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Foreword by the Author

In my college days, the novel entitled, "Thukyun Makhon Byi i.e. We'll never let ourselves be enslaved" by Tetkatho Bone Naing and the one entitled, "Sarsodaw i.e. The Great Author" by Dagon Khin Khin Lay were quite famous among our collegians. These two books had so fascinated us that we had formed the habit of reading books on history or those with a vivid historical background. Our interest, particularly my interest, had been in the history of the ancient city of Bagan. While paying homage to pagodas, cetis and temples, I have always been attracted by the history of how Bagan has prospered, its citizens being able to enjoy peace and prosperity. The books on Bagan History, however, are found to be lacking of mentioning skills of successful Bagan monarchs. This has led me to conducting a presentation at Chatrium Hotel in 2011. My presentation had won me big applause by the educated audience young and old. I was encouraged so far as to volunteer another talk show. This time I made my presentation over Shwe FM Radio Program part by part beginning from King Anawratha to King Thibaw. In fact, this series was just an extension of Chatrium talk show. The series is entitled "The Role Model Heroes". In 2012 when Ko Phyo Wai, the executive editor of B2B Magazine, asked me to contribute articles, I started to write a series entitled "The Leadership Skills of Myanmar Kings." This series reminded me of the saying "One hundred spoken words equal one written word." When I made the presentation at Chatrium, I did not need many a reference. But when I started to write, I needed many books to read for reference. In fact, I am not a historian. I made this attempt just because I wanted to point out proudly that the leadership skills of our Myanmar monarchs was quite comparable to that of the world famous leaders about whom contemporary authors like John C Maxwell, Jim Rohn, Blanchard and Steven Covey have written. Should there be any fallacies and discrepancies concerning my findings, it is me who deserve the blame, not the authors I have made reference to.

This book is a collection of 19 articles monthly published by B2B magazine. The first episode deals with King Anawratha, who

founded the First Proper Myanmar Kingdom or the First Myanmar Propre whereas the final episode is about a patriotic king known as Mingyi Yan Naung.

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I have started to write articles in B2B magazine about the leadership skills of our Myanmar monarchs belonging to the period of the second Proper Myanmar Kingdom or the second Myanmar Propre, starting from King Mingyinyo, the father of King Tabinshwehtee. Upon completion of this second series, I will continue to write about the leadership skills of Myanmar monarchs in the Third Myanmar Propre. I would be complacent with my effort to discuss the leadership skills of ancient Myanmar monarchs if I can quench the younger generation's thirst for knowledge on Myanmar history in the light of leadership and management skills and if I can inspire their patriotism and nationalistic pride.

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