

**STUDY OF THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND
PRACTICES OF KAYIN NATIONALS
LIVING IN KYEE MYIN DAING AND AHLONE
TOWNSHIPS, YANGON REGION
FROM ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE**

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ABSTRACT

The title of this thesis is "The study of Religious Beliefs, and Practices an Kayin National Living in Kyee Myin Daing and Ahlone Townships, Yangon Region". The religious beliefs and practices in terms religious rituals, festivals and ceremonies of target community have been duly studied from the cultural and especially religious anthropological point of view in some details. The main aim of the study is to explore social and religious life of Kayin National living in Kyee Myin Daing and Ahlone Townships in Yangon Region. The ethnographic, qualitative research method was used by means of Individual Interviews, Key Informant Interviews (KII), and Direct Observation (DO). The study has be culminated with desk review from cultural anthropological point of view based on quantitative data and qualitative information gathered. Descriptive study design has been mainly used for report documentation on the strength of these information and data gathered. The thesis report includes eight chapters altogether. The crux of findings of the study (i.e. the result of the study) is that each religious is performing most of its own rituals, festivals and ceremonies in the manner mostly mutually open participation of each group's such religious practices. For such a long period of time, their co-location in the same place and peaceful and harmonious co-existence and relationships brought about harmonious unity of the community of the two religiously different groups in their diversity. The investigator has suggested that this community unity development model observed in the study could be an educative guide for the whole national reconciliation and unity model may be partially at best.

Keywords: religions: religious belief, practice, ritual, ceremony,
festival: spiritualism, christianity, buddhism, etc.