Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union

Facing the Bay of Bengal in the west, Rakhine State lies in the westernmost sector of the Union of Myanmar. On its 14,200 square miles of territory lie Rakhines and Bamaras alongside Chin, Table A

Table A

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As the Government has been providing necessary infrastructures and assistance, Rakhine State, with its favourable soil and climate for cultivation, is witnessing the emergence of more sound foundations in the agricultural sectors during the last 25 years. The Table A will prove it.

Haeing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:
Rakhine State marching to new golden land of unity and amity

Thida Aung

Livestock and fisheries
Livestock breeding has been extended for Rakhine State to produce an adequate amount of food for local consumption. The State is raising millions of livestock, up to two million in 1984.

A significant development of the state at present is fresh water and prawn farming. The industry is showing encouraging signs for local distribution as well as for export. The industry did not exist in the state in the past, but now it is running 553,533 acres of prawn farms.

Forest conservation
The forest conservation project of the state is developing alongside other sectors. The state has been setting up more reserved forests, protected forests and national parks. It now has over 550,000 acres of forest plantations, up from just 1,000 acres in 1983 because of the ardent participation of the local people. The mission movement (See page 10)
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Thantamiyi creeks in the state have been built under the special projects of the Government.

There are four more large bridges under construction. They are the 2,704-foot Minkyang Creek Bridge, the 703-foot Thantami Mdhama Bridge and the 592-foot Thitazatapuk Bridge on Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road.

Road and transport sector

The colonial government totally ignored the transport sector of the state, with mountains, forests and rivers, because the matter was out of its reach. And during the post-independence period, the matter was out of reach due to certain reasons.

The Thein Sein Government is always thinking about plans to assist and develop all the seven states and five divisional regions.

The Government has opened the new chapter of transport in the state. First, it launched the 202-mile-and-three-furong Yangon-Sittway Union Highway, and then the 110-mile Thandwe-Gwagunhlaung Road, the 45-mile An-Pa-Palay-Pwai road, the 41-mile Yangon-Taungpyuk-Kyauppu, Pyin Umin, Mibunyin and 42.5-mile Taungpyuk-Mawroad. All these facilities were a great step towards the development of the state.

As the state has a large number of natural watercourses and mountains, roads are being built through marshes, with much difficulty. Many large and small bridges have been built on rivers and creeks, and the number of over 180-foot bridges in the state has reached from 47, only 11 in the past.

The large bridges on Kyaikpunai River and Dali, Maungdaw, Tinlwe, Lwin, Mael, Sarnpaw, Longlaw, Deelmauk, Pikaung, Min Ramong, Yaw, Rauatkha and the University of Medicine, etc., are being built on them, and they will be beautified with forest plantations and highland farms. Likewise, bridges will span rivers and creeks and their waters will be screened with electricity, and that is the conviction and resolve of the Government to serve public interest.

While building miles of roads and a large number of bridges in the state, the Government is also implementing the 100-megawatt Thitay Creek Hydropower Project in Thandwe Township and the 142-kilowatt At Creek Hydropower Project.

Subject | 1988 | 12-2-05 | Progress
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Basic education | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- number of schools | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- multi-media classroom | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- e-Learning Centre | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- number of teachers | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- number of students | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- KG enrollment | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- adult literacy rate | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
School dropout rate | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- primary school level | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- middle school level | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
Higer education | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- arts & science university | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- college | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- e-Learning Centre | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- academic programmes | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- number of students | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- number of students | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325
- human resource development | 2,931 | 2,716 | 325

The Government has laid sound foundations for the progress of the state's industrial sector. The state has 1,585 private industries, up 1,143 from only 442 in 1988. Twenty-six cotton industries and 28 State-owned industries are also manufacturing goods in the state.

The Government is implementing human resource development programs region-wise. The special national education promotion project has helped raise the education standard of Rakhine State to a higher stage than it was in 1988.

The state has opened 325 new basic education schools, in arts and science universities, and technical colleges and art and science colleges. Over 45,000 students are pursuing basic education in the state.

The Table G documents the transport development of the state.

The Government has developed and facilitated the transport and communications sectors of the state. The Table D compares the present situation and that of the 1988.

Electricity in Rakhine State will be improved by the Government.

The state has 184,500 rural electrification facilities. The state also has maintained 543 urban bridges. The state has also extended and upgraded the roads, which now total 456 miles and six forlorn roads of rural roads, up 183 miles and four forlorn roads from 273 miles and two forlorn roads in 1988. In 1988, the state had built 583 rural bridges.

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| Subject | 1988 | 12-2-05 | Progress
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Road and bridge | 16/1/6 | 16/1/6 | 0
- mile of earth road | 135/2 | 135/2 | 0
- mile of graveled road | 93/2 | 93/2 | 0
- mile of tarmaced road | 150 | 150 | 0
- repairs | 14/2/21 | 14/2/21 | 0
- hospital dispensary | 15 | 15 | 0
- livestock breeding | 20 | 20 | 0
- veterinary offices | 2 | 2 | 0
- graduate | 35 | 35 | 0
- town/village supplied with power | 28 | 28 | 0
- TV transmission system | 5 | 5 | 0
- post office | 11 | 11 | 0
- telegraph | 5 | 5 | 0
- telephone | 2 | 2 | 0
- Vocational course | 2 | 2 | 0
- number of students | 8 | 8 | 0
- number of students | 8 | 8 | 0
- number of students | 8 | 8 | 0
- number of students | 8 | 8 | 0
- development funds* | 1422.84 | 1422.84 | 0
- ministries* | 7806.29 | 7806.29 | 0

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Of the 17 town water supply projects, 11 have completed. A total of 612 units of waterworks have already been erected in 470 villages. The entire project covers the task of supplying clean water to 922 villages.

Border areas and national races development

The Government's Border Areas and National Races Development Project covers Rakhine State together with many other regions. Sittway has a youth development training school and Maungtaw has a vocational training school for development of local youths. The Table H explains the Government's endeavours to develop the socio-economy of Rakhine State to catch up with other regions, with exact figures.

Information and public relations

The Government has been developing the information and public relations sector to enable the people of Rakhine State to get in touch with everyday news about the national developments. The Table J shows how the state is improving its information sector in the drive towards reaching the golden land of unity and amity.

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