



Press Release

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YHT hosts Canadian FM's visit to historic downtown Yangon

YANGON: The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today, visited the historic downtown of Yangon including the office of Yangon Heritage Trust on the first day of his visit to Myanmar.

The Minister took a tour inside the former Secretariat and its compound, visited a renovation project site on the Merchant street and walked down Pansodan street as part of his visit.

Mr Dion met with Yangon Heritage Trust Founder and Chairman Dr Thant Myint-U and at the Secretariat and while walking, they discussed Yangon's history and cultural diversity, and current efforts at urban planning and heritage preservation.

Discussion continued over recent developments in Myanmar at YHT's offices on Pansodan Road.

Dr Thant Myint-U said that he hopes Canada would be a strong supporter of YHT's mission to make Yangon one of the Asia's most liveable cities through proper urban planning and conservation of its built and cultural heritage.

"Canada is a natural friend of Myanmar and we have a shared history. I hope the Minister's visit will be the start of even closer relations between our two countries," he said.

The government of Canada funded the joint project of the Turquoise Mountain Foundation and Yangon Heritage Trust to renovate a heritage building on the Merchant Road.

Yangon Heritage Trust

Yangon Heritage Trust is an independent centre of excellence working to promote and integrate Yangon's unique urban heritage into a 21st century vision of Yangon as one of Asia's most liveable cities. Yangon Heritage Trust advocates for heritage protection, develops clear and sustainable policy options, engages with government, business and civil society, communicates its ideas to the widest possible audience, undertakes specific conservation projects, and facilitates research and training.

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