

***The relation between Myanmar and ASEAN; a study of their international policy towards each other, and also the impact of having Myanmar as one of the ASEAN members on the region as a whole
(from 1997-Present)***

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Receiving an opportunity to study two-month intensive course in Kyoto University, one of the world's most prestigious universities, was such a great honour to me. And I was so proud to be part of the East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies (EA Course), Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University.

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In the EA intensive courses, there was one specific subject in the syllabus, so called, *ASEAN Economy and Sustainable Development*, this course was a direct benefit to my study, I mean, I was assigned to read and present a summary of an article in classroom. Undoubtedly, I chose to read the article about Myanmar, "The Political Economy of Myanmar's Transition/ by Lee Johnes" The article gives picture of Myanmar's dual transition from State socialism to capitalism, and from Dictatorship to democracy. And I will adapt it to my further study about Myanmar. In the class, I was also taught new knowledge about Myanmar, such as an issue about the Muslim Rohingya people.

For the indirect benefit from the International Graduate Course for East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies (EA Course) are all courses that I took, I have learned a lot of new things from both professors in charge, and classmates who came from a various background. And at the same time, this EA course is very helpful for me to understand our neighbouring countries not just only ASEAN state members, but also ASEAN+3 countries, particularly Japan. During my studying in Kyoto University, I took five courses, Comparative Development Studies, Environmental Management, Comparative Industry Policy Studies, ASEAN Economy and Sustainable Development, and Field Research in Japan A. These five courses help improved me a lot, for example, in the course of Field Research I had a very good opportunity to visit farming restaurant in Nara Prefecture. I was inspired a lot from Mr. MIURA Masayoki and the local farmers who joined the Project AWA (foxtail millet). My classmates and I had surveyed in a farming areas. Moreover, we had seen the life style of local community in Nara Prefecture.

Now, I am studying at ASEAN Studies Programme, Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University (Prachan Campus), Bangkok, Thailand. And I am interested in the relations between Burma/Myanmar and ASEAN, as a regional organisation, in term of their policy towards each other. And once again, I was very impressed by the intensive courses at Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University. Thank you so much for accepting me to study in EA Course, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University.