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# Why Mon People Dance Sheldrake Dancing

By Lawi Chan



A male and female Sheldrake dance in Mon traditional dance

About 1000 years ago, Gautama Buddha came to travel to Sowwana Bhummoi city. At that time, he had eight years of being called Buddha and he and 500 other monks saw two Sheldrakes, a male and female, standing on a small piece of land in the middle of the ocean. They had to stand in the center of the

ocean because they had no place to take a rest while they were finding food, so they needed to relax for a while. The land that the Sheldrakes stood on was just only about a gooseberry leaf, it was too small; therefore, they could stand on only one foot.

So the male Sheldrake had to stand on the land with his left foot and he raised up his right foot. The female Sheldrake had

to stay on the back of the male Sheldrake. If we asked where they came from, only one knew exactly the place that they really came from, but Gautama Buddha said that they came from between North and East.

As they were staying on the land, the water increased, the cloud was cloudy and dark, and the wind was blowing hard, so the two of them were scattered from each other.

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However; they regarded each other again, so they flew to get back to their place between the North and East. At the same time, Gautama had told 500 monks that "this place will be a big city called Hongsar Wathoi and also for the future, Buddhist people will control this land." Therefore, later on the land of the gooseberry leaves became bigger and bigger until they could build one city in that place, but it was not immediately big. Two Mon kingdoms called "Sammala and Weamala" starting to establish a city "Hongsar Wathoi". Starting from that time, they called two Sheldrakes' name, Hongsar, and still call it

that today. It was because Buddha had given them the word that the city's name Hongsar Wathoi, so they named the Sheldrakes that. Not only the two Sheldrakes but also the people who were Mon nationality were called Hongsar. Interestingly, Burmese people could not say Hongsar in Burmese, so they just changed Mon word Hongsar to Burmese "Hinthaar."

All Mon nationality acknowledged that the two Sheldrakes were their mediators for their land. By the time, many Mon people in that city and from other places created Mon Sheldrake dancing. In the dancing, they danced about how the Sheldrakes were looking for



food, how they had been separated each other during that time and also how they flew back to their place. From that time until now, although war happened and other nationalities colonized again and again in that

city, the name of city, the history of the city, and the culture of Sheldrake dancing has never been lost. Therefore, Mon keep dancing the Sheldrake as their culture to remember their history.

# Walking Street

By Nyae Kha



**Many people buy and enjoy food on the walking street in Sangkhlaburi**

Do you know about some famous places in Sangkhlaburi? How many places do they have in Sangkhlaburi? How do you feel when you hear about some famous places in Sangkhlaburi? I am going to introduce to you some famous places in Sangkhlaburi that I have known.

Firstly, the most famous place in Sangkhlaburi is the wooden bridge to cross from Thai side to Mon side. Many guests come to visit, looking for a beautiful view, and you can pick a boat up to go to the old town.

Moreover, they have a beautiful view point for relaxing when you get tired. And you can have a big party with your friends because it is a nice place for celebrations with your friends and your family.

Every Saturday, there is a very amazing night market on Thai Side in Sangkhlaburi because they have many different shops that sell food, things and clothes along the street at night such as Thai noodles, Mon, Karen and Indian traditional foods, curries, clothes and statues. And you don't have to eat dinner at your home because you can pick different kinds of food in the shops that you want to have for your dinner when you are walking on the street. You will be surprised for your dinner when you see how much food is in the street. And you can also see many people participating on the walking street.

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# The Giver

By Lyah Rott



The Giver is an amazing and very powerful novel. It was written by Lois Lowry in 1993. It is a really good book because the writer talks about fairness and makes the reader think about what will happen in the next chapter, which makes the reader exited.

The author describes the community very well. For example the community has no pain, no war, no color. Moreover we can read how the characters act in the story and how Jonas can change the community

I really like The Giver because

it was difficult for me at the beginning but easy at the end. I also like some parts of the book and the characters' actions. Jonas left the community with Gabriel after he received memories because he wanted people in the community to get the memories.. He is a really brave boy and he can decide what he has to do in his plan.

At the beginning of the book, I like the community because everybody in the community has sameness. so I think it is a perfect community.

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However, we can say that it is an unbelievable community because they keep a lot of secrets in the community.

Jonas also has to receive the memories from the Giver so they both are not fair in the community. It is because nobody has memories in the community, just two people have received the memories. They have to live alone and cannot explain to other people. According to the community, I think Jonas and the Giver are really sad they got loneliness and no chance to love.

