

Internet in Myanmar-Yesterday &Today

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Technology

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- ❖ **Double sided sword**
- ❖ **Great tool**
- ❖ **Communication media –all forms**
- ❖ **Science of craft**



Internet - Yesteryears

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- Made available since 2000
- Started with two internet café in YANGON.
- Cost 1.5\$/hour
- 5000 had access as on 2003
- Five star hotels did not provide