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The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science



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Union Minister of Education Dr. Daw Khin San Yee

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science 2014-15

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science was founded on 16 August 1999 with a membership of 717 members and an executive committee of 25 members, consisting of a president, 3 vice presidents, a secretary and 3 joint secretaries and 17 EC members. The Director General (Lower Myanmar) of the Higher Education Department is Secretary *ex officio* and the three joint secretaries also *ex officio* are the rectors of the Universities of Yangon, Economics and Education respectively. All members of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science are senior academic and administrative staff retired or in-service of various arts and science universities and colleges across the country. However as the years went by there was an attrition in the number of retired members due to age, ill-health and demise of retired members as well as transfers and

promotion of those in service. By the year 2014, membership had dropped to 549 and the number of EC members to only 17. To rectify this the Ministry of Education of the newly elected Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, reviewed the composition of the MAAS and issued the requisite directive to reorganize and increase its membership with appointment of new members.

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science is therefore pleased to announce that there has been an infusion of new young blood in this academic institution with the admission of 192 new members, as well as the assignment of duties to 8 new executive committee members. The membership of the MAAS now totals 741 members. It is also hoped that membership will increase as the years go by.

Highlights of 2015

Honorary Doctorate and Awards Conferred on MAAS members



The University of Yangon, on 8 January 2015, held a Special Convocation Ceremony to confer the degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) on the following executive committee members and members of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science in honour of services rendered in the academic field.

- (a) **U Than Oo**, former President of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
- (b) **Daw Kyi Kyi Hla**, Vice- President of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
- (c) **U Sein Min**, Vice- President of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
- (d) **Daw Yi Yi Myint**, EC Member, the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
- (e) **U Tin Nyo**, EC Member, the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
- (f) **U Sai Aung Tun**, member and former member of the Council of State
- (g) **Naw Ju Phaw**, Professor/Head, Department of English, the University of Yangon

The Union Minister for Education Dr. Daw Khin San Yee, hosted a dinner in honour of the recipients at the Diamond Jubilee Hall the same evening.



In another outstanding event former President of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Dr. Than Oo was conferred the Honorary degree of doctor of Humane Letters by the University of Hawaii, USA at the 104 convocation ceremony held at the University of Hawaii on 16 May 2015. Dr. Than Oo travelled to Hawaii to receive the award in person.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held a special ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw to honour Dr. Than Oo. On 26 June Dr. Than Oo was appointed Advisor on Education to the President.

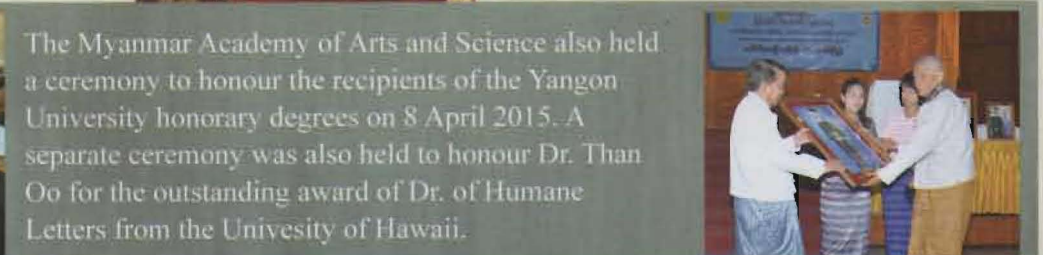


Similarly the University of Economics, Yangon conferred on Dr. Thet Lwin Vice President and Dr. Yi Yi Myint EC member of the MAAS, the degree of D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) for devoted service in the field of economics and statistics.

Dr. Yi Yi Myint is also to be congratulated as recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award by the government on World Teachers' Day 2015 at a ceremony held at Nay Pyi Taw on 5 October 2015.



The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science also held a ceremony to honour the recipients of the Yangon University honorary degrees on 8 April 2015. A separate ceremony was also held to honour Dr. Than Oo for the outstanding award of Dr. of Humane Letters from the University of Hawaii.



