

SOCIO-ECONOMY OF PAKOKKU DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation deals with Socio-Economy of Pakokku District. Pakokku is included in Magway Division, Upper Myanmar. It is also the region where Anyathians who appeared between sixty and fifteen million years ago, produced stone tools or settled down. Thus, it is not only an important historical place but also as an economic gate-way to the towns on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River. The economy of Pakokku District depends entirely on agriculture. As regards industry, only small-scale domestic industrial businesses were undertaken before gaining of independence. Only after independence many mills and factories were constructed. Moreover, it produces a large amount of tobacco and cotton which are industrial raw materials. During the period under survey installations of modern communication systems, building of new car-roads and rail-roads had to thriving of commercial activities. Regarding social conditions of Pakokku District, it is a district inhabited unitedly by various national races. Absence of followers of other beliefs except Buddhism is one of distinctive points of Pakokku Township. Moreover, Pakokku is a region where *Theravāda* Buddhism flourish. Regarding the education of Pakokku District more Basic State Schools, many Post-primary Schools and Pakokku Education College were opened. In the Higher Education Section also Pakokku Regional College was opened. Now it has been upgraded to Pakokku University, Pakokku Government Technical Institute was upgraded to Pakokku Government Technical College. Pakokku District has also Computer College. Similarly, in the health sector hospital and clinical center were increased. Thus outbreak of disease in the district decreased from year to year. It is found that Pakokku is a big town which becomes religiously, historically and culturally important city.

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