

In studying through making research, it is found that with regard to way of naming the villages, most of villages have no literary records. Therefore, we had to study through making interviews with the elderly persons, the Buddhist monks and the village chairmen. We had to record only the words orally said by the ancestors. This monograph reveals way of naming villages with various facts and meanings.

In this monograph, we wish to study and present the names of villages where the students attending and learning knowledge in Myingyan Degree College reside. Due to the difficulties to go and study within a time frame, only the facts about villages at the surroundings of Myingyan Degree College easy for going are studied and presented.

### **Village Is**

With regard to the term " kyei'ywar " (village)

Myanmar Dictionary defines its meaning is follows;

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| kyei' / na | - | residential place with the exception of town within the district  |
| ywar /na   | - | 1. group of rural houses where many people live together  |
|            |   | 2. realm where hunam being, devas ( celestial being s) and Brahmas (beings superior to man and nats inhabiting the higher celestial regions reside. |

Therefore one can understand that the group of rural houses not including within the district and township, where many people live together is called and specified as " kyei'ywar" (village).

The Union of the Republic of Myanmar is a country which give emphasis on agriculture. The persons who carry out agricultural works without avoiding heat of the sun and rain basing upon a large number of sweat drops are the rural peoples. The villages of cultivators who have ability and play a major role in the agriculture of the country are ones which deserve to be cherished, respected and valued.

Originally, the names are not given to those small villages. When the small villages came to increase one after another, the village names were designated so as to make difference of one village and another visible distinctly, with reference to the name of the extraordinary tree existing at the surroundings of their village, marking the location and position of their village, and glorifying the background history of their village. Through the village names designated with various facts and meanings, one can study and know the belief, conviction, mentality and custom and mature of Myanmar rural people.

### **Designating the Names of Villages**

#### **Way of existing at Surroundings of Myanmar Degree College**

When studying the villages at the surroundings of Myingyan Degree College ,one can see that they are the villages from Myingyan Township and Taungthar Township. Therefore , it is studied and presented in this mongyan the naming of villages in two Townships of Myingyan and Tounthar.

1. Myanmar Abidan (Myanmar Dictionary) 2008 (second printing), p.25

2. ibid, p.319