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KYAYKATAW VILLAGE, THANDAUNG TOWNSHIP, KAYIN STATE.**

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Abstract

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In the Union of Myanmar, the Kayan nationals have settled in Loikaw and Demosoe townships in Kayah State, Pinlaung township, Phekhon township and Sesaing township in Shan State, Pyinmana township in Mandalay Division Thandaung Township in Kayin State. From among those regions the research intends to focus on the socio-economic life of the Kayan ethnic group of Kyaykataw village of Thandaung township, Kayin State.

This research thesis on the Kayan (Ghekho) nationals of Kyaykataw village, Thandaung township will be from the cultural anthropological point of view. This anthropological research was able to put on record for posterity the gradually vanishing traditional customs and beliefs of the Kayan (Ghekho) nationals of Myanmar.

The research thesis records the culture of a people especially the “do’s and don’ts”, i.e their taboos and their beliefs. Since there are so many ethnic groups in Myanmar, exchange of cultures among them could result in a better understanding of each other and a stronger unity of nationals of Myanmar. It could also make suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the Kayan (Ghekho) nationals’ life in their social, economic, education and health sectors, to the respective associations for greater aid.