



Press Release

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YHT launches an exhibition on Yangon's history

YANGON: Yangon Heritage Trust launched an exhibition on Yangon's cosmopolitan past and present, today, on December 12, 2014.

The exhibition titled "Global City: Yangon's Past, Present and Future" showcases more than 120 photographs which reveal Yangon as the centre of the key events in the history of Myanmar and reflects the Trust's mission to conserve this city's rich cultural heritage and its vision for Yangon as one of the most livable and vibrant cities in Asia.

The objectives of the exhibition are to raise awareness and enhance the understanding of both local residents and international visitors of the unique nature of the urban heritage of Yangon and its importance as a significant part of Myanmar's history, to explore the rich history of the city of Yangon by exhibiting rare and unusual photos accompanied by historical facts, anecdotes and stories not generally known, to make accessible to the public (national/international) images which are rarely shown and to gain insight into the stories of local residents and their vision of the future of Yangon.

YHT's founder and Chairman Dr Thant Myint-U stated that this exhibition will play a part in recovering, remembering and celebrating the amazing history of this great city by reflecting on its heritage, threats to its heritage and imagining its future.

"I'm delighted that the Yangon Heritage Trust has organised this exhibition, with the kind sponsorship of *Prudential*, and welcome you to enjoy the photographs on display, reflect on the city's cosmopolitan past and present, and think about the great metropolis Yangon can become," he said.

Prudential is a United Kingdom based life insurer which opened their representative office in 2013.

The exhibition will be open to public every day from 9.00am until 5.00pm from December 13 this year until the end of March, 2015 at the YHT office in the lower block of Pansodan road.

Yangon Heritage Trust

Established in 2012, the Yangon Heritage Trust promotes the proper conservation of Yangon's rich urban heritage within a cohesive planning process. It believes that good integration of conservation and development can make Yangon into one of Asia's most beautiful and liveable cities. The Trust assists in the conservation of urban heritage places, advocates for sustainable and sympathetic development within the historic city, advises on the adoption of planning policies and manages a range of training, public outreach and advocacy programs.

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