

Department of Traditional Medicine

Myanmar Traditional Medicine is truly an inherited profession whose development has interrelations with the natural and climate conditions, thoughts, convictions and the socio-cultural system in Myanmar. Traditional Medicine has been practiced in Myanmar since time immemorial. Over 2000 years ago Myanmar has possessed and nurtured a civilization, high enough to set up city states and Traditional medicine has flourished significantly by a major part of Myanmar culture. It was chronicled that Myanmar traditional medicine has been considered to be prestigious in the earliest history of Myanmar such as Tagaung, Srikittira and Bagan periods which was about 600 BC. Myanmar Traditional Medicine is a broad, deep and delicate branch of science covering various basic medical knowledge, different treaties, a diverse array of therapies and potent medicines.



Traditional Medicine promotion office was established under the Department of Health in 1953. It was organized as a division in 1972 managed by an Assistant Director who was responsible for



the development of the services under the technical guidance of the State Traditional Medicine Council. It became the focal point for all the activities related to traditional medicine. The Government upgraded the division to a separate Department in August 1989. It was reorganized and expanded in 1998, to provide comprehensive traditional medicine services through existing health care

system in line with the National Health Plan. The other objectives of the department are to review and explore means to develop safe and efficacious new therapeutic agents and medicine and to produce competent traditional medicine practitioners.