*The Giver* is very good to read in school lessons and read for fun before we sleep. If you read this book in school lessons, you

and other students can develop their critical thinking skills and reading skill. If you read for fun, you cannot stop reading because you really want to know what will happen in the next chapters.

*The Giver* is a powerful and provocative book. We might have difficulty at the beginning of the book but we continue to read until the end. I would like to give a suggestion to the people who will read this book: "Please think deeply and read carefully!"

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Moreover you can meet many people who come from different places and different countries. If you want to have conversations with foreigners and you want to shoot photos with foreigners, you can do it.

You can also see many cultures dancing, such as Mon culture dancing, Karen culture dancing and Thai culture dancing on the show dancing when you are walking on the street. They all can dance very well with their traditional dancing and many people watch them when they dance on the street. Some shoot photos and videos with those who are dancing on the street. If you are interested about culture dancing, you can watch how they are dancing and acting with their traditional uniform.

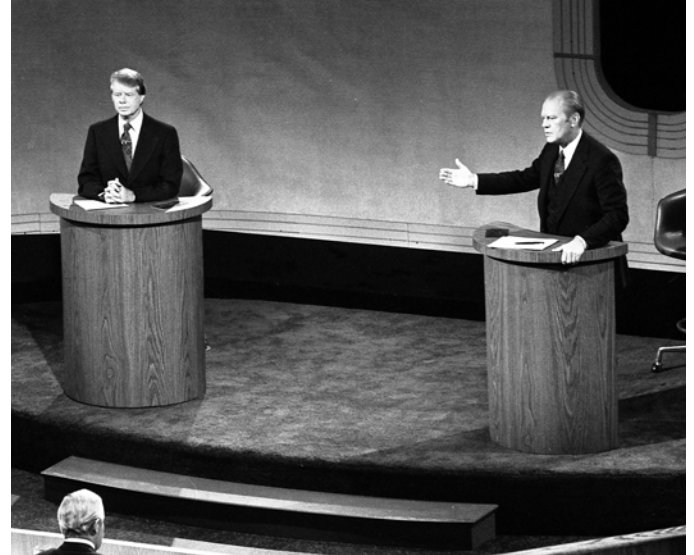
They also have another show for young people. It is a kind of pop music which comes from a Government High School in Sangkhlaburi. And many young people are interested with their pop music because they are singing modern songs for young

people. Many people, who have been in the walking street, believe that it is a good band for relaxing their feeling when they are watching student band group.

Many people come to visit in the walking street for relaxing with their friends and their family. And sometimes they don't have dinner in their home because they can see many kinds of food so they have it for their dinner when they are walking and watching the culture dancing in the street. Many people are participants in the street for buying some clothes and statues to present to their friends. Many young people watch the student band music with their friends when the students are playing music in front of their audience. In my opinion, the walking street on Saturday is a good place for visiting.

# Why We Debate

By Lyah Hongsar and Htaw Ah



Many people debate in front of the public to use and improve their critical thinking skills.

Many people believe that debate is the best way to express their ideas. Debate helps us to improve our different skills; for instance, critical thinking skill, speaking skill and listening skill. We strongly agree that debate can give us suggestion to decide which is the strongest and weakest points, so we know how to downplay the other points.

Debate has many good topics that people are interested in to make a debate. For example, different religions should be taught in school as a subject in curriculum. As we know, the situation in Burma is not really easy for teaching many religions in schools because if the citizens disagree with those ideas, they will have an argument and express their anger.

When people are expressing their arguments to counterpoint, they need to listen carefully and have to think deeply to reply to the other counterpoint. If your reasons are not strong, you won't have any clues to catch your mission, although your speaking

is excellent.

Debate has advantages and disadvantages. Advantages are our critical thinking skill will be improved because we have to think to reply back. Therefore, speaking skill becomes more fluent. If your listening skill is not good at remembering while they are debating, you will not get the main point from the other groups. Thus, you don't have reasons to give them, too. If we have experience about debate, the first time, the next time it won't be difficult for us to express our ideas again.

