

Regional Seminar on Student Mobility in Southeast Asia

Myanmar Experience

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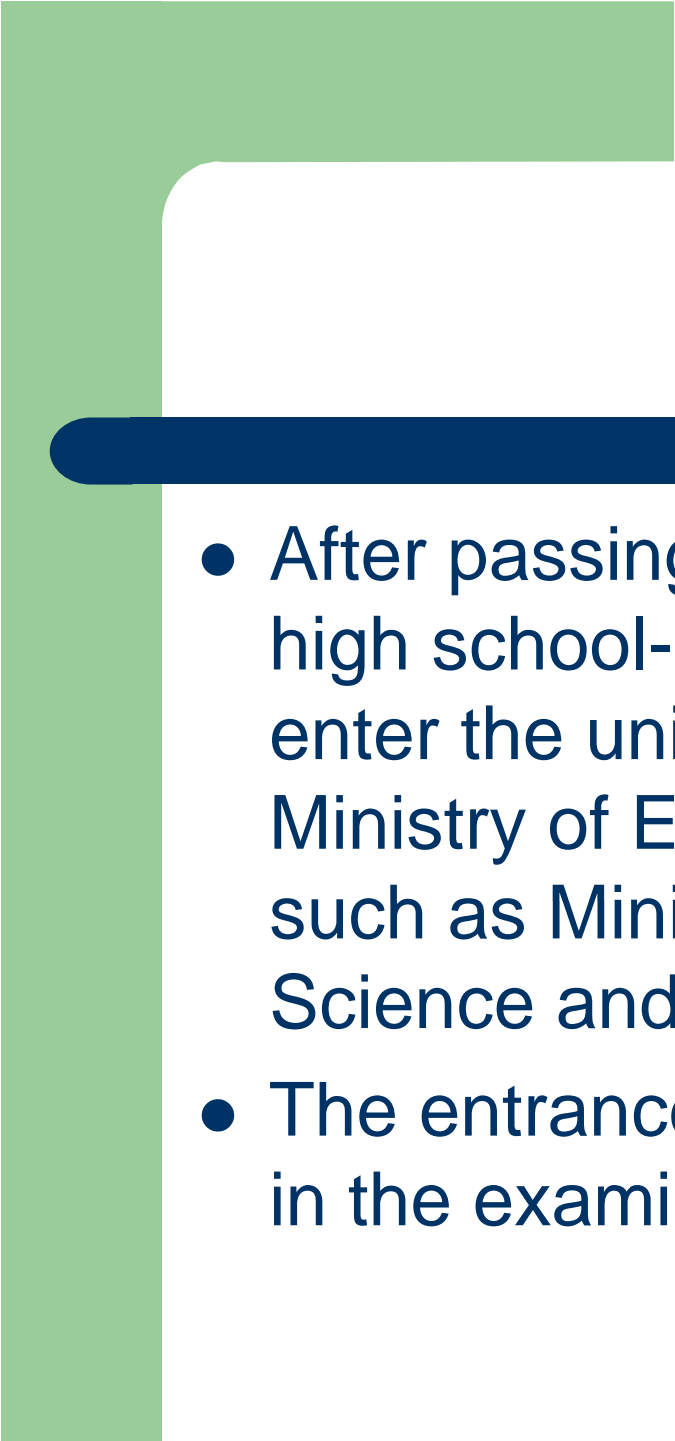

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Ministry of Education in Myanmar

- Department of Higher Education
 - Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar)
 - Department of Higher Education (Upper Myanmar)
- Department of Basic Education
 - No.1. DBE
 - No.2. DBE
 - No.3. DBE

Basic Education System

Level		No. of Years	Age	Grade
Primary	Lower	3	5 to 7	1 to 3
	Upper	2	8 to 9	4 to 5
Secondary	Lower	4	10 to 13	6 to 9
	Upper	2	14 to 15	10 to 11

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- After passing Matriculation (basic education high school-grade 11) students can apply to enter the universities and colleges under Ministry of Education and other ministries such as Ministry of Health, Ministry of Science and Technology etc.
 - The entrance is based on the marks obtained in the examination.

Higher Education Sub-Sector



- 158 higher education institutions in Myanmar
- 64 under the Ministry of Education
- 94 under other 11 ministries and the Public Services and Training Board
- All are state-financed.
- All 158 higher education institutions specialized in various fields such as arts and science, law, economics and business education, teacher education, foreign languages, engineering, computer studies, maritime studies, defence, agriculture, forestry, medicine, nursing, veterinary science and culture and fine arts etc.
- Offer- undergraduate, postgraduate diploma, master's degree programmes and doctorate programmes
- Centres for Human Resource Development offer re-education and retraining human resource development programmes

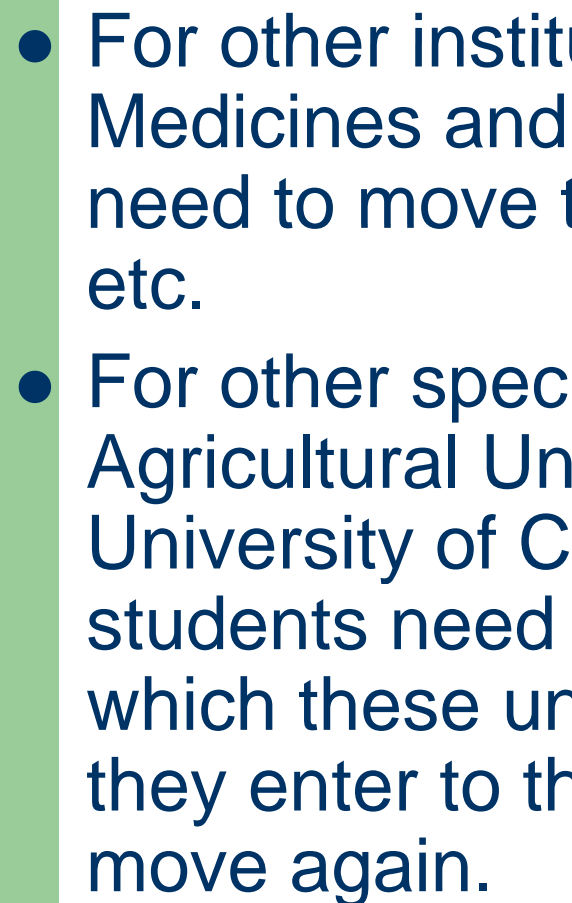

Types and number of programmes offered by higher education institutions

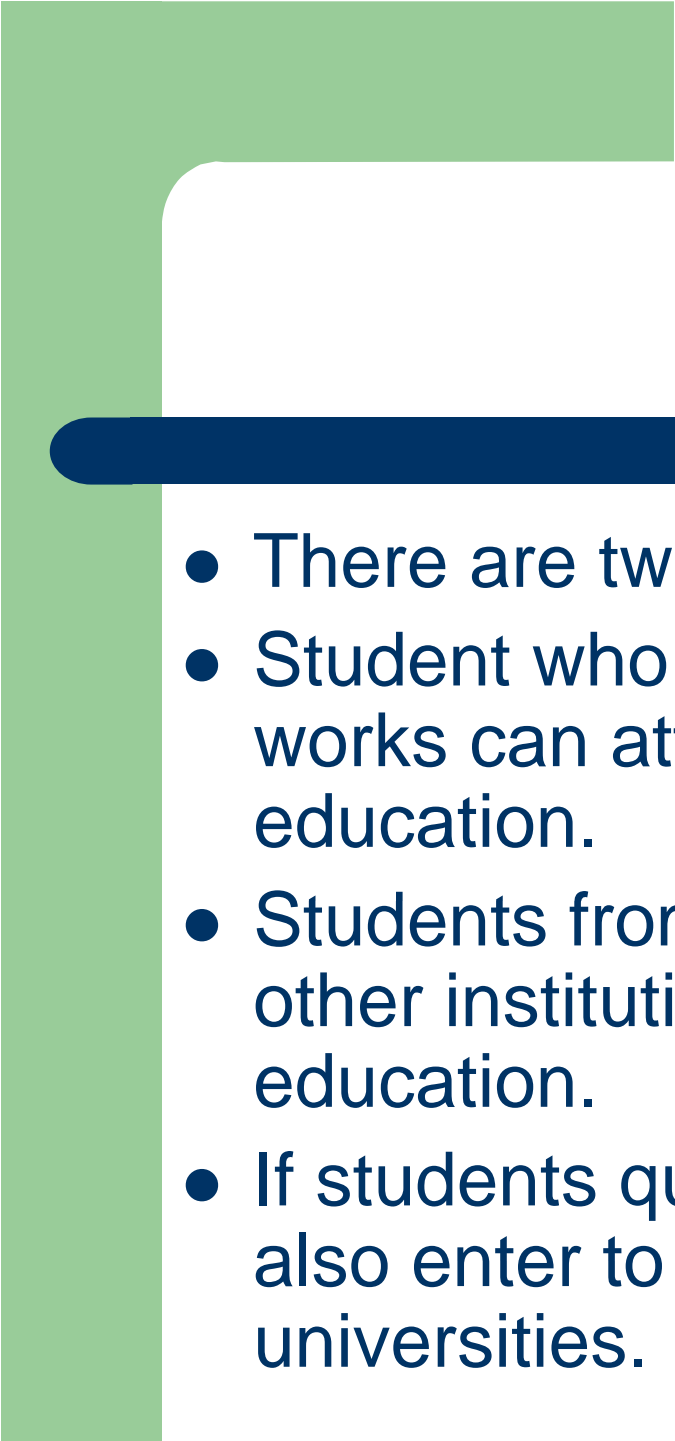

Type of programme	No. of courses
First degree	57
Hounours degree	34
Diploma	22
Master's degree	46
M. Res	29
PhD	27
HRD Programme	193

Distribution of Universities and colleges

- Except Medical Universities which are located in Yangon, Mandalay and Magway, there are several universities and colleges in 7 states and 7 divisions of the Union of Myanmar.
- In every states and divisions there are arts and science universities, education colleges, technological colleges and computer colleges.
- Therefore, students can attend these universities and colleges within their regions.
- It gives more opportunity to access higher education and less move to other regions outside their living places.

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- In every universities and colleges under Ministry of Education, there are e-Education Learning Centre, e-Education Resource Centre, Computer Training Centre, Multimedia Lecture Room, Conference Room, Language Lab and e-Library.
 - Therefore, there is equal access to higher education for every students under Ministry of Education.

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- For other institutions such as University of Medicines and Technological University students need to move to Yangon, Mandalay and Magway etc.
 - For other specialized universities such as Agricultural University, University of Forestry, University of Culture and Maritime University, students need to go respective towns and cities in which these universities are located. However, once they enter to these universities they do not need to move again.

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- There are two University of Distance Education.
 - Student who engaged in their businesses or works can attend these universities for higher education.
 - Students from arts and science universities and other institutions can join these UDEs for higher education.
 - If students qualified for Master courses they can also enter to master courses in arts and science universities.

- Students can move when their parents or persons who support the students transferred to other areas for their jobs.

- Most of the students in higher education sectors can attend universities and colleges within their region so that they can reduce the transportation costs and accommodation cost.
- Therefore, most of the students who passed the matriculation can attend universities and colleges in higher education sector.
- The students are also supported by free tuitions and scholarships.

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- In higher education sector, students can get scholarships programmes from abroad.
 - Under various programmes of universities and colleges, students can go to aboard and access higher education in foreign countries such as Japan, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, India etc.
- In higher education sector, students mobility is usually under the official ways managed by Ministry of Education.

- Until now, there are on private universities and colleges and private specialized universities and institutes, students in higher education move from one institutions to another under the management of Ministry of Education.

- As the facilities and opportunities are same in all universities and colleges, students in higher education sector very rarely move from one institutions to another and one place to another.
- Students who are studying in higher education institutions in Singapore, UK and some countries were on the basis of individual support.
- For the Ministry of Education, students studying in abroad are under the scholarships programmes.

Enhancing International Co-operation

- The special four-year plan gave impetus to higher education institutions to form linkages and collaborations with international higher education institutions and research organizations in order to harness both local and foreign sources for the development of the higher education sub-sector,
- The long-term education development plan created an upsurge in the number of initiatives that promoted collaborations with regional and international higher education institutions and organizations.
- These collaborations were in the form of MOUs, training programme, conferences, workshops and seminars, joint research programmes, invitations to participate in scholarship programmes and student, faculty and administrator exchanges.
- E.g. Chinese students study languages in MUFL.



Thank you very much.