

# **HISTORY OF PAUNG TOWNSHIP (1972-2010)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This dissertation delves into the historical development of Paung Township from 1972 to 2010, by exploring facets such as administration, economy, and social development. Paung Township is located in Thaton District, Mon State. It existed as a large village before the colonial period and in 1865 the British government designated it as a city. After independence of Myanmar, Paung Township was part of Tanintharyi Division. When a new administration system was implemented in Myanmar in 1972, Mon State was created out of portions of Tanintharyi Division and Bago Division. Since that time, Paung Township became a township-level administrative unit in Mon State. This township consists of four wards and fifty village tracts. The main economy of Paung Township is agriculture. Additionally, the rubber industry, salt industry, and paving stone industry also play a major role in the township's economic development. Although most of the population in Paung Township are Bamar and Mon, they follow the Mon tradition and culture. The aim of this dissertation is to discuss the changes in administration, rural development, agriculture, livestock, and industry, as well as tradition and custom of the township, advancements in education, and the development of the health sector after 1972. The initiatives in comprehensive renovation of Paung Township are also presented in this dissertation.

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