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The Social Organization of the Lachid (Lacid) Nationals of
Madeing Village, Waing – Maw Township,
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Preface

Aim

The Union of Myanmar is a country composed of various indigenous races. Therefore, the indigenous races have the responsibility to live in harmony as a united nation. The principal aim of Anthropology is to study comprehensively the various nationalities from every aspect of life.

The expression 'culture', according to Anthropology, brings out a wide spectrum of meanings. The culture of a human society encompasses the organization, constitution, and its laws and legal procedures, ways of thinking and codes of ethics, economics, social affairs, education, religion, welfare, the arts, language, and utilizing of the invented devices, and the mode of dress and attire. The social organization is also part of culture.

Every national race should have records of its history and culture. Only then will the history of one's own race be known, and the urge to preserve it. Thus, each national group will have more respect for the culture of the other, and enhance the unity among the indigenous races of the Union.

It is the responsibility of the anthropologist to study and present the culture and customs of the national races in order to bring about an understanding among the various national races. By studying the culture of a national race, the anthropologists could help promote the preservation of the good traditions of a human society.

The anthropologist can make it obvious through various instances that the difference in culture among the indigenous races reflects the diverse religious beliefs, social behaviors and the residence localities. The field survey work carried out for the compilation of this thesis aimed at supplementing evidences for the future generations in their studies of the traditions and customs of the indigenous races.

Topic selection

The selection of the topic, "The Social Organization of the Lacid Nationals of Madeing Village in Waing - maw Township, Kachin State" was made on the following criteria.

Madeing village was founded by the Lacids
2. The traditions and customs of the Lacids presented for the general information of other indigenous races

3. To help implement the Government guide line on unity among all the national races, and to achieve the above aims, the selection was made after 4 field trips to Madeing Village – one in July 1997, two in January and May 1998, another in January 1999.