

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MYANMAR ANNUAL REPORT

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#### 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The National Library of Myanmar (Naypyitaw) has opened on 3 May 2013 at the new building in Naypyitaw, new capital city of Myanmar. About 200,000 volumes of collection have been moved there. Currently, the National Library (Naypyitaw) is opened at the main building as reading space for public. Other two buildings are under construction.

#### 2. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

Recently, the National Library of Myanmar is transferred under the Department of Historical Research and National Library, Ministry of Culture.

#### 3. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES (total)

Printed Books	-	230126
Magazine	-	180986
Journal	-	110435
Newspaper	-	258070
Palm-leaf Manuscript	-	17564
Parabeik (Folded paper book)	-	2057
Kamawa (Religious order)	-	20
Hand writing	-	345
Rare publications	-	6817
Books on Myanmar	-	5530
Thesis	-	2322
Children collection	-	9074
ASEAN publication	-	469
United Nations Collection	-	11554
Special collection	-	19233

**4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS**

Local publications received from the Registration Office are now in National Library (Naypyitaw). For the National Library (Yangon), we buy one copy of each local publication. In addition, as priority, we buy publications written about Myanmar in foreign languages to add the Books on Myanmar Collection. The Library also collects rare publications before 1962, especially gazetteers that mention the administrative functions of government in various departments.

**5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS**

The National Library of Myanmar (Yangon) has extended the period of its Rare Collection to 1965 because the materials are needed to preserve permanently. The materials are already digitized for the users.

**6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS**

The National Library of Myanmar applies hybrid system for its users. Some are not familiar with computer system and prefer to use printed books and publications through card catalogue. For the general public, traditional library system i.e. card catalogues and printed materials. It also applies library automation system that was developed in Myanmar. Catalogues of library collections can be access as online catalogue through our website [www.nlm.gov.mm](http://www.nlm.gov.mm).

**7. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)**

The National Library of Myanmar is undertaking collaboration programmes with academic libraries in Yangon and Mandalay as well as National Archives. The National Library is sharing the resources that are very rare in Myanmar and valuable for researchers with Universities' Central Library (UCL), Yangon University Library (YUL) and Reference Library of Historical Research Department. For example, we borrowed some photos of Myanmar plays books published before 1948, of original books are only at the British Library in London, from the Universities' Central Library were scanned at the National Library. We also share copies of rare periodicals that were published before 1948 to the UCL and YUL for researchers. National Library and Reference Library of Historical Research Department are undertaking a project to collect resources of Myanmar Socialist Program Party (1974-1988).

**8. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND PUBLISHERS IN YOUR COUNTRY/REGION**

The National Library of Myanmar receives one copy of each publication published in Myanmar through Registration Office. Some local publishers provide their publications to the National Library with free of charge. The most providing publisher is "Today Publishing" that publishes monthly magazine for English Language Study and books on various subject field.