

Perspectives" emerged with its printed matter, and he happened to be the chief editor and regular contributor of this celebrated publication. He introduced a new feature "Myanmar Superlatives" in it. With colourful photographic illustrations, he serialized "Myanmar Superlatives" during the nine year span of the Magazine.

Compiled in this book are his "Myanmar Superlatives" arranged under five groupings. Firstly, Myanmar being a land of pagodas, Buddhist religious monuments and sacred objects take first priority. Hence Group (1) Superlative monuments and images. Next come Buddhist monks who are the torch bearers of Buddha Sasana. Hence (2) Superlative Monks. Among archaeological remains in Myanmar, palaces and public structures are outstanding. So we have group (3) Palaces and public structures. Group (4) Superlative Myanmar gives some samplings of Myanmar inventiveness and makeshift under extreme circumstances. Endowed with a bountiful wealth of nature, Myanmar can boast of its flora, fauna, fossil and mineral for their antiquity, rarity, beauty and utility. These superlatives are grouped under (5) Nature's superlative gifts.

The writer admits that his compilation of Myanmar superlatives is by no means complete or final! Therefore he welcomes additions and corrections from well-wishers. But he sincerely hopes that the readers may find his book useful and in future some researchers collect more Myanmar Superlatives.

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### Foreword

In English grammar, there are three degrees of adjective and adverb—positive degree, comparative degree and superlative degree. The superlative degree is the highest order. There is nothing to surpass it. But in real life such degrees are only tentative and they are likely to change in ever changing conditions and circumstances.

Countries across the world, whether big or small, developed or underdeveloped, advanced or backward, have each its own stories of superlative degree. It is exciting and amazing to read about such superlatives. The Guinness Book of World Records have been compiling and publishing such superlatives.

Since his boyhood years, the writer of "Myanmar Superlatives" has been so fascinated by two books - **The Guinness Book of World Records** and **Ripley's Believe it or not**. He has been so inspired by these two books that he began to harbour the idea of compiling and publishing Myanmar Superlatives and Myanmar Believe it or not., which he has been hearing from his elders, parents, teachers and friends, as well as he himself has seen and experienced.

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