

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science

10th Anniversary

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The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science celebrates its 10th anniversary

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science which was constituted on 16th August 1999 opened the Year 2009 with a flurry of academic activities to commemorate its 10th anniversary on 16th August. The highlight of these activities were the academic forums held both in Yangon and Mandalay under themes related to the arts, sciences and the social sciences which were received with great enthusiasm in academic circles.

The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science has over the last decade participated and contributed to its primary mission of preparing future generations to meet and overcome the challenges of the new millennium.

This special newsletter is a record of its endeavours over the years as well as ongoing activities.

Since its inception the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science has sponsored a research conference each year since 2001 to fulfill its goal of providing a forum for up and coming young scholars and hence raising the quality of education in Myanmar. The response has been



The Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein opens the Fifth Research Conference (2005)



Dr. Chan Nyein at the fifth conference (2005)



Education Minister Dr. Chan Nyein presents award for Best Paper

heartening with the rise in the academic standard of the papers presented each year. To provide further encouragement and recognition, certificates for the best paper in each subject together with a cash award has been presented by the Academy since its Fifth Research Conference in 2005.

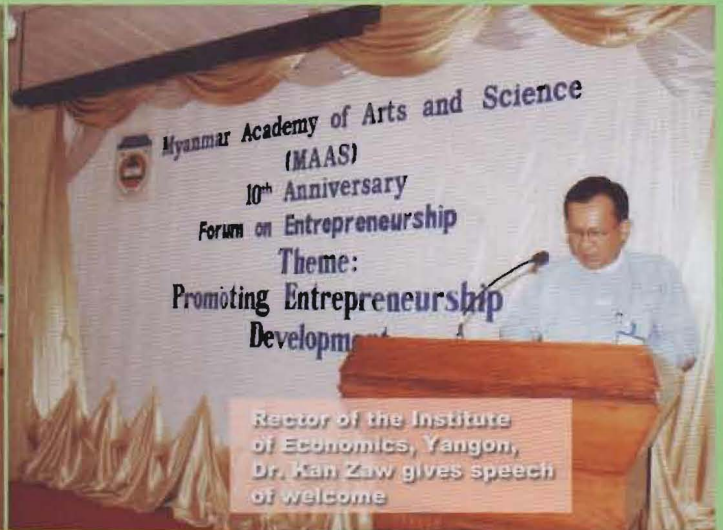
The Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein opened the Fifth Research Conference and awarded the prizes at the closing ceremony.

The research papers are printed and published in journal form after each conference and are distributed widely to universities and colleges across the country and to libraries both at home and abroad.

Highlight of the 10th Anniversary of the MAAS



The Moderator and Panel Members



Rector of the Institute of Economics, Yangon, Dr. Kan Zaw gives speech of welcome



Academic Forum 1/2009 - On Entrepreneurship
Place:
Myanmar-India Entrepreneurship Development Centre,
Hlaing Campus, Yangon Institute of Economics

Date:
24th June 2009

Theme:
Promoting Entrepreneurship Development

Moderator:
Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet

Panelists:
Prof. Daw Yi Yi Myint
Prof. Dr. Daw Khin San Yee
Mr. Vinot Paratkar (India)

Discussants:
U Kyaw Min Tun
Dr. Daw Soe Thu
Dr. Sandar Oo
The younger generation of economists and entrepreneurs, full of vitality and enthusiasm attended the forum.



The Discussants



Floor speakers young and old



Academic Forum 2/2009 - On Language

Place: **National Centre for English Language, University of Yangon Campus**

Date: **8th July 2009**

Theme: **Language for Survival, Sustainability and Success**

Moderator: **Prof. U Thiha**

Panelists:
Daw Phwa Yin
Prof. Daw Khin Lay Myint
Prof. Daw Naw Ju Phaw
Prof. Dr. Lwin Lwin Soe



President U Than Oo gives opening speech



Rector of UFL, Yangon, Dr. Myo Myint welcomes participants



Panel members



Academic Forum 3/2009 – Arts

Theme: **Teaching, Learning and Research for a Better Tomorrow**

Place: **Arts Hall, University of Yangon**

Date: **5th August, 2009**

Moderator: **Prof. U Hla Tun Aung**

Panelists:
Prof. Daw Kyi Kyi Hla
Prof. U Tun Aung Chain
Prof. Dr. Khin Aye
Prof. Dr. Khin Aye Win
Prof. Dr. Tin Aung Aye
Dr. U Thaw Kaung



President U Than Oo gives opening speech



Rector, University of Yangon, Dr. Tin Tun gives welcoming speech



Panel members



Floor speakers



Registration of participants



Floor speakers



Dr. Tin Tun presents mementos to panel members

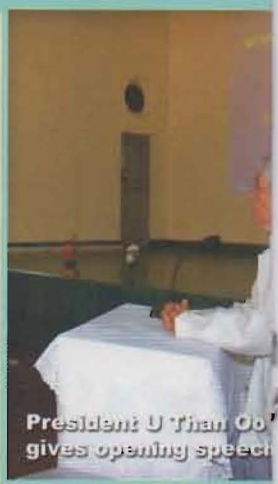


Academic Forum 4/2009 – Science
Theme: **Teaching, Learning and Research for a Better Tomorrow**

Place: **Arts Hall, University of Yangon**
Date: **7th August 2009**

Moderator:
Prof. Dr. Soe Yin

Panelists:
Prof. Dr. Maung Di
Dr. Kyaw Htin
Prof. Dr. Maung Thein
Prof. Dr. Sein Tun
Prof. U Kyaw Myint U
Prof. Dr. Kyaw Thein



