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**Foreword by His Excellency
Former President U Htin Kyaw**



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When I had the chance to read the draft of 'Myanmar Postage Stamps', I was filled with joyfulness. It can be said these stamps depict the history of the country.

This book benefits for not only philatelists but also for history researchers as a reliable reference book.

The author of this complete and systematic book U Kyaw Myint Maung and the publisher Tah Moe Hnye U Thiha Lwin and postal staff who assisted them should be thanked. It is an honour and a delight.

I welcome heartily the 'Myanmar Postage Stamps' book which will be published soon.

U Htin Kyaw
Former President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Foreword by U Kham Aung
Managing Director of Myanmar Post

I have served Myanmar Post for 30 years. Throughout my service, I was in charge of various stages of stamp issues from start to end, including printing and issue, distribution in time for sale, etc. I know best what efforts I have to make to issue a stamp. Sometimes things go smoothly but there are times when my colleagues and I, and sometimes even of my friends, have to join hands and wait anxiously for the stamps to be issued in time.

On the first day of the stamp sale, we have to wait and see with bated breath how much income the sale is bringing in and how much more revenue we can contribute to national income. The gratification I feel is like seeing a flower bloom from a plant I have nurtured. I am thankful too to stamp-collecting hobbyists and philatelists. I must admit I am not a stamp-collector. Stamp-collecting is not a hobby one can pursue with inadequate knowledge.

I even made some changes according to suggestions given by enthusiastic philatelists. Of the philatelists, the publisher of this book U Thiha Lwin has made an effort to put on record all Myanmar postage stamps and his effort will benefit not only philatelists but also as an archive for Myanmar postal service.



This book records postage stamps issued since the time Myanmar didn't have a separate postal service, up to a time length of 100 years throughout Myanmar postal history, also reflecting the country's history. It will serve as a knowledge bank and a reference book for those who wish to study Myanmar postage stamps.

This book will assist new generations to take up the habit of stamp-collecting hobby and use their time sequentially. I acknowledge with confidence the book will become an archive benefiting the country. It is like the appearance of a Myanmar postal services flowery garden.

I sincerely hope for Myanmar postal service to try to issue more interesting postage stamps and also keep on producing good books like this.

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