75AB(3), Bo Yar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. (4-6-08)

- **Response to Cyclone Nargis** by Professor Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Principal Officer, (Ret.) UN System Staff College. (6-8-08)

*Due to certain unforeseen circumstances as well as the intervention of the Cyclone Nargis only three guest speakers could give talks this year. But it was compensated by the topical themes presented.*



## Members of the Executive Committee of the MAAS

No.	Name	Degree	Subject	Duties
1.	U Than Oo (D.G., Retd. DBE)	MEd	Education	President
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3.	Dr. Thein Myint (D.G., Retd.)	PhD	Mathematics	Vice-President
4.	Dr. Hla Way (Prof., Retd.)	PhD	Chemistry	Vice-President
5.	U Zaw Htay	MBA	Economics	Secretary
6.	Dr. U Win (Rector, Htda. Univ.)	PhD	Botany	Jt. Sec.(Science)
7.	Dr. Myo Myint (Rector, U.F.L.)	PhD	English	Jt.Sec. (Arts)
8.	Dr. Kan Zaw (Rector, Y.I.E.)	M.Eco. DLitt	Economics	Jt.Sec.(Social Sciences)
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13.	Daw Tin Tin Myint (Prof.Retd.)	MA	Oriental Studies	Member
14.	Daw Sein Sein (Dir.,Retd. D.H.E)	MA	Anthropology	Member
15.	U Sein Min (Prof. Retd.)	MSc	Mathematics	Member
16.	U Shway Thwin (Prof. Retd.)	MA	Linguistics	Member
17.	Dr. Myo Thant Tyn (Dir., Retd.)	PhD	Chem. Engg.	Member
18.	Dr. Thet Lwin (Prof. Retd.)	PhD	Statistics	Member
19.	Daw Yi Yi Myint (Prof. Retd.)	MBA	Business Admn.	Member
20.	Dr. Soe Yin (Rector, Ret.)	PhD	Physics	Member
21.	U Kyaw Myint Oo (Rector. Retd.)	MSc	Zoology	Member
22.	Dr. Daw Than Nwe	LLM, DLitt	Law	Member
23.	U Tin Nyo (D.G.,D.B.E.No.1,Retd.)	MEd	Education	Member
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