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## Forwards

The author has taken great interest in the city plan of Rangoon Yangon since his boyhood days. In October 1958 when General Ne Win took political power from Prime Minister U Nu Clean AFPFL Government, Rangoon Municipality Commissioner Mayer Colonel Tun Sein removed squatters from various parts of the city and settled them in North Okkalarpa, South Okkalarpa and Tharketa. Since then the city had been clean and tidy for a certain period. As the population of the city has been increasing year by year, it has become dirty with rubbish again.

In those days the author was determined to write articles about the situation of Rangoon, ie. city hall, cinema halls, garden, independent monument and many other. In 1990 his imagination materialised, and he began to write and contribute many articles of account of the part in the city of Rangoon to the "City Magazine" (Myolaw Magazine) published monthly by the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). In 1994 he published his collection of articles

which had appeared in the "City Magazine" for about twelve months on a book entitled "Account of the Past in the city and its suburbs" (Myodaw Takhwin Ahtate Phitsin).

In 2013 the author published his book again as the second edition with many corrections and addition. Readers have taken interest in his newly edited book as it contributes appreciably to the Yangon Heritage Trust.

The author has translated some of his interested articles in Myanmar Language into English version. The editors have published the authors' English translated articles in their Traveller Weekly Journal on every Monday.

As the author has a strong desire of letting the foreigners like diplomats, members of the UN organisation, Tourists and globe trotters know the accounts of the past in the city of Yangon, he collected his articles, and publish them as a book entitled "Interesting Places of the Past in Rangoon".

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