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The Progress in the Development of Myanmar Citation Index (MnCI) Centre

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INTRODUCTION

The Report on the Experiences of 2nd And 3rd ACI Meeting to Ministry of Education

- attended both for 2nd and 3rd ACI Steering Committee Meeting held in Phuket and Bangkok in 2014 and 2015.
- reported to MoE
 - the experiences of the meeting and meeting minutes,
 - it is necessary to establish a Myanmar National Citation Index (MnCI) centre.
- In order to develop MnCI
 - presented papers at Myanmar Professors and Rectors' Conferences (2015 and 2016)

The paper presented at the Myanmar Professors and Rectors' Conference in 2015

- introduced how to develop TCI and ACI**
- why NCI databases and ACI database are required**
- immediate benefits of ACI**
- the linkages of ACI and Other databases**
- the result of 2nd ACI Steering Committee Meeting**
- why MnCI is required**
- how to develop MnCI**

The paper presented at Myanmar Professors and Rectors' Conference in 2016

- Modernized Universities emphasize the research above the teaching**
- The Universities in Myanmar could not avoid doing research, too**
- But some university teachers assume that teaching is their job, doing research is not their business**
- they are reluctant to conduct research because there were administrative constraints of the government on doing research in the past**

The paper presented at Myanmar Professors and Rectors' Conferences in 2016 Cont'd

- A prominent research association named Burmese Research Society (BRS) (1910-1980)
- BRS was cancelled by Socialist Programme Government assuming that papers published by the BRS affect the government policy
- It is necessary to encourage university teachers to do research
- At present, most of universities in Myanmar have published research journals but they are weak and peer-review processes
- Necessary to consider the frequency of paper publication as criterion for performance-based promotion for the university teachers
- Necessary to develop MnCI to collect the research paper published in Myanmar.

The Current Progress in the Development of the MnCI

The result of the paper presentation

- many participants discussed and agreed to develop the MnCI
- nobody could decide where to establish this center, how to set up the organization, financial support, and so on
- MoE and DHE seemed to be busy with other issues priority to do reforms in Higher Education Sector in Myanmar

The Current Progress in the Development of the MnCI

- the benefit of these paper presentation: we provided the participants of conference the awareness of the importance in development of MnCI but the progress is still slow**
- despite the above fact, two journals from Myanmar have been submitted to ACI to be evaluated**
 - (1) The Journal of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science**
 - (2) The Myanmar Medical Research Journal**

Future Plan

The ACI : be sustainable

The MnCI : be established

- **We will cooperate with other ASEAN member countries**

In order to conduct quality research increasingly and to publish quality scholarly journals

- **We will held the editor's conference and encourage to publish quality scholarly local or international journals**

Before establishing the MnCI

- **We will encourage the journal editors to submit their journals to ACI**

THANK YOU!