



Figure 1. Dr Sai Sein Lin Oo (MuEuCAP In-country Coordinator) with Dr Than Hteik Soe, the Environmental Educator in No 11 Basic Education High School, Mandalay

Meeting with Dr Than Hteik Soe an environmental headteacher 16 January 2019

In Mandalay, the MuEuCAP project In-country Coordinator, Dr Sai Sein Lin Oo, and Project Manager, Dr Paul Bates, had the privilege of visiting No 11 Basic Education High School. Here they met with the dynamic, multi-award-winning headmaster, Dr Than Hteik Soe.

It was a privilege to talk to such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable person. U Than has the ability to enthuse everyone he meets. His aim is to train the young to understand and appreciate the natural world and to look after it for future generations. To do this, amongst many other things, he transforms his schools into beautiful green spaces.

He teaches the children about recycling, about avoiding waste, and about living sustainably.

He is famous throughout Myanmar and has won many international awards for his work (for example an ASEAN Eco-school award in 2015)..

We discussed the MuEuCAP project with U Than, inviting him to give advice on its strengths and weaknesses. We also discussed in more general terms about the role of



education (in schools, colleges and universities) in promoting biodiversity conservation and ecosystem protection.



Figure 2. Above: Dr Than Hteik Soe with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi during a visit she, and the Union Minister of Education, made to No 11 Basic Education High School, Mandalay. Top left: Acknowledgement of the school's contribution to making a sustainable future. Top right: Dr Than Hteik Soe with Dr Paul Bates and Dr Sai Sein Lin Oo.

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