

Network Myanmar: Who We Were and Who We Are Today.

Network Myanmar was set up in the summer of 2007 to assist the process of reconciliation and rehabilitation in Myanmar, a country which had suffered so grievously ever since it gained its independence from Britain on 4 January 1948.

At the Annual General Meeting of the association held on 21 July 2012 it was agreed that our Charter objectives, which stressed our commitment to dialogue and our concern for people to people contact and interaction, had been met spectacularly by the dramatic developments in Myanmar since the civilianised government came to power on 30 March 2011.

In these favourable conditions, it was agreed that there was no longer any purpose or requirement to maintain the association as an operational organisation. The activities of the Management Committee were accordingly adjourned *sine die* at their final meeting on 9 March 2013.

The main contents of the website were transferred to [the ISEAS "Sealion PLUS" database](#) set up in 2015. The contents are available as a research resource for general use and as a record of events relating to Myanmar's First Parliament of the 21st Century, whose term was from 30 March 2011 to 30 March 2016. Registration with ISEAS is required.

Between October 2007 and October 2016, the Network Myanmar website was regularly 'captured' by the Wayback Machine at www.archive.org. Examples of this capture during 2016 may be found [at this link](#). The archived website may not load as rapidly as a live website. The [8 October 2016 capture](#) is the latest available which seems to have been generally 'crawled' by robots, but in the event of difficulty, select a capture from an earlier day.

The Wayback Machine has continued to capture the revitalised website under the same URL designation, which has not changed.

Since 2013, the website has continued on the initiative of Derek Tonkin, former UK Ambassador to Vietnam (1980 - 82) and to Thailand (1986 - 1990) and later Chairman of the Beta Vietnam Fund Ltd and of the Beta Mekong Fund Ltd. Since 2010 Derek Tonkin has retired from all investment activities in South East Asia.

The website is designed not only as Derek Tonkin's own personal blog, but also, and more importantly, as an impartial historical and contemporary research archive on Myanmar affairs, for the benefit of academics, politicians, journalists, officials and indeed anyone interested in Burma/Myanmar.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Tonkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish over the name.

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