

CHIN SPECIAL DIVISION (1948-1974)

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation is a study of how Chin Special Division was emerged and it is an attempt to examine social and economic conditions of Chin Special Division. Chin Special Division was emerged by amalgamating Chin Hill District and Northern Rakhine District after independence of Myanmar. During the colonial period, the social and economic conditions of Chin Hill District were underdeveloped and the state of communication was poor. Chin people were naturally animists and ancestral worshippers. In colonial period, most Chin people were converted to Christianity and Buddhism as a result of missionary activities of these religions. According to their belief, the way of life and traditions and customs of Chin people have been changed to some extent. There are many sub-tribes of Chin people and their language is slightly different based on tribes. Since Chin people do not have common language, they use Myanmar language as a medium language to communicate among these tribes. Chin people are essentially hill-side cultivators and other business is hardly found that the development of Chin Hill's economy is very slow. For the socio-economic development of Chin Hill's, it is important to improve educational standard in order to create reasonable educated society in the region, along with ensuring unity.

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