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FOREWORD

The Myanmar Statistical Yearbook, 2017 provides an updated compendium of statistics on demographic, socio-economic and environmental aspects of Myanmar to a national and international audience.

The statistics are compiled mainly from administrative records from the relevant Ministries, Departments and private agencies. It also includes data from the 2014 Census and many previous surveys which have been conducted during recent years. It provides a clear picture of the demographic and socio-economic situation in Myanmar in 2016. In addition, the publication provides time series that can be used for observing trends over the years.

The commitment to produce relevant, reliable, quality, timely and accessible official statistics is related to improving the whole National Statistical System. With the intention of making each successive edition better than the previous, we are continuing to invest in human resources and technology including the development of Statistical Units in the line ministries as well as in the States and Regions.

As statistics is the science of learning from data, the current edition has improved its graphics, content and widened its dissemination. A greater attention to graphics and visual elements is paid, while description of methodology and statistical sources, a glossary and an analytical index provide tools to better respond to the information required and supports a greater depth of users needs.

In addition to the printed version, the Yearbook is available on the web page of the Central Statistical Organization site www.csostat.gov.mm and www.mmsis.gov.mm and is accompanied by tables in excel format.

Since we are also trying to improve our Statistics User-Provider relations, the department welcomes comments and suggestions for the improvement of the publication.

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