



Press Release

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YHT's Chairman Voted **number 15** of 2014's "World Thinkers"

Yangon: The Founder and Chairman of the Yangon Heritage Trust, Dr. Thant Myint-U was included at number 15 of the list of the 50 leading "World Thinkers" for 2014, published by *Prospect Magazine* on April 23, 2014.

The magazine opened a poll in March for the readers to vote the most important World Thinkers for 2014.

The magazine says that it annually puts together an international list of leading thinkers to identify those engaging in the most original and profound ways with the central questions of the world today, and to provoke debate about the role of intellectuals in public life. Nearly 7,000 voters participated in the poll including a large number through Twitter and Facebook and from many countries around the world.

Dr. Thant Myint-U said that he was extremely honored by the selection.

"I hope it will bring greater awareness not only of Myanmar's but also Yangon's special challenges and opportunities. I hope also it will also attract greater support for the important work of the Yangon Heritage Trust," he said.

He noted that the No. 1 selection—Professor Amartya Sen—was his Master (head of college) at Trinity College, Cambridge in the 1990s and other old friends were also on the list, for example Samantha Power (now US ambassador to the UN) with whom he had worked in Bosnia during the 1993-6 war.

Prospect Magazine is a monthly British general interest publication specializing in politics, economics, and current affairs.

Dr. Thant Myint-U is a historian and author of three books on Myanmar. Educated at Harvard and Cambridge Universities, he taught history for several years as Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. He served on three United Nations peacekeeping operations and with the United Nations Secretariat in New York, including as the Chief of Policy Planning in the Department of Political Affairs. In addition to his work with the Yangon Heritage Trust, he is also a Special Advisor to the Myanmar Peace Centre, and a member of the (Myanmar) National Economic and Social Advisory Board.

For more information about the 'World Thinkers' for 2014 here:

<http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/world-thinkers-2014-the-results/#.U1fH8BaXLjA>