The 14th Annual Research Conference of the MAAS

Researchers and scholars from universities across the country as well as from other institutions and organizations attended the opening ceremony of the 14th Research Conference organized by the MAAS on 27 October 2014 at the Arts Assembly Hall of the University of Yangon. The conference was inaugurated with a speech by Deputy Minister for Education Dr. Zaw Min Aung. Research papers in the sciences, social science and liberal arts were presented by participants at various venues of the University of Yangon, the University of Economics, Yangon and the University of Education, Yangon. The MAAS awards the best paper in each field of research with a certificate of commendation and a cash prize donated by the EC members and other well-wishers. The conference was well attended by young scholars as well as old alumni who come once a year to meet and renew their memories of days gone by.





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The MAAS Research Award Ceremony

The MAAS Research Award Ceremony of the 14th Annual conference was held on 30 October 2014 at the Arts Assembly Hall of Yangon University.

Awards were presented to PhD researchers who had submitted the best research report and doctoral dissertation in the Liberal Arts, Science and Social Science for the Calendar year 2013. The award consists of a commemorative plaque, a certificate of commendation and a cash prize, donated by the MAAS, and philanthropists U Thein Tun Director of the Tun Foundation Bank, Ambassador (Retd.) Dr. Hla Maung and U Maung Maung Sein former Chairman of the Matriculation Board and family. The MAAS takes this opportunity to thank them for their generosity, encouragement and support.

The names of the winners of the Best Research Papers awards in each subject were also announced and a certificate of honour and cash prize presented to each.



(2014-2015)

Recipients of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science
PhD Research Awards (2013)

Arts

- 1. Dr. Aung Myo Naing, Asst. Lecturer (Linguistics), DSA,
မျက်မှောက်စေတီ အပြောမြန်မာဘာသာစကား၏ ဖွဲ့စည်းတည်ဆောက်မှုစနစ် (ဘာသာဗေဒ)
- 2. Dr. Than Aung Htwe, Lecturer (Psychology), Dagon University,
An Empirical Study on the Antecedents and Consequences of Job Satisfaction and Organizational Commitment

Science

- 3. Dr. Nwe Ni Hlaing, Asst. Lecturer (Chemistry), University of Yangon,
Preparation and Characterization of Biodiesel from Palm Oil Using Enzyme Catalyzed Transesterification
- 4. Dr. Nay Myo Tun, Asst. Lecturer (Physics), University of East Yangon,
Preparation and Characterization of Titanium Dioxide Nanofibers by Electrospinning Method
- 5. Dr. Mi Paik, Asst. Lecturer (Geology), University of Yangon,
Petrology and Mineral Resources of Mawpalaw Taung Area, Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State

Social Science

- 6. Dr. Kyaing Kyaing Thet, Lecturer (Statistics), University of Economics, Monywa,
Conditional Logit Analysis of Qualitative Choice Behavior: An Application to Choice of Housing Location in Monywa Township
- 7. Dr. Aung Linn, Asst. Lecturer (Education Methodology), University of Education, Yangon,
Developing Teachers' Performance Appraisal System



Recipients of Research Paper Awards

| No | Name | Subject |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Dr. Mar Lar Oo | -Myanmar Literature |
| 2. | Dr. Naw Malar | -Geography |
| 3. | Dr. Soe Soe Maw | -History |
| 4. | Dr. Tin Tin Myint | -Philosophy |
| 5. | U Tin Aung Moe | -Psychology |
| 6. | Dr. Htwe Htwe Kyaw | -Oriental Studies |
| 7. | Dr. Yin Myo Thu | -International Relations |
| 8. | Dr. Le Shwe Sin Myint | -Anthropology |
| 9. | Daw May Su Ko | -Archaeology |
| 10. | U Tun Aung Kyaw | -Library Science |
| 11. | Dr. Myint Myint Than | -Chemistry |
| 12. | Dr. Moe Moe Aye | -Physics |
| 13. | Dr. Khin Than Hsint | -Mathematics |
| 14. | Dr. Soe Soe Aye | -Zoology |
| 15. | Dr. Hinn Ei Hlaing | -Botany |
| 16. | Dr. Myo Thant | -Geology |
| 17. | Dr. Saine Le Aye | -Industrial Chemistry |
| 18. | Dr. Nann Mya Han | -Marine Science |
| 19. | Dr. Yin Yin Win | -Law |
| 20. | Dr. Su Su Naing | -Teaching Methodology |
| 21. | Dr. Soe Naing | -Linguistics |
| 22. | Dr. Win Pa Pa Kyaw | -Computer Science |



