

Editors' note

This publication uses 'Myanmar' in its title because that is the official name of the country, and is accepted as such by the United Nations. It has, moreover, been adopted increasingly in common usage inside the country, especially when speaking in Burmese. Its use in this publication does not represent a political statement of any kind. We, however, adopt the common practice of allowing authors in their own chapters to use whichever terminology they prefer for the country. With less well-known place names, where historical names have been used, we have added the current official name in parenthesis to avoid confusion.