

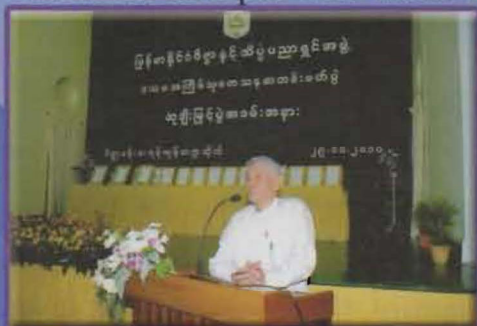
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science

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Myanmar, filled with great hopes and expectations, has entered a new era of democracy and modernization and under the democratically elected Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science continues its tasks with renewed vim and vigour to encourage and promote a system of education on a par with world standards .



The new Minister for Education Dr. Mya Aye, on taking up his portfolio gave priority to meeting with the President of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo and some executive committee members and gave assurance of his support for the activities of the Academy.

Since the advent of the new government members of the Academy have participated in important national fora, such as the national forum on economic development and on the forum on the alleviation of rural poverty. Members of the Academy are also frequently invited to participate in educative seminars and talks such as the Seminar on Tagore; His Work and Philosophy held in

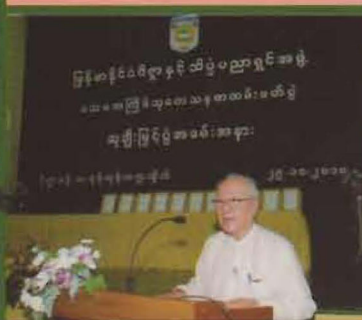


collaboration by the Embassy of the Republic of India and the University of Yangon on 11/12 August 2011 and the Best Research Paper Competition for Lower Myanmar sponsored by the Ministry of Education. The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science and the Institute of Education also co-sponsored the Forum on Education in the 21st Century.

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science takes this opportunity to express its heartfelt thanks first to the Minister of Education Dr. Mya Aye, Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe and to the directors-general, rectors, professors and administrative staff, the Universities Printing Press, to eminent figures who gave so generously of their time to give educative talks and last but not least to the up and coming young scholars and students for their enthusiastic and continued participation in the activities of the MAAS.

Aims and Objectives of the MAAS

- ✳ To contribute towards the promotion of life-long learning and to raise the quality of education for the benefit of the country and the people.
- ✳ To undertake and encourage research which will benefit the State and provide guidelines for future research.
- ✳ To inspire and motivate new generations of scholars and technocrats who will serve the nation.
- ✳ To lay down the foundations for the pursuit of liberal arts, the humanities, and the sciences which are essential for the material and cultural development of the State and,
- ✳ To pursue programmes and measures to meet the educational needs and aspirations of future generations and provide guidance in the practical and moral training of the younger generation who are actively involved in the development and democratization process of the nation.



Notable Events

The Tenth Research Conference 2010

The opening ceremony of Tenth Research Conference of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science was held at the Arts Hall of the University of Yangon on 25th October 2010. The research papers were presented by researchers and scholars from various universities and institutes and colleges from across the country at various venues of the University of Yangon and the Institute of Economics Yangon.



Academy Awards

The Myanmar Arts and Science Academy has given an award for the Best Doctoral Dissertation and Research Report in Arts, Science and Social Science beginning from the Calendar Year 2006. For the Year 2010, there were two prizes each for Arts, Science and Social Science dissertations. This was made possible due to the generous donation made by the Tun Philanthropic Foundation which is renowned for its patronage of art and literature.

The award winners for Year 2010 are;

Arts Awards

- Dr. Lu Htwe (Psychology) – A Comparative Study on the Relationship between Personal Value Systems and Decision-making Styles of Managers in State and Private Enterprises.
- Dr. Cho Cho San (Geography) – An Analysis on the Development of Popular Commercial Fruit Market in Mandalay City.

Science Awards

- Dr. Kyaw Linn – A Study on Antibacterial Metabolite of Endophytic Fungus, cylindrocarpon magnusian um Isolated from the Stem of Caralluma fimbriata Wall.
- Dr. Soe Soe Than – Evaluation of Degradability of Locally Available Polyethylene (PE) Plastics by the combination of Oxidation and soil Treatment Test.

