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FOREWORD

“**W**omen in Myanmar Society” is a weekly program produced by Mizzima Media and broadcast on Myanmar Radio & Television (MRTV). “Transformative Women Leaders in Myanmar Society” refers to Myanmar women from various fields, who have shown their great leadership and capacities in Myanmar society.

You can see that the women featured in this book have courageous character, leadership skills, great talent and international competence that arise out of the motherly attitude. You can also see their efforts for the development of the region, the country and the whole public.

There are still so many brave and outstanding Myanmar women with great leadership and capacity. However, only 20 women in diverse fields have been selected and mentioned proudly in this book.

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