# **Laying Building Foundation**

Foundation of 90th anniversary eight storied building was laid on July 28, 2018 (Saturday) at the project site by Rev. Dr. Zaw Win, Chair of the Board of Trustees; Rev. Dr. Robert Pun, Associate General Secretary, Myanmar Baptist Convention, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Ngun Ling, Professor and President of MIT.



Ground Breaking



**Laying Foundation** 



**Dedication Prayer** 

## **Need Help**

By making contributions for the Eight-Storied building, you are supporting not only students and education of Liberal Arts and Theological programs but also the nationwide ministries of the churches as 95% of organizational leaders, theological educators, church pastors, and even a few NGOs workers today are graduates of MIT. In fact, if you would like to be a part of this project and be one of the donors, please let us know through the following contact persons and their contact addresses:

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# 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Building Eight Storied Building Project



### What is MIT?

Founded in 1927 by the American Baptist Missionaries, Myanmar Institute of Theology is a post-graduate -level Theological Institute being accredited by Association of Theological Schools in South East Asia (ATESEA). The Institute gives fine-quality theological and liberal arts education in Myanmar. Its Mission Statement is to equip committed men and women for bringing about social change and transformation among the Christian churches and in Myanmar society. In response to educational challenges and needs of young peoples in the country, MIT started launching of liberal arts program from October, 2000.

# Degree Programs Theology Program

MIT offers the following theological degrees: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); Doctor of Ministry (D.Min); Master of Theology (M.Th); Master of Divinity (M.Div); Master of Ministry (M.Min), Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS); and Master of Theological Librarianship (MTL).

## Liberal Arts Program

Liberal Arts program was started in the year 2000, with the primary purpose of providing a Bachelor-level liberal arts education to graduates of High school students. The program maintains a broad-based liberal arts curriculum that includes social science, business, computer studies, Community Development, Music, Religions, English language studies, peace studies, and Interfaith studies. Since very recently installation of new Master degree programs was made in liberal arts program. The following degrees are being conferred in Liberal Arts program: Bachelor of Arts/Science (BA/BSc); Master of Arts in Community Development (MACD); Master of Arts in Interfaith Dialogue (MAID); and Master of Arts in Peace Studies (MAPS).

### **Non-Degree Programs**

In addition to regular degree programs, MIT is running Summer Language Programs such as English, German, Hebrew, and Greek; Other research programs and activities such as short theological trainings, workshops, and seminars on various social, religious, gender, and peace issues were carried out through three research Centers of the Institute namely Judson Research Center (Established 2003), Peace Studies Center (Established 2016).

### Why needs 8-Storied Building?

MIT owns two main buildings for administration and class rooms namely four-storied Diamond Jubilee Building (Dedicated in 2002) and Global Education Building (Dedicated in 2013). Diamond Jubilee Building (DJB) provides space mainly for classrooms, departmental offices, one special guest room, and one international office. Global Education Building (GEB) provides space mainly for administration offices, Chapel, Faculty Longue, Seminar room, Research Centers' Offices, Canteen, and a few class rooms.

MIT is religiously culturally a very diverse and colorful school which has a total of 1443 students in number, 426 in theology and 1017 in LAP program. The whole student body comes from 27 ethnic groups, 4 major religious backgrounds (Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim) and 14 Christian denominations (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Lutheran, Mara Evangelical Church, Salvation Army, Independent Church Home Mission, Assemblies of God, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal Church, Seven Day Adventist, Self-Support Karen, Jehovah Witness).

Due to a limited room-capacity that MIT can provide until the present, theology program classes are being taken in the morning until afternoon, and Liberal Arts Program classes are in the evening from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. As Liberal Arts students are rapidly increased in number year after year, more class rooms are badly needed.

Moreover, the increasing number of returning full-time faculty members from abroad also requires for more office rooms, more facilities, and more space for research activities.

In addition, about a hundred part-time teachers in Liberal Arts program are also badly in need of office rooms with furnished facilities. MIT also needs rooms for Book store, Common Student Hall, Spirituality & Counseling Center, Campus Health Care Unit, Retired professors' offices, and finally a modernized grand Auditorium for Annual Graduation Ceremony. In fact, we would like all our partner organizations, donors, and benefactors to be kindly involved with great passion in this building project. This building reflects our deep gratitude and thankfulness to God for his blessings in the past 90 years so that we call it 90th anniversary building.

### **Construction and Cost of the Building**

Construction permit for building was already requested from government by the Association of Baptist Churches in Myanmar (ABCM) of Myanmar Baptist Convention. The building will be eight-storied being made with reinforced cement concrete and modern glass-walling, with the measurement of 90 feet by 70 feet including an underground car-parking lot. The estimated cost of construction is about Nineteen-thousand lakhs in Myanmar Kyats (about US\$ 1.5 million) and the construction period will take about two years (2019-2020) from the date of obtaining construction permit.



Site of the Building