



Press Release

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Blue Plaque installed at General Post Office

YANGON: A commemorative blue plaque was installed at the Yangon's General Post Office on the Strand road today.

This is the fifth plaque of Yangon following the City Hall, AYA Bank (former Rowe & Co Department Store), Armenian Church and Central Fire Station.

Located at the corner of Bo Aung Kyaw Street and the Strand road, the General Post Office is one of the listed heritage buildings compiled by Yangon City Development Committee. It is also one of the finest examples of architectural heritage and an attraction for international visitors by its rows of Lancet-arched windows, the beaux-arts portico and double-winged stairways in the foyer.

The Founder and Chairman of Yangon Heritage Trust, Dr Thant Myint-U, said that "The old Post Office was a symbol of Yangon and Myanmar's connection to the outside world, the place where people came to send and receive information from every corner of the globe. I hope it will soon see a new incarnation, perhaps a new function linked to today's digital age."

The postal service in Yangon started as a small-scale enterprise in 1854. The original post office was at the corner of Strand Road and 32nd Street, where the Six-storey Office Complex is currently located. The building was badly damaged during 1930 earthquake. Then the British government bought current premises together with the adjoining plot behind it to convert into a new General Post Office in 1936.

The commemorative Blue Plaque stands as part of Yangon Heritage Trust's efforts to highlight historical buildings and renowned residents who contributed to the narrative of the city. Yangon Heritage Trust believes that the introduction of commemorative Blue Plaques will make Yangon's history accessible to people of all age and backgrounds.

Royal Philips agreed to contribute US\$ 75,000 for the Yangon Blue Plaques initiative. Aside from the highlighting key cultural heritage locations, the contribution will also support the research and curation of historical sites, and creation and installation of Blue Plaques that will share the historical relevance and background of notable people and places across the city.

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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