

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PEGU (BAGO)

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation deals with the economic development of Bago Division. Bago Division being situated in Lower Myanmar has favourable condition for economic development. The chief agriculture of Bago Division is rice. In addition to rice, oil seed crops were grown in Bago Division. The common oil seed crops were groundnut, sesamum, sun flower and others. Among them the groundnut is most prominent and most grown in large quantity. Miscellaneous vegetables were also grown in Bago Division. Next to agriculture the second most F.E (Foreign Exchange) earning enterprise is timber. There were 5905539 acres of forest land in Bago Division with 3318187 acres of special reserved forest. Timber and hardwood were grown in reserved forest of Bago Division. Bago Division is a division in Myanmar that has not only timber but also other natural resources and forest products. Bago Division earn the most income from timber extraction. Industries also developed in Bago Division. Bago Division had the most factories and industries. Most of the factories were rice mills, saw mills and sugar mill. These mills were owned by state, cooperative and private. From agriculture, teak and other industries Bago Division earned incomes. Although there was no peace and order in the initial years of independent Myanmar the economic development in Bago Division contributed to the development of Myanmar.

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