Some disadvantages are people can get angry at each other because of arguments between them. After debating, they don't want to see each other and there's no more talking between them. Then, for people who couldn't give strong examples and reasons, they don't

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# Second Year Celebrates with Christmas Holiday Parties

By Taw Pakow



Second Year students had a very nice Christmas party with Teacher's family

On Christmas Eve with us and introduced day, we met with Teacher Gray's themselves, and, we also family members and had dinner introduced ourselves (for together with them in our example: where we are from, classroom. Before we met them what our name's are) and that night, we got a plan that we introduced about Mon and were going to cook Mon and Burmese food: rice noodles, fried Burmese food. In the morning, noodles and tea leaf salad. we went to the market and After that, we had dinner bought some ingredients for together and after dinner we things that we were going to talked, asked questions about cook: rice noodles, fried noodles, Myanmar (for example: which tea leaf salad. In the evening, parts are Bagan, Mandalay, Mon after cooking, we prepared for State) and also about Christmas Christmas in our classroom.

At 7:30 pm Teacher Gray's family member and him came with sparkler fireworks, shot and met us. They were friendly loud fireworks, and took lots of

# One Sky Foundation Visits Post-10

By Aein Roi Mon



Second Year President Mi Aein Roi presenting One Sky's Lukpla with a small gift as thanks for her wonderful presentation

One Sky Foundation's intention helps poor children to attend the school for their future. The staff gives children food,

uniforms, and materials to use in the school. They also give rice to the families of students because they intend for the food to help

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pictures. All for a long time that night; at 1:00 am they went back to their hostel.

The next morning, on Christmas Day, we went to Songalia with them again but we went by bus and they went by their car. When we reached the river we had lunch. We ate fried fishes, papaya Thai salad, and grilled chicken with chili sauce. After lunch, we swam in the stream, took some photos with our friends and with teacher's

family. Finally, before we went back, they gave us candy canes, which area a traditional Christmas dessert, we said goodbye to each other and we went back to our home.



# War's Gifts

By Ponnyar Mon



Many people have been affected by the many wars in history

War, one of the awful global issues, sounds terrible and powerful. And it is harmful for the entire world people live in. For many years citizens and civilians have felt unhappily watching and reading the news of worsening war at the continental lands and seas, where the world's militaries have attacked and shot each other. That happened, depraving the lives of each one, because announcers just mentioned about something bad from war ends. However, I believe war has both good sides and bad sides.

War has some horrible ways to kill, to destroy, to harm, to upset and to injure. War is a period of time when people are interested to kill. Some soldiers kill enemies, some of them kill the innocents, some do it by

mistake and others on purpose. Civilians suffer from outbreaks of violence.

Moreover, war mischievously affects economy, shortages show up, it causes a better end and people starve to death. Over 44 millions of people are displaced from their homes due to war. War makes the world's governments go mad. Numerous civilians are casualties, even young children and babies, because some countries drop bombs into the towns where the soldiers and denizens are living together.

Some countries have nuclear weapons; USA, UK, Russia, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and South Africa with different energy of

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the family support their children. One Sky's school is from one grade to four. After that students attend the Government School until grade ten. The staff of One Sky goes to every village to help the children. There are many nationalities like Mon and Karen, and One Sky has supported many children and

helped over 700 people.

Post-Ten students are happy to know about the information of One Sky because it is good for children, families and community. It shows the people education is important for their future and has educated people more than before. So we are all active and interested about it.

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want to participate the next time.

As a summary, the result of debating can improve many skills and also we can get some disadvantages. However, we can express our opinions and

feelings as much as we want, so it gives us the first time of experience. If we have the first time of experience in debate, we can use it ten times for our next opportunities.

warheads. Most of these countries have nuclear bombs to defend their nationals to stay safe and the others might use them for a serious battle to kill another side of soldiers. Each nuclear weapon has the power to kill millions of people in a blink of an eye. It is so muscular that it can melt and obliterate things, even plants cannot grow at those areas when it explodes. It causes very unusual harm, there is no treatment for most of the chemical weapons. But as its purpose is to kill, now it can also save lives. Nuclear energy is used for mass destruction and to produce electricity without burning coal which causes global warming and climate change.

Terror is not the only thing war gives us. War brings many problems with it, forcing man-

kind to solve them. They do find some solutions. After wars, thousands of people have scars on their faces and other parts of their bodies.

War also gives us the opportunity to discover our universe, such as when the Soviet Union and United States were in a race to conquer space. After wars, we scan the universe to see some use materials to use. Many materials are found during war time such as titanium, Kevlar and carbon fiber. These are very strong and useful materials. There are some good things war has left us. I had never thought this sort of way, but most of the inventions we use today are invented in wars.

