



HERITAGE CONSERVATION: YHT'S BLUE PLAQUE INSTALLED AT STRAND HOTEL

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Strand Hotel became the 1st hotel to be the recipient of a commemorative Blue Plaque as a heritage site. The 27th Blue Plaque was installed at the hotel on Thursday by Yangon Heritage Trust.

Yangon Region Chief Minister attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and made a remark in preserving the heritages of Yangon City.

Strand Hotel was first operated in 1901 and its long history passed through both world wars. And the hotel was marked as "the finest hostelry East of Suez" and it was the place for the international royalty, ambassadors and notables of that era.

Yangon Heritage Trust has been installing Blue Plaques at the heritage buildings around Yangon since 2014 aiming to highlight the rich history of the City and preserve them.

Programme Officer, Yangon Heritage Trust, Thurein Aung said "The buildings with the blue plaques are not the ordinary buildings anymore. We will provide aids and ideas in maintaining these buildings to be systematically. The people who are using the building can ask us for help anytime. To preserve the heritage, one need to know which one is the heritage. By installing the blue plaque, one can easily identify the heritage. Only by knowing, they can be preserved. So, we are trying our best to let the public known."

Strand Hotel remains one of the Asia's Colonial landmarks. It is the only hotel in Myanmar which has the title of "the leadings hotel of the world".

The official pointed out that installation of the blue plaque at this century old facility could also bring benefits for tourism industry of the country.

Director, Hotel & Tourism Supervising Department, Naing Win said "This will be a great help. Many tourists have a liking to the ancient buildings. This hotel is one of the buildings which age over 100

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