President U Than Co gives opening speech



The Moderator and members of the Panel



Dr. Tin Tun presents mementos to panel members



Floor speakers at science forum



Academic Forum 5/2009 - University of Mandalay
 Place: **The Convocation Hall, University of Mandalay**
 Date: **26th September, 2009**
 Theme: **Teaching, Learning and Research for a Better Tomorrow**

Moderator:
Prof. Dr. Thein Myint
 Panelists:
Prof. U Loo Ni
Prof. Dr. Toe Hla
Prof U Win Maung
Prof. U Kyee Myint
Prof. Dr. Mya Oo
Prof. Dr. Khin Maung Aye
Prof. Dr. Myint Thein



Rector Dr. Tin Tun welcomes participants



President U Than Oo opens Mandalay Forum



Rector, University of Mandalay Dr. Mya Aye welcomes participants



The Moderator and members of the Panel, Mandalay



The Packed Convocation Hall



Meetings with Mandalay MAAS Members

President and Vice Presidents meet with coordinators and members of the MAAS in Upper Myanmar.

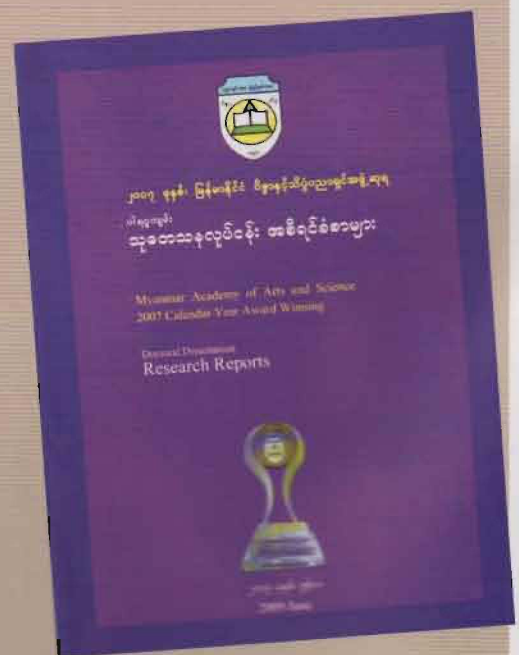


Academy Awards

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. The first MAAS Arts award was won by Dr. Maung Maung Swe for his dissertation and research report on the ancient Pyu Language; the science award by Dr. Thandar Aung for her research in chemistry and in social science by Dr. Soe Than on his study of the teaching of English as a foreign language in Myanmar. A collection of their research reports were published by the MAAS.



The Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Arts Award for the Calendar Year 2007 went to Dr. Maung Maung Oo for his research on the Challenges Encountered in a Teaching-Learning Situation of Non-native Learners and Teachers of EFL/ESL in Myanmar. The award for science went to a zoologist Dr. Khin Than Than Soe for her research on the Predatory Capacity of the Stink Bug *Eocanthona Furcellatta* on Some Cotton Pests. Dr. Naing Naing Maw won the award for social science with her report on the Impact of Family Environment on Early Social skills of Pre-school Children in Myanmar.



Education for All

Educators of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science in collaboration with the Psychology Department of the University of Yangon and officials of the DEPT and DBEs, participated as an independent academic body to review the Education for All (EFA) project which was implemented township wise based on the six goals laid down by The World Education Conference initiated by the United Nations held first at Jontiem, Thailand in 1999-2000, and in the second phase which commenced at Dacca in Senegal at which Myanmar was an active participant. The implementation of the six goals is now in its second phase of 2000 – 2015 and Myanmar has already issued its EFA, Mid-decade Assessment Report.

The Ninth Research Conference

The Ninth Research Conference of the MAAS is to be held from 21st October to 23rd October 2009 at various venues of the University of Yangon and the Institute of Economics, Yangon. The closing ceremony will be held on 26th October 2009 with awards for the best papers in each subject presented at the conference and the highest academic award the Myanmar Arts and Science Academy Award for the best doctoral dissertation and research report in Arts, Science and Social Science for the calendar year 2008. There will be two awards in each field this year.

Executive Committee of the MAAS

No.	Name	Degree	Subject	Duties
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8.				Jt. Sec. (Science)
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13.	Daw Tin Tin Myint (Prof. Retd.)	MA	Oriental Studies	Member
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20.	Dr. Soe Yin (Rector, Ret.)	PhD	Physics	Member
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23.	U Tin Nyo (D.G., D.B.E. No.1, Retd.)	MEd	Education	Member
24.	U Myint Han (D.G., Ret.)	BSc, BEd	Education	Member

Keynote Addresses at MAAS Research Conferences

Eminent scholars in various fields have also delivered keynote addresses each year at the opening ceremony of the MAAS Research Conference.

The addresses covered wide ranging topics in the arts, sciences, humanities, the social sciences and economics: from Education for the Future to the ASEAN Economy; from Industrial Development to the Conservation of Myanmar Palm Leaf Manuscripts; from Globalization and Research to the Compilation of a Myanmar Dictionary to mention just a few.

Bi-monthly Talks - 2009

As part of the ongoing effort of the MAAS to keep alive the scholarly spirit and to encourage further research, regular seminars are held once every two months with a noted scholar in a particular field leading the discussions.

Dr. Maung Di – Carbon Dioxide – Friend or Foe



Dr. Sein Maung – Global Financial Crisis: Search for a New Financial Paradigm



Prof. Dr. Kyi Kyi Thinn Influenza A (H₁N₁)



Prof. Dr. Kyi Kyi Thinn accepts a gift of thanks from U Than Oo after her talk.

U Hla Maung (Ambassador Retd.) – World Finance and the Economic Crisis

Dr. Maung Kyaw – Greenhouse Gases behind Global Warming

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