Social Science Awards

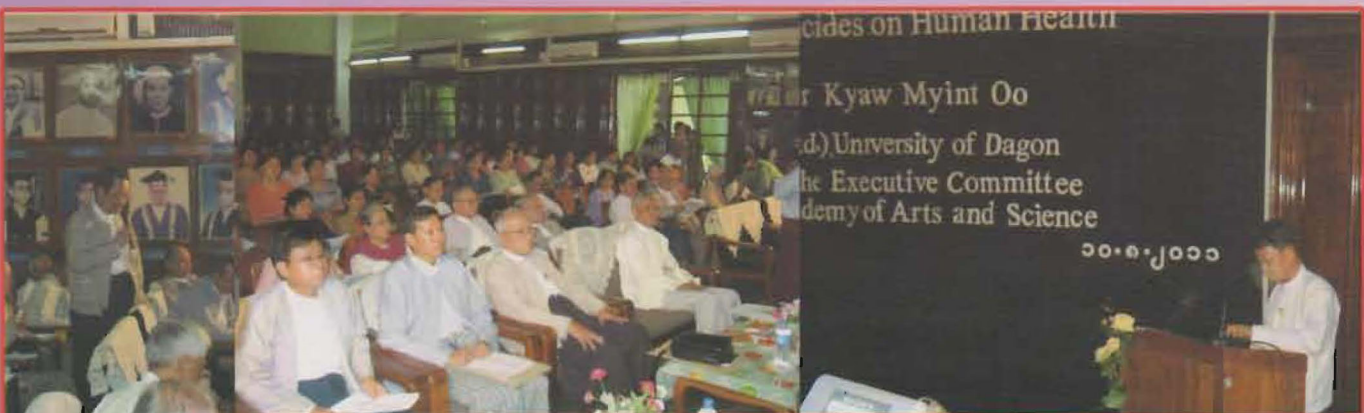
- Dr. Naing Naing Thein – Improvement of Mathematics Teaching Methodology in Myanmar High Schools.
- Dr. Thaung Htay – Household Livelihood Security approach for Sustainable Rural Development in Myanmar.

A collection of their research reports have been published by the MAAS.

Educative Talks

Since the formation of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science eminent scholars and authorities from academic, economic, medical and cultural circles have been invited to give talks to for the dissemination and enhancement of knowledge. In the past year the talks given were as follows:

1. U Win Mra, Ambassador (Retd.) – My Experience at the United Nations
2. Dr. Khin Maung Lwin, managing director, Fame Pharmaceuticals, - Cancer and Food
3. Professor U Kyaw Myint Oo, Rector (Retd.), EC member MAAS - The Effects of Pesticides on Human Health





Coordination Meetings



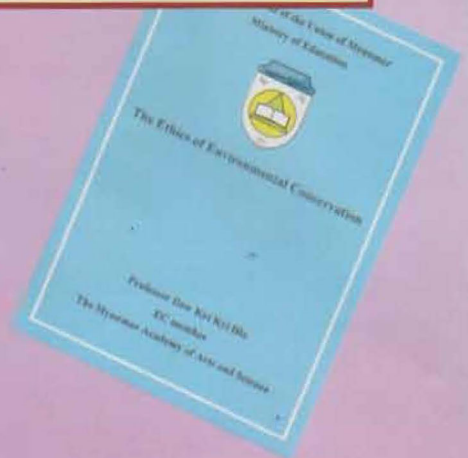
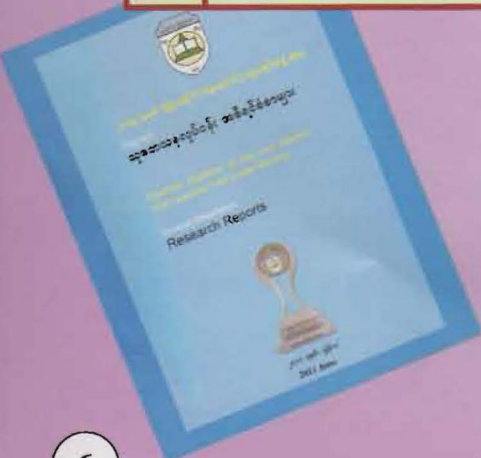
The executive committee of the MAAS coordinates its activities with the Higher Education Department and with the rectors and professors of the University of Yangon, Dagon University, The University of East Yangon, the University of West Yangon, the Institute of Education and the Institute of Economics at least once a year to discuss inter-disciplinary research and other projects.

