

Dr Myo Kywe, Rector of Yezin Agriculture University, Opening Speech on 24th January 2017 (Transcription from the recorded audio)

Good morning everybody

Welcome to Yezin Agriculture University

And as well as those who have been first time to arrive in our country, Welcome to our country - a beautiful country.

You can see that this season is also beautiful for our campus as our university is running on its first semester. So if you have time, you can also come to have a look, and observe our life here at Yezin Agricultural University. The students are working even in the morning field. Some of you, who are staying in Nay Pyi Taw, can observe our practical sessions of students who are working in the field by tomorrow morning. Anyway, thank you very much again and we are having that kind of international workshops at the Yezin Agricultural University almost every months. And we can also meet new friends from our neighboring countries.

I have visited many countries by attending meeting for many projects, I am now meeting some of you for the first time. You are welcome to visit our country, in which we can show our tradition. Yezin Agricultural University, at the moment, is the only one of its kind, which offers bachelor, master, PhD degrees in agriculture in our country. Compared to even Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, we are still far behind in the case of higher education. Most of the participants from Myanmar, who are alumni from our university are now attending this workshop.

Dr Htet Kyu, the coordinator of ALiSEA Myanmar from GRET is my class mate. He graduated in 1979 from this University the same as me. We are happy and glad to listen Dr Htet's paper as an important subject.

In this workshop, we have also invited some of the project scientists from JICA; and a national expert from India for ACARE project. I am glad that I will be discussing about that project in the near future. We will be a member of our ASEAN university network as well as EU project on higher education, EU project on food science and technology, EU project on nutrition, EU project on so many practices on Agriculture.

I am also happy to see each other and I will be also glad to do future collaborations like MoU or MOA with our friends from Maejo University in Thailand, Universities in Laos, and other across the region.