

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
STANDARD OF LIVING IN PYAPON TOWN
(1990-2006)**

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ABSTRACT

Pyapon Town is located in Pyapon Township, southeastern part of Ayeyarwady Division. Being part of the deltaic area, physiographic feature of the whole area is advantageous for cultivation of paddy and favorable for fishing industry. This dissertation emphasizes on the economic development processes of Pyapon Town (1990-2006). The spatial distribution pattern and temporal changes on economic activities are analyzed by using appropriate data analysis methods. The market-oriented economic system greatly effect on economic changes. The changes lead to the improvement of the primary sector as well as the secondary and tertiary sectors. By 1990s, industries and services associated with agriculture and fishery sectors developed appreciable in Pyapon Town. In addition, infrastructures are improved, thus enhancing the social development. This study is an analysis of the economic development and social condition of Pyapon Town. Qualitative and quantitative methods are used to express the socio- economic development of Pyapon Town. Primary data are obtained from field surveys, informal interviews, and structure interview. Secondary data are collected from the offices and departments concerned. Detailed information are obtained from local authorities by open interviews. This study has emphasized on temporal and spatial changes of socio-economic conditions.

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