## A STUDY ON THE TA MOAK TEMPLE IN KYAUKSE DISTRICT, MANDALAY REGION

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#### ABSTRACT

Ta Moak Temple is located about six miles to the west of Kyaukse Township in Mandaly Region in Upper Myanmar. Ta Moak Temple was encased in a big stupa. Ta Moak Temple is two-stored temple. It is a Gu-Pyauk temple type with stucco works from the base to the sikhara or square tower. There are two stone inscriptions in front of the temple. The first one is totally ruined. The second one is 11 lines of inscription giving social datas. The peculiar architectural characteristic of Ta Moak Temple should be examining. Visual art was decorated the Ta Moak temple such as stucco works and stucco statues. This dissertation is expected to know the technique that one storeyed temple rebuilt to make two – storeyed temple. Another one is the most significant fact for the Bagan pagodas. Some of the decorative works suffer damage due to rain, wind, earthquake and vandalism. Therefore the study of Ta Moak Temple will be provided the remaining of Bagan stucco works in "where and what type of decorative stucco works in the Bagan pagodas," which that of can be seen Ta Moak Temple.