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Art

Pen Sketches & Aesthetics of Artist Hla Myint Swe Vol 1
Myanmar: U Kyaw Sann, 2006
91p,; 25 by 38cm
\$ 40.00

History

History of the Shan State from its Origins to 1962 / Sai Aung Tun
Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2009
xx. 655p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789749511435
\$ 46.50

Sai Aung Tun deftly traces the cultural and political history of the Shan people from their origins, to Myanmar independence, and up to the constitutional crisis of 1962. His work highlights particularly the political affairs of the Shan state from 1946 to 1962. He details the Second Pang Long Conference of 1947, which brought about the historic agreement of all the nationalities of Myanmar to work together for independence. He examines the significant role played by the Shan people in the debate on whether Myanmar should adopt a federal system of administration, and their efforts to draft a new constitution. He concludes with an account of the military coup of 1962, which effectively sabotaged the constitutional reform process, a stalemate that still persists today. Unique among Shan histories is the in-depth analysis of the Kuomintang incursion into the Shan States in the early 1950s, with its political, military, and economic consequences.

U Ponnya's Chronicle on Overcoming the Siamese Incursion of 1853 / Taung Goe
Yangon: Pyi Zone Publishing House, 2008
236p,; 22cm
\$ 24.00

U ponnya's official recounting in verse of a victorious campaign mounted by Shan, Burma, Kayn and Kayah warriors against foreign incursion during King Mindon's reign.

Votive Tablets of Myanmar / Htwe Htwe Win
Yangon: Dept. of History University of Yangon Myanmar, 2007
318p,; 29cm

PH.D (Dissertation)
\$ 30.00

History of Shwegyin Nikaya / Mo Mo That
Yangon: Dept of History, 2002
126p,; 29cm
Ph.D. Dissertation
\$ 30.00

The Growth and Development of Medical Research in Myanmar (1886 to 1986) / ung Than Batu
Yangon: Myanmar Academy of Medical Science, 2003
xv. 319p,; 20cm
\$ 25.00

This book is definitive history of medical research in Myanmar-from 1886 onwards through a span of 100 years to 1986; tracing its development during the colonial period, early awakening period after Independence, through the beginning of organized medical research in the 1960's, up to the period of sustained growth and maturity in 1970's and 1980's.

It is factual-describing what happened, when and where; and explanatory-telling how things happened, and sometimes why and why not.

Tah Moe Nye Region, the beauty of Shan State / Taungdwin Bo Thein
Yangon: Daw Myint Myint Tin, 2006
160p,; 18cm
\$ 16.00

Biographical Sketch of the incidents of the Shan State (First Person Account)

Analytical Study on Outstanding Myanmar Women Librarians From 1948 to date / Ma Soe Soe Lin
Yangon : University of Yangon, 2008
1v.
A Research paper submitted to the Department of Library and Information Studies in Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Research
\$ 35.00

Politics

The State in Myanmar / Robert H Taylor
Singapore: NUS Press, National University of Singapore, 2009
xxv. 555p,; 22cm
Includes bibliographical references and index
ISBN-13: 9789971694661
1. Burma – Politics and government
\$ 32.00

The Structure, Legislative Structure and Essence of Future State / Soe Mya Kyaw
Myanmar: (s:n), 2007
141p,; 25cm.

\$ 25.00

Building the Tatmadaw: Myanmar Armed Forces Since 1948 / Maung Aung Myoe

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009

xiv, 254p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789812308481

1. Burma – Tapma'to
2. Burma – Armed Forces
3. Burma – Military policy

\$ 39.90

Ever since Myanmar regained her independence in January 1948, the Tatmadaw (Myanmar Armed Forces) has been crucial in restoring and maintaining law and order. It is one of the most important institutions in Myanmar politics. Various aspects of the Tatmadaw have been studied. The most notable area of study has been the political role of the military. This study looks at the organizational development of the Myanmar armed forces. It analyses four different aspects of the Tatmadaw: military doctrine and strategy, organization and force structure, armament and force modernization, and military training and officer education. It sets out security perceptions and policies, charting developments in each phase against the situation at the time, and also notes the contributions of the leading actors in the process. Since early 1990s, the Tatmadaw has implemented a force modernization programme. This work studies rationales and strategy behind the force modernization programme and examines the military capabilities of the Tatmadaw. Drawing extensively from archival sources and existing literature, this empirically grounded research argues that, while the internal armed security threat to the state continues to play an important role, it is the external security threat that gives more weight to the expansion and modernization of the Tatmadaw since 1988. It also argues that, despite its imperfections, the Tatmadaw has transformed from a force essentially for counter-insurgency operations into a force capable of fighting in limited conventional warfare.

Official Publications

Statistics of Exported Fish & Fishery Products (2004-2005)

Yangon: Department of Fisheries, 2005

85p,; 28cm

\$ 15.00
