

**HISTORY OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN
RANGOON (YANGON)
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ABSTRACT

Historical buildings exist in every country. They are preserved as the historical heritage of the country. Likewise in Myanmar, there exist many historical buildings which are preserved from generation to generation. Yangon became an important port city under King Alaungpaya. After the country fell under the British rule, Yangon continued to gain prominence as the headquarters of the colonialist government. Administration, social and education buildings were built under the British rule. It was in these places that administration, social and education affairs were implemented. At the same time these buildings built by the colonialist served as places for the Myanmar in their struggle and efforts to free the country from the yoke of colonialism. The colonial buildings thus played a significant role in the efforts for Myanmar independence. It could thus be regarded as a bounded national duty for all Myanmar to preserve and protect these places and buildings of historical interest and significance. This dissertation has been submitted with the objective of generating a better understanding of the invaluable assets of the nation which the historical buildings and sites provide and to foster and enhance the spirit of nationalism and patriotism for the present as well as the future generations of Myanmar.

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