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Mission

The primary mission of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science is to participate in and contribute to the changes and reforms that are needed to prepare the up-and-coming generation to meet the education challenges of the new millennium.

Academicsians

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science was constituted on 16 August 1999 with 717 Members and an Executive committee comprising 24 Members; all of whom are mostly Professors, Associate Professors and Ph.D degree holders from various Universities and Colleges, Institutions through out the country.

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 endeavour to build a new, modern and developed Myanmar 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 fulfil the national aspirations of the State and the people.



Chairman
Myanmar Naing Gan Education Committee,
Gen. Khin Nyunt delivering an address

Aims and Objectives of the Academy

1. to help in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation by means of 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 provide guidelines for research activities
3. to create new generations of academics and technocrats who will serve the nation,
4. to establish a firm foundation for the pursuit of the arts and sciences which are deemed essential for the development of the nation, and
5. to undertake programmes and measures for improving the educational aspirations, training and expertise of all those citizens who are actively involved in the development of the nation .



U Than Aung

Minister

Ministry of Education, Opening speech-delivered
at Research Conference

Committees of the Academy

- ❖ A Committee for the dissemination of modern methods and techniques of teaching and learning
- ❖ A Committee for the promotion of research activities and setting up of guidelines for research projects
- ❖ A Committee for the dissemination and propagation of knowledge and expertise amongst the general public
- ❖ A Committee for the promotion of measures aimed at the production and proliferation of competent new experts, academics and technocrats

Each of these Committees has drawn up detailed programmes of work and are currently engaged in implementing them.



International Networking Activities

- ❖ U Thaung Htut, Member of MAAS and U Soe Thu, E.C Member of the MAAS, attended the First SEAMEO Education Congress held from 26-29 March 2001 at Sofitel Central Plaza in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ H.E. Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Education of Singapore and President of SEAMEC visited MAAS in November 1999 and held discussions on education matters with MAAS President and E.C Members.
- ❖ The MAAS President and E.C. Members also met with the Education Minister of Egypt, Dr.Hussein Kamel Bahaa El Din, the Minister of the University Affairs of Thailand, Mr.Sutham Saengpratom and the Minister of Education of Thailand and SEAMEC President Mr.Pongpol Adireksarin during their visits to Myanmar.
- ❖ The Committee Members also met with Mr.Stewart Pittaway and associate of Lincoln University, Lincoln International, New Zealand and discussed future cooperative research programmes on 16-10-2003
- ❖ A Team of Executive Committee Members had an opportunity to discuss with officials of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies on Myanmar Issues and Myanmar Views: Searching for a United Perspective at Traders Hotel on 2-2-2004.



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U Than Oo
President,
MAAS
delivering
Welcoming
Speech

❖ MAAS had conducted 27 Sessions of the Bimonthly Seminars of the Academy, featuring speakers such as U Than Oo, President, MAAS, on "Historical Development of Myanmar Education Reforms," Prof. John Wilson, Victoria University of Technology on "Literacy Learning Through Technology", Prof. Tatuso Sasaki, University. of Kanazawa, Dept. of Archaeology on "Myanmar Greenware and Trade to the Indian Ocean in the 15th & 16th Centuries", U Soe Myint, Director General, Energy Planning Dept. on "Current Energy Use Pattern in Myanmar", "Dr.Myo Thant Tyn on "Tradition of Myanmar Glazed Ceramics and its Historical Status in Southeast Asia" and many other distinguished scholars.

❖ Submitted proposals to contribute to the 30 Year Educational Plan outlining the feasibility of (a) a Curriculum Council, (b) an Assessment Council and (c) the establishment of a Research Institute.

❖ Compilation of **Who's Who in Arts & Science in Myanmar**. Participated in the "Ceremony to Mark the Success of the Four-Year Special Education Development Plan" held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall from 4-5-04 to 7-5-04. The MAAS Booth exhibited the contributions of the Academy towards the success of the plan.

❖ Held public lectures by Academy E.C. Members to promote knowledge among the public.

❖ Helped to raise standards of instruction in universities and institutes by E.C. Members providing lecturers and guidance at advanced classes such as those for the Ph.D.

❖ E.C. Member, Professor U Soe Thu is going to leave the H.Q.on 25-26 August, 2004 to deliver a talk on Performance and Guidelines in Zoology and to read a research paper at the Zoology Department of Pyi University by formal invitation of the head of the Department.



MAAS, EC Member U Soe Thu and University Staff
at Research Papers Reading Sessions

Activities of the Academy

- ❖ Held three Annual Meetings, the first of which was addressed by General Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee and currently H.E., the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar
- ❖ Held two Bi-annual Conferences with representatives of Subject Matter Committees
- ❖ Held three Research Conferences. At the Third Research Conference held on 23 and 24 October, 2003 a total of 103 papers were read. The Fourth Research Conference is scheduled to be held in October 2004