Talks

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science invites well-known figures in various fields such as art and literature, science and technology, economics and international affairs to give talks on their specialized fields to implement its goal of exchanging knowledge and information and promoting research and interdisciplinary studies. Such educative talks were first initiated on 27 July 2000 and to date the number of educative talks sponsored by the MAAS totals 77.

The following talks were given in the Academic Year 2014 – 2015

- Language and Grammar by Professor of English and Linguistics by U Thi-Ha, EC member of the MAAS on 10 December 2014
- On Climate Change from the Literary Perspective by well-known author Ju (Dr. Tin Tin Win) on 10 June 2015
- Myanmar Border Demarcation Negotiations by senior diplomat Ambassador (Retd.) U Wynn Lwin on 9 September 2015

These talks are well received and the Q & A sessions that follow are stimulating and lively.



Partnership with International Organizations

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science would like to inform all members as well as teachers, researchers and students of universities and colleges and other academic institutions that MAAS is now a full-fledged member of the Science Council of Asia (SCA).

The MAAS also meets with and holds talks with international academic organizations such as the Konrad Adeneur Stiftung (KAS) to explore possible avenues for cooperation in the education sector.





Books Published to Date by MAAS Members

In addition to the arts, science and social science journals published after the yearly research conference, the MAAS has also published the following books written by eminent members of the Academy

1. Teaching in Higher Education: A Few Pointers
2. Research Methodology: A practical Guide for Business and Economics
3. ပညာရေး သုတေသနပြုလုပ်နည်း
4. Research Methods in Arts and Science
5. ဘာသာစာပေနှင့် လူမှုရေးသိပ္ပံ သုတေသနပြုလုပ်နည်း အခြေခံများ
6. ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်က ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်ဘွဲ့များ အပ်နှင်းချီးမြှင့်ခြင်း ဆိုင်ရာ လေ့လာတင်ပြချက်
7. ပညာရေးမူဝါဒဆိုင်ရာ ရုပ်လုံးဖော်မူအတွက် သတင်းအချက်အလက် ပေးနိုင်ရန် အရေအတွက်ဆိုင်ရာ သုတေသနကို ဝေဖန်သုံးသပ်ခြင်း
8. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်း သုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)
9. Lectures on General Relativity
10. Lectures on Quantum Electrodynamics
11. ဘာသာစကားနှင့် စာပေ၌ အသံလှယ်ခြင်း
12. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်း သုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာများ (၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ်)
13. Carbon dioxide - "Friend of foe"
14. Nuclear Physics in a Nutshell: Graduate Lectures on Physics
15. Greenhouse Gases behind Global Warming
16. The Ethics of Environmental Conservation.
“သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင် ထိန်းသိမ်းရေးဆိုင်ရာ ကိုယ်ကျင့်တရားအမြင်”
17. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်း သုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာများ (၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်)
18. ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY Effects of Environmental Pollutants on Living Systems
19. Spectral Decomposition and Operators
20. Lectures on Condensed Matter Physics
21. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်း သုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာများ (၂၀၀၉ ခုနှစ်)
22. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်း သုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာများ (၂၀၁၀ ခုနှစ်)
23. Teaching in Higher Education: A Few Pointers
(ဒုတိယအကြိမ်)
24. Introduction to Academic Degrees, Academic Papers and Referencing Systems
25. LANGUAGE AT OUR SERVICE
26. Improving Research Publications and Theses in Myanmar: Guidelines for Researchers, PhD and Master Candidates
27. Language-Teaching Orientation Programme
28. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်းသုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာ (၂၀၁၁ ခုနှစ်)
29. ဆုရပါရဂူကျမ်းသုတေသနလုပ်ငန်း အစီရင်ခံစာ (၂၀၁၂ ခုနှစ်)

