



## U Moe Myint

### A Quick Comprehensive Profile

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#### The Faith to Build - The Heart to Serve

### Early Life and Formation

U Moe Myint was born in Yangon, Myanmar in 1952 into a family of distinction and intellectual purpose. His father, Dr. P. Kyaw Myint was a pioneering academic who studied geology in Glasgow, Scotland as a state scholar, and upon returning to Myanmar, founded the country's national Geological Survey & Research Department - bequeathing to his son an early appreciation for science, scholarship, and the importance of contributing to national life and service.

U Moe Myint attended the prestigious Methodist English High School in Yangon - the same institution attended by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi - before the military coup by General Ne Win in 1962, a few years after which prompted the family's relocation to Bangkok, Thailand, where his father subsequently served with the United Nations. He completed high school at Ruam Rudi International School in Bangkok and later studied at Marshall University in West Virginia, USA, before earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics at the University of Yangon. That foundation in rigorous, evidencebased thinking would leave an enduring mark on how he approached challenges and business decision-making throughout his career.

### The Aviation Years: Discipline and Mastery

Before his entry into business, U Moe Myint built a distinguished career as a commercial airline pilot with Burma Airways - Myanmar's only national flag carrier - for over more than twelve years, accumulating nearly 13,000 flying hours. His responsibilities extended beyond the cockpit: he trained fellow pilots on flight simulation devices, reflecting an early and natural instinct for mentorship and institutional capacity-building.

He was assigned, as a professional duty, to fly senior government officials including overseas flight and trip planning for former strongman General Ne Win. He has always been consistent and precise in contextualising that role: it was a professional assignment, not a personal or political affiliation. The distinction he draws between professional obligation and personal association speaks to the moral clarity that would define his later conduct in business.

Observing colleagues retire on inadequate pensions and recognising the ceiling of institutional national service, U Moe Myint elected early retirement from Burma Airways at age 35 - a considered decision rather than a reactive one. He subsequently moved to California, USA, where he served as Vice President at Interaero Inc. and Emro Engineering Inc., both specialised firms involved in the manufacture and export of dynamic motion flight simulators and aerospace equipment. These years deepened his technical expertise while exposing him to the standards and practices of international business.

### Building Myanmar's Energy Sector

U Moe Myint returned to Myanmar in 1989 and initially served as a consultant to Shell Petroleum during its entry negotiations and early operations in the country. This role gave him an unparalleled vantage point into the workings of international energy development in a frontier market - how global capital, technical standards, and regulatory complexity are navigated by world-class operators.

In 1989, he founded Myint & Associates Co., Ltd., the first Myanmar-owned company to provide integrated

services - catering, logistics, construction, and manpower supply - to oil and gas operators and their contractors in the country. It remains the dominant market-share holder in energy services in Myanmar to this day.

In 1996, he established MPRL E&P Pte Ltd., the flagship upstream petroleum exploration and production company, assembling an asset portfolio of five onshore and three offshore blocks. Under his stewardship, MPRL E&P forged substantive partnerships with major international energy companies - including Woodside, Eni, Total, and Shell - a roster that stands as independent testimony to the company's technical credibility and governance standards. The MPRL E&P Group grew to employ over 1,100 direct and 1,200 indirect employees, making it one of Myanmar's most significant private-sector employers.

The group diversified with deliberate purpose:

- **Asia Drilling Pte Ltd.** (2009): Drilling contracting services
- **Myanmar Independent Power Production Ltd.** (2012): LPG and power generation
- **Vantage Tower:** Myanmar's first Grade A commercial office property, winner of three Myanmar Property Awards in 2015
- **Ngwe Saung Yacht Club & Resort:** The only five-star resort on Ngwe Saung Beach
- **Myint & Associates Telecommunications Ltd.** and the **M&A Data Center:** Myanmar's first and only Uptime Institute-accredited Tier III data centre, operational since 2015.

Each of these ventures was conceived not merely as a commercial investment but as a contribution to national infrastructure - building assets that the broader economy, including government and international enterprise, would depend upon.

## Character and Integrity

Perhaps the most defining dimension of U Moe Myint's public profile is what he chose not to do. Operating in

Myanmar during the years of military rule - one of the most difficult commercial environments in Asia - he made a consistent, deliberate, and costly choice to reject the prevailing transactional culture.