Publications 2010

The research papers presented at the annual research conference of the MAAS are published in the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Research Journal. But a paper presented at the conference does not make it eligible for publication. Only papers that meet stringent academic standards are selected for publication. The journal is a challenge as well as an opportunity for young academics and researchers.

Publications of the MAAS for the Year 2010 are as follows:

1.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.1 (Chemistry & Industrial Chemistry)
2.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.2A (Physics)
3.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.2B (Physics)
4.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.3 (Mathematics & Computer Science)
5.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.4 (Zoology)
6.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.5 (Botany and Marine Science)
7.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.6 (Geology & Geography)
8.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.7A, Myanmar (Literature)
9.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.7B, [Myanmar (Language), Foreign (Language), English, Oriental Studies & Philosophy]
10.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.8 (History, International Relations, Archaeology, Anthropology and Psychology)
11.	Journal of MAAS Vol. IX, No.9, (Education, Law and Economics)
12.	Lectures on Condensed Matter Physics, Dr. Sein Htoon



Meetings

- *The executive committee of the MAAS meets regularly every first Wednesday of the month to discuss future projects as well as routine affairs and informal discussions on the last day of the month. These meetings focus on academic topics.
- *Occasional meetings with members of other organizations and government departments are held as and when necessary.
- *The president of the MAAS meets twice a year with coordinators and conveners of the MAAS of Upper Myanmar members at the University of Mandalay. This year the meeting was held on 2011. Vice-President Dr. Thein Myint who permanently resides in Mandalay is responsible for coordination with members of the MAAS of Upper Myanmar.
- *The Academy Award Central Selection meeting consisting of scholars such as Dr. Maung Di and Dr Kyaw Sein and EC members also meet to choose the best Ph.D dissertation in Arts, Science and Social Science.



Miscellany

Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year Award for the Higher Education Sector was conferred on Dr. Thein Myint, vice-President and Dr. Thet Lwin EC member of the MAAS.

A Myanmar Tradition

EC members of the MAAS and office staff still uphold the ancient Myanmar tradition of paying obeisance to elders during the period of Thandingyut which falls in October. This is a yearly event and it was held on 13th October this year.

The annual working lunch of the Academy Award Selection Committee



Executive Committee of the MAAS

No.	Name	Degree	Subject	Duties
1.	U Than Oo (D.G., Retd. DBE)	MEd	Education	President
2.				
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 (DG, DHLE)	MBA	Economics	Secretary
6.				Jt. Sec. (Arts)
7.				Jt. Sec. (Social Sciences)
8.				Jt. Sec. (Science)
9.	U Myine Thant (Prof. Retd.)	MA	Myanmar	Member
10.	U Thi Ha (Prof. Retd.)	MA	English	Member
11.	U Hla Tun Aung (Rector, Retd.)	MA	Geography	Member
12.	Daw Kyi Kyi Hla (Prof. Retd.)	MA	Philosophy	Member
13.	Daw Sein Sein (Dir., Retd. D.H.E)	MA	Anthropology	Member
14.	U Sein Min (Prof. Retd.)	MSc	Mathematics	Member
15.	U Shway Thwin (Prof. Retd.)	MA	Linguistics	Member
16.	Dr. Thet Lwin (Prof. Retd.)	PhD	Statistics	Member
17.	Daw Yi Yi Myint (Prof. Retd.)	MBA	Business Admn.	Member
18.	U Kyaw Myint Oo (Rector. Retd.)	MSc	Zoology	Member
19.	Dr. Daw Than Nwe (Prof. Retd.)	LLM, DLitt	Law	Member
20.	U Tin Nyo (D.G., D.B.E. No.1, Retd.)	MEd	Education	Member
21.	U Myint Han (D.G., Ret.)	BSc, BEd	Education	Member

University academic staff attached to the MAAS, who have made considerable contributions to the smooth functioning of the Academy.

1. Dr. Kyaw Thein, Rector, Taungoo University (2000 - 2004)
2. Daw Hla Kyu, Pro-Rector, UFL Yangon (2001 - 2005)
3. U Soe Hlaing - Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, Dagon University (2003 - 2010)
4. Daw Htwe Htwe - Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, University of Distance Education, (2005 - 2010)
5. Daw Aye Aye Khine - Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, University of Yangon (2010 - to date)
6. Daw Mi Mi Lay - Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, University of Distance Education (2010 - to date)

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