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YHT hopes France-Myanmar cooperation in Urban Planning

YANGON: Yangon Heritage Trust's founder and chairman, Dr Thant Myint-U, met visiting French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Jean-Marc Ayrault this morning in Yangon during his official visit to the country.

They firstly met at the U Thant House and discussed about U Thant's life and his continuing legacy both in Myanmar and around the world.

Then they visited the Secretariat and walked downtown from the Armenian Church to the offices of the Yangon Heritage Trust on Pansodan road.

At YHT offices, Dr Thant Myint-U and Mr Ayrault discussed Yangon's conservation and urban planning as well as many other issues.

Dr Thant Myint-U said that he was "very honoured to receive the Foreign Minister at U Thant House and in Yangon".

The Yangon Heritage Trust hopes that this visit will be the start of cooperation with the Government of France, especially on finding ways to best integrate Yangon's cultural heritage into future plans for the city's modernisation.

Yangon Heritage Trust

Yangon Heritage Trust is an independent centre of excellence working to promote and integrate Yangon's unique urban heritage into a 21st century vision of Yangon as one of Asia's most liveable cities. Yangon Heritage Trust advocates for heritage protection, develops clear and sustainable policy options, engages with government, business and civil society, communicates its ideas to the widest possible audience, undertakes specific conservation projects, and facilitates research and training.

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