"I've done everything to avoid the gray areas. I've always operated openly, honestly." He refused to offer gifts or special payments to ruling officials, declined special favours, and paid his taxes in full - a practice so exceptional for a major tycoon in that era that Forbes magazine reported he had "probably paid more taxes than any other tycoon."

The price was tangible: annual audits, rejected import permits, and competitive disadvantages that others circumvented through informal payments. His peers described him as "hard-nosed and aggressive but ultimately a fair competitor" who "gets good people, pays them properly and keeps them."

This posture - ethical firmness in the face of structural incentives to compromise - is the foundation of the international trust he subsequently built. When Myanmar opened to foreign investment, Western energy majors sought him as a partner not merely for his technical capability but for a reputation for clean dealing that had been stress tested over decades.

His own articulation is characteristically direct:

"I'd like to do things in a legitimate way, the way it should be done, and I preach that within my company to all my staff, to my management team. We never deviate from that. You call it values - that's how we operated."

## Leadership Philosophy

U Moe Myint's leadership is defined by several enduring qualities:

**Discipline :** The habits of aviation - precision, procedural compliance, zero tolerance for shortcuts - translated directly into his management culture. He has spoken of deliberately disciplining himself to focus on what he believes is the right way to conduct business, and holding to that commitment over time.

**People Development :** His instinct as a pilot-trainer carried into the corporate sphere. He invested systematically in Myanmar talent, building a workforce capable of performing to international standards. He paid people properly and built loyalty through genuine investment in their careers.

**Long-Horizon Thinking :** Rather than extracting short-term returns, he reinvested continuously into institutional infrastructure - a data centre, a Grade A office tower, a world-class beach resort - creating lasting national assets that outlast business cycles.

**Succession and Continuity :** His commitment to "passing the leadership baton" - the subject of a public interview he gave - reflects an understanding that durable institutions must outlast individual tenure. Building organisations capable of standing independently is, in his view, one of a leader's highest responsibilities.

### **Civic Responsibility and National Service**

U Moe Myint's civic engagement is extensive, sustained, and visible over decades - not episodic or performative.

**Education :** He founded the U Moe Myint & Family's Education Foundation, which provides scholarships and grants to Myanmar students at the middle school, high school, and university levels. Scholarship recipients have pursued tertiary education not only within Myanmar but in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, and the United States - a programme that has quietly built human capital for the nation over many years.

**Sport and Youth Development :** For over 35 years, U Moe Myint has been the sole sponsor and promoter of sailing in Myanmar. He serves as Associate President of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, President of Myanmar Yachting Federation, is Past Commodore and Honorary Life Member of the Yangon Sailing Club (founded 1924), and is Founder and Patron of the Myanmar Optimist Dinghy Association. This sustained patronage has not only elevated Myanmar's sailing to national and international visibility; it has

used sport as a vehicle for youth discipline, leadership, and national pride.

**National Infrastructure :** The M&A Data Center and Vantage Tower were national firsts - the only Tier III accredited data center facility in the country and the first Grade A commercial office building. These are contributions to economic infrastructure that benefit the entire business community and government alike.

### **Recognition**

In 2016, U Moe Myint was inducted into the **Hall of Fame of Marshall University's Lewis School of Business**, West Virginia, USA - international academic recognition of his lifetime contribution to business leadership and entrepreneurship. The honour is a fitting reflection of a career that began with a physics degree and an aviation career, and grew into the building of one of Myanmar's most respected private enterprise groups.

### **Conclusion**

U Moe Myint's life presents a coherent and compelling whole: the professional discipline of a trained aviator; the intellectual rigour of a physicist; the ethical resolve of a businessman who refused to compromise when compromise was the easier path; and the civic generosity of a man who understood that building a nation requires more than building companies.

His career spans more than four decades, multiple industries, and one of the most turbulent chapters in Myanmar's modern history. That he navigated it not by adapting his values to circumstances, but by holding to them consistently when it was hard and costly to do so, is the true measure of the man - and the lasting legacy of his work.

*This profile has been compiled from publicly available sources including official corporate documentation, Forbes Asia, the Financial Times, Oxford Business Group, Peninsula Press, Marshall University, and MPRL E&P Group. June 2026.*