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All in all, wars offer us some (nuclear bombs) are made by weapons, guns, bullets, much more money spent on benefits and disfavours. scientists in a few countries to grenades, etc. Recently, global violence, killing and terror than Technology has reached new scare the other sides of soldiers military spending exceeds \$1 on peace? levels due to the industrial and to prevent the issues and trillion/year and UN spends \$30 revolution. New large weapons citizens, instead of using small billion/year on peace. Why is so

## *Mon into Antiquity*



*BC 2,000, obviously eminent on earth,  
Genetically, Mon is knowledgeable.*

*Mon, is considerable of country,  
Developed of zone, prosperous of sovereign state,  
And has a large amount of land, but surely not in dreams.*

*Mon, is well informed in religion,  
And retaining era, Buddha's utterances.*

*Mon, is unique of verse and language,  
Own vocal and also involve mantra from Buddha.  
Possessive of gem, jewels, treasure which is within Sawanapoomoi.  
Hence, isn't it considered to be the golden land?*

*Mon, is intellectual and courageous,  
Loyalty and first-class of hero and have revealed in antiquity since BCs.*

*Mon, has immersed, huge coastlines and impressively successful in source of history.  
Unique of golden land within antecedents.  
Briefly, Mon in history, brilliant and extraordinary,  
And no elapsing till world birth for long term of years.*

By Tala Nyan Ong

# Holding Back Our Hands



*Dazzled to meet each other from different states  
 I assembled very high our fond of walls  
 But it's now dropping down onto the floor.  
 Entirely I can't sprout the time down  
 thus, it's a natural thing happening in the world.  
 When we have run about ten months  
 But I've never thought to bid each other.  
 Lightning is shooting into my heart at the end of March.  
 Plus, like fire burning and wrecking my heart  
 and my tear's dripping down and trying to collide with my toe.  
 And my heart is going to shatter on the floor.  
 Never felt apprehensive like that before  
 However I can think that it's my dreams  
 Try to lock my heart and the tear until it's not coming out again  
 The time reaches now backside us to build my life more successfully.  
 No time for us to think blissfully for the future  
 Therefore, we've to toil fully to get our brightness  
 To show our power, the skills we've gotten from our teachers  
 We're expecting to get our goal in the future  
 All of my friends will become successful in their life, I hope.*

By Nyae Kha

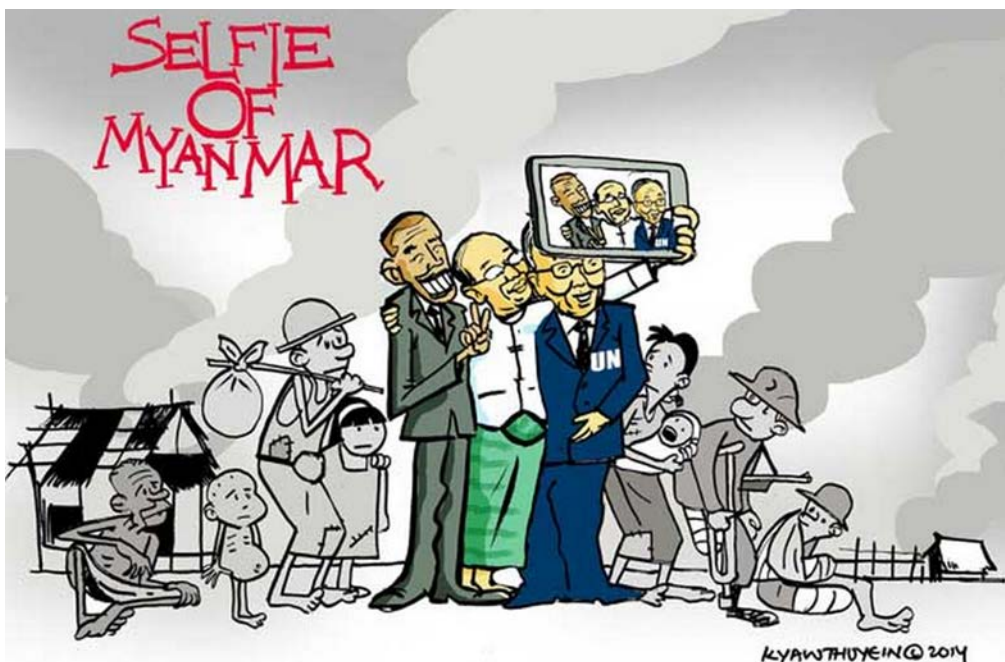


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By Irrawaddy

# Selfie of Myanmar



By Irrawaddy