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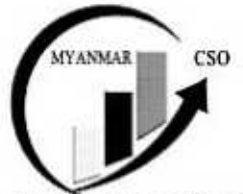
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## FOREWORD

The Myanmar Statistical Yearbook, 2018 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 surveys which have been conducted in recent years. It provides a clear overview picture of the demographic and socio-economic situation in Myanmar in 2017 and 2018. In addition, the publication provides time series which 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 will continue to invest in human resources and technology with deeper specialization both horizontally as well as vertically.

We have tried to improve the publication with better graphics, content and widened its dissemination. Moreover, 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. At the same time, we are planning to promote statistics literacy and transforming data culture in Myanmar. We started to organize the Myanmar Statistics Forum 2018 with the intension of promoting user-provider relations and engaging with all the stakeholders.

In addition to the printed version, the Yearbook is available with soft copy in the CD and uploaded on the web page of the Central Statistical Organization site [www.csostat.gov.mm](http://www.csostat.gov.mm) and [www.mmsis.gov.mm](http://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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