

Preface

Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II are articles about 27 Burmese personages written by me and published in various journals, magazines and newspapers in a few countries between the years 1999 and 2023. A few of the articles are indeed glimpses in that they are relatively brief and they comment on a book, a few poems and a few articles these personages had written. In various Chapters I discussed four cases decided by the then acting Chief Justice U E Maung, the 3rd Chief Justice of independent Burma U Myint Thein and 5th Chief Justice Dr Maung Maung. Some profiles are more substantial discussions of the work and contributions of these personages whose years of birth range from the mid-18th century to the mid-20th century. Of the 27 personages discussed here, there are more than one article for eight personages. The arrangements of the personages are in rough chronological order based mainly on the years they were born. In discussing about the work of a few Myanmar personages brief comparisons or juxtapositions are made with non-Burmese personages and their names are mentioned together with the names of local personages in the Contents and opening pages.

In some of the articles here I have expanded on previously published articles. A few are reproduced as it was published without any revisions. In order to provide the context in which they were written, I have, in a few of my articles, provided the forum in which they were published and the year of publication.

I would like to state that although glimpses of the personages discussed in this book namely U Myint Thein, Saya Zaw Gyi, U Thant, Saya Minthuwan, Ludu Daw Amar were mentioned in my previous book *Profiles of Myanmar Personages*, published in late 2022 they are not repro-

ductions of my articles in *Profiles of Myanmar Personages*. They are new articles which was not published in my earlier book and they commented on the lives, contributions and work of the five personages mentioned above from a somewhat different perspective as discussed in my earlier compilation though inevitably there may be some overlaps. Inasmuch as 'glimpses' of 22 additional Myanmar Personages are discussed here I have given the title of the book *Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II*.

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