

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science

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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.

Academicians

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 of secretary and three joint secretaries. Members of the Academy are mostly professors, associate professors, researchers and Ph.D. degree holders who once served or are now serving in the various universities, colleges and institutions of the Ministry of Education.

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 and modern 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



Opening address by Minister for Education
Dr. Chan Nyun

who are actively involved in the development of the nation.



Guests and participants at the opening ceremony of the Research Committee



Minister greets participants of Research Conference



President of MAAS gives speech of welcome



Keynote address by prominent MAAS member, Vice-President of the Myanmar Historical Commission U Sai Aung tun

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

- ❖ Since the establishment of the Academy bi-monthly seminars and discussions have been conducted covering a wide variety of subjects from philosophy and nanotechnology to the Asian financial crisis and bioethics. Speakers from within the Academy and scholars from other disciplines have presented their views and led the stimulating and lively discussions. To date learned speakers have spoken on 45 different topics.
- ❖ An annual research conference has been held every year to commemorate the founding of the Academy with participants from universities and colleges throughout the country. The



Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein gives congratulatory speech at award ceremony

research conference to be held from 26 to 29 October will be the sixth conference held by the academy.

- ❖ A best paper award in each subject has been awarded by the Minister for Education since the Research Conference of 2005-2006.



Research paper presentation and audience

❖ A Selection Committee comprising of professors/heads of departments of universities and executive committee members of the subject concerned judge the papers and make recommendations for the awards.

❖ To date the annual research conference under the aegis of the Academy has been held five times since 1999 and altogether 624 papers have been submitted.



Education Minister presents Best Paper Award to a recipient



Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt presents Best Paper Award



President of MAAS presents Best Paper Award

Publications

1. Teaching in Higher Education: A Few Pointers
2. Research Methods in Education
3. Methods in Literary and social Science Research.
4. Research Methodology: A Practical guide for Business and Economics.
5. Research Methods in Arts and Science.
6. Proceedings of Research Conferences.
7. Journal of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science. The journal is a publication of the papers presented at the Annual Research Conference. Journals published to date are:
Vol.I/Nos. 1-3; Vol.II/Nos.1- 6;
Vol.III/Nos.1- 6; Vol. IV/Nos. 1- 9



8. Degrees (*Honoris Causa*) Conferred by the University of Yangon (1921– 2003)
9. Reviewing Quantitative Research to Inform Educational Policy Processes (Translation)



President U Than Co opens EG monthly meeting

Meetings

- ❖ The Executive Committee of the Academy holds regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month to discuss progress of work and future

programmes. This has been a regular feature of the Academy since its establishment in 1999 and the meeting held on 4 October 2006 is its 87th meeting.



Monthly meeting in progress

- ❖ Additional meetings are held by members of the MAAS Committees, such as the Publication Committee and Editorial Board, as and when required.
- ❖ A team led by the President, Vice-Presidents as well as some members of the EC visit the University of Mandalay at least twice a year to hold coordination meetings with members of the Academy from universities and colleges of Upper Myanmar.



Report given at monthly meeting

- ❖ Coordination meetings are held with Heads of Departments or their representatives to discuss academic and research matters such as the annual research conference and publication of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Research Journal.
- ❖ An annual conference is held every year to submit the annual report to members of the Academy.



Upholding the Myanmar tradition of paying respect to elders

Miscellany

- ❖ The EC members meet informally on occasions such as the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut to pay respect to the older members in keeping with Myanmar culture and tradition.
 - ❖ EC members of the Academy are also invited to other universities and colleges to give lectures to post graduate students and as external examiners for the oral examination of doctoral candidates.
- Future plans include an annual award for the best doctoral dissertation in each subject by the Academy.



Member of Executive Committee of the MAAS

No.	Name	Degree	Subject	Duties
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