Photo News



Entrance



EC-members at a meeting with professors and heads of department to discuss criteria for selection of Best PhD dissertation and research report



Monthly regular meeting held usually on the first Wednesday of the month. This meeting was attended by the full complement of EC members

The Reconstituted Executive Committee of the MAAS

(29 September 2015)

| No. Name | Degree | Subject | Duties |
|---|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Dr. Thein Myint (D.G. Retd.) | PhD | Mathematics | President |
| 2. Dr. Kyi Kyi Hla (Prof. Retd.) | M.A, D.litt. | Philosophy | Vice-President (Arts) |
| 3. Dr. Sein Min (Prof. Retd.) | M.Sc, D.litt | Mathematics | Vice-President (Science) |
| 4. Dr. Thet Lwin (Prof. Retd.) | PhD | Statistics | Vice-President (Social Science) |
| 5. Dr Thein Win (D.G. DHE) | PhD | Zoology | Secretary |
| 6. Dr. Lwin Lwin Soe (Rector, UFL, Ygn) | PhD | English | Jt.Sec. (Arts) |
| 7. Dr. Pho Kaung (Acting Rector, Y.U) | PhD | Physics | Jt.Sec. (Science) |
| 8. Dr. Khin Naing Oo (Rector, YUE) | PhD | Economics | Jt.Sec. (Social Science) |
| 9. Dr. Khin Than Oo (Prof. Retd.) | PhD | Myanmar | Member |
| 10. U Thi-Ha (Prof. Retd.) | MA | English | Member |
| 11. Dr. Mi Mi Kyi (Prof. Retd.) | Dr. rer nat | Geography | Member |
| 12. Daw Khin Latt (Prof. Retd.) | M.A. | Psychology | Member |
| 13. Daw Carole Ann Chit Tha (Prof/Dir. Retd.) | M.A. | History | Member |
| 14. Daw Sein Sein (Dir.Retd. D.H.E) | M.A. | Anthropology | Member |
| 15. Dr. Maung Kyaw (Rector, Retd.) | PhD | Chemistry | Member |
| 16. Dr. Hla Pe (Rector, Retd.) | PhD | Physics | Member |
| 17. U Kyaw Myint Oo (Rector, Retd.) | M.Sc. | Zoology | Member |
| 18. Dr. U Win (Rector, Retd.) | PhD | Botany | Member |
| 19. Dr. Maung Thinn (Rector, Retd.) | PhD | Geology | Member |
| 20. Dr. Myo Thant Tyn (Dir. Retd.) | PhD | Chemical Engineering | Member |
| 21. Dr. Yi Yi Myint (Prof. Retd.) | MBA, D.litt | Business Admn. | Member |
| 22. U Zaw Htay (D.G. Retd.) | B.Comm, MBA | Economics | Member |
| 23. Dr. Daw Than Nwe (Prof. Retd.) | LLM, DLitt | Law | Member |
| 24. Dr. Tin Nyo (D.G. Retd.) | MEd, D.litt | Education | Member |
| 25. U Myint Han (D.G. Retd.) | B.Sc., BEd | Education | Member |
| 26. Dr. Aung Min (Rector, Retd.) | PhD | Chemistry | Member |

University academic staff attached to the MAAS.

1. Daw Aye Aye Khine – Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, University of Yangon (2010-To date)
2. Daw Mi Mi Lay – Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, University of Distance Education (2010 To date)

Relocation

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