

The Historical Background of Shwedaung Township

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Abstract

This paper examines background history of Shwedaung Township. It is situated in the Pyay District, Bago Region (west). The area is 283.93 square miles (181721) hectare. Shwedaung was named after Chronicles mention the name and foundation of Shwedaung that the king who founded that town was King Thura Tapa from Mizzima (Central India) existence of Shwedaung. It is believed that the Pyu people of the Tibetan- Burmese descent have been living in the area of Shwedaung Township since the 3rd century AD. However, in U Kala's chronicle, Shwedaung is said to have been originated during Sriksetra period. Lord Thiha Thu build Shwedaung Township. Shwedaung was formed after the administration was divided into ninety nine large villages, ninety nine chiefs with ninety nine clerks. In September 1852, Shwedaung was ceded when the whole part of lower Myanmar was under the British rule. Since that year, Shwedaung has been part of Bago Division. The Battle of Shwedaung, a landmark in Myanmar was one of the historical struggles for independence. Shwedaung Township became a Township of Bago Division and renamed as one of the townships of Pyay District. It is one of the famous towns in Myanmar. The historic ancient town, Myoma, is in the Shwedaung Township.

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