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Regional Statistical Development

Central Statistical Organization, National Statistical office of Myanmar is closely cooperating in the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee. There are six working groups formed under the ACSS Committee to strengthen statistical capacity.

In this light, CSO is actively participating in Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS), Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication (WGDSA), Working Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS) and Working Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

In order to enhance the statistical cooperation between Myanmar and other ASEAN statistics groups including ACSS committee to stakeholders, "The Forum on Cascading the Outcomes of Meetings of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and other ASEAN Bodies" was led and supervised by CSO in 2018 to become strong with respect to quality of statistics among ASEAN and other countries.

Moreover, CSO is taking statistical development activities including capacity development training with Development Partners such as International Monetary Fund, World Bank, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Development Programme and Asia Development Bank etc.

As there is significant development in statistical sector, Myanmar stands ranking score of 74 in the overall statistical capacity index for 2019 and Myanmar's Open Data Index ranks 5th in the region for the annual report of Open Data Inventory (2020).

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