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ABSTRACT

Before Taunggyi was established, there were Mon Chè, Hum Bwa, Oo See, Twan Tee and Kho Che villages at the surrounding areas of that place. These villages were under the administration of Nyaungshwe Sawbwas. After the British had occupied the Shan State, the office that was vital for administration and military was set up at Fort Stedman in Maing Thauk. Taunggyi had been established according to the characteristics of a town since 1892. The important department of administration and military from Fort Stedman had shifted to Taunggyi in 1894. From that time onward, the offices of the British Deputy commissioner and Assistant Commissioner came to reside in Taunggyi. The first Deputy Commissioner was A.H. Hildebrand. After Taunggyi was marked as the Notified Area in 1904, the local administration of the Township was carried out separately and was put under the direct administration of the British. The administration office of Shan State was also opened in Taunggyi during the Japanese occupation. The Mayors were appointed as a change in the administrative pattern. After the Second World War, when the British reoccupied the Shan States, Frontier Area Administration Department was opened at Taunggyi. The first Director of Frontier Area Administration was Mr. Stevenson and stationed his office at Taunggyi. The status of economy was rural economy before the establishment of Taunggyi but it had developed when the township had been founded. In order to fulfill the requirements of rations for the British troops and food for the increased population, the trade and commerce had developed. It had been the centre of trade because of being a place where the bullock-cart merchants had stationed. During the Japanese occupation economic of

Taunggyi had declined and faced with economic crisis, inflation and scarcity of commodities. The socio- economic conditions of Taunggyi had returned to prewar conditions when the British reoccupied it after the Second World War.

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