

Development of Myanmar-Journal Citation Index (MnCI)

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The Publication and Citation Behaviours of Myanmar-journals

- 1) No national citation index databases to collect Myanmar Journal and locally written articles.**
- 2) Myanmar journals were published by various organizations, e.g. by almost every university, and some were published by proceedings of the national or international conferences held at their universities.**
- 3) Most Myanmar journals did not have a strong peer-review process and some had no peer review what so ever.**
- 4) Most journals could not be published in a timely manner due to low submission rate.**
- 5) No journal evaluation processes had ever taken place for Myanmar- journals, and thus no quality assurance was in evidence.**

A Plan to Develop Myanmar-Journal Citation Index (MnCI)

- ❖ **No Citation index centre has been established in Myanmar, so far.**
- ❖ **A national citation index centre, namely, Myanmar-Journal citation index (MnCI) centre will be established as quickly as possible by the leading of Higher Education Department**
- ❖ **To fulfill this purpose, the Higher Education Department will organized and arrange a workshop to set up the MnCI inviting many editors, administrators, researchers from different universities and other attendees.**
- ❖ **The Higher Education Department will also encourage the organizations to set up research associations such as Myanmar psychological research association, Myanmar medical research association, Myanmar Technological research association.....**

Missions of MnCI

❖ After establishing the MnCI Centre, it will be responsible for following missions.

- 1) Collecting published articles and citations for Myanmar-journals, and developing search and retrieval tools in the form of a sustainable MnCI database.**
- 2) Providing academic and social services, training and consultancy on how to improve journal quality across the country.**
- 3) Seeking partnership with related organizations – locally, regionally and internationally .**
- 4) Awarding Best Myanmar-Journals on the National and International Level .**

The Benefit of Emergence of MnCI

- ❖ **With the emergence of MnCI,**
 - **The number of Myanmar-Journal will be increased gradually.**
 - **There will be increased national visibility and more people will read Myanmar research articles.**
 - **Once the MnCI exists and sufficiently mature, it can be linked to the ACI database.**

Challenges Being Faced for Current Development

- 1) High-quality research articles are still primarily aimed at submission to international journals. Thus, the citations of Myanmar articles remain very low.**
- 2) The most experienced and skilled professors remain reluctant to publish their research work in locally published journals.**
- 3) Most Myanmar journals are produced at the university level; thus the publishing policies are dependent on its own administrators.**
- 4) Most editors (mostly rector, pro-rector, professors and chair persons of some association) are still commissioned by duty and not by choice, and are performing editorship work part-time without financial support.**
- 5) Most Myanmar-journals and their articles still have low visibility (number of citations) by their regional and international peers, mainly due to low submission rate.**

Conclusion Remarks

- ❖ **No Myanmar Citation Index Database to collect the Myanmar research articles.**
- ❖ **Need to establish a national citation index database, MnCI.**
- ❖ **A number of difficulties and challenges to be faced, especially in terms of the academic acceptability of local research findings and peer-review stringency, particularly by internationally oriented researchers.**
- ❖ **MnCI activities will be designed to collect, monitor, coordinate and improve the standard of scholarly journal publication in Myanmar.**
- ❖ **Once the MnCI exists and sufficiently mature, it can be linked to the ACI database.**