

FINANCING OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

*Exchange of notes at Rangoon December 18, 1948, and May 12, 1949,
amending agreement of December 22, 1947.
Entered into force May 12, 1949*

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 298

RANGOON, *December 18, 1948*

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to Part 1 of Article 15 of the Educational Exchange Agreement of December 22, 1947,¹ between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Burma, which reads: "(1) The present agreement may be amended by the exchange of diplomatic notes between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Burma."

I have been instructed by the Government of the United States of America to propose to the Government of the Union of Burma that Article 5 of the Agreement be amended to read as follows:

"The management and direction of the affairs of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of eight Directors (hereinafter designated the "Board"), four of whom shall be citizens of the United States of America and four of whom shall be citizens of Burma. In addition the Principal Officer in charge of the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America to Burma (hereinafter designated "the Chief of Mission") shall be honorary Chairman of the Board. He shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote by the Board and shall appoint the Chairman of the Board.

"The citizens of the United States of America on the Board, at least two of whom shall be officers of the United States Foreign Service establishment in Burma, shall be appointed and removed by the Chief of Mission; the citizens of Burma on the Board shall be appointed and removed by the Government of Burma.

¹ TIAS 1685, *ante*, p. 1108.

“The Directors shall serve without compensation but the Foundation is authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Directors in attending the meetings of the Board.”

It will be noted that the effect of the proposed amendment would be to increase the number of Burmese citizens on the Board from three to four, and to require that these members be appointed by the Burma Government, rather than as at present by the Chief of the American Diplomatic Mission to Burma.

If the Government of the Union of Burma agrees to the proposed amendment, it will be necessary to appoint the four Burmese members under the revised procedure. The present three Burmese members are:

Sao Saimong, Chief Education officer, Shan States
 Dr. Htin Aung, Administrator, Rangoon University
 U Tha Hla (substituting for U Cho), Director of Public Instruction.

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

R. AUSTIN AGLY
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honorable
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*Minister for Foreign Affairs
 Rangoon, Burma*

The Foreign Office to the American Embassy

FOREIGN OFFICE
 RANGOON

12 May 1949

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The Foreign Office presents its compliments to the American Embassy and with reference to the Embassy's letter No. 298 dated the 18th December, 1948, has the honour to say that the Government of the Union of Burma agree to the proposed amendment to Article 5 of the United States Educational Exchange Agreement and desire to nominate the following under the revised procedure as Burmese members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation:

1. U Cho, K.S.M., B.A., B.Ed. (Edin).
2. Sao Saimong, Chief Education Officer, Shan States.
3. Dr. Htin Aung, Administrator, University of Rangoon.
4. Daw K'in K'in Gyi, President, The All-Burma Women's Freedom League, Rangoon.

The Foreign Office avails itself of this opportunity of renewing to the American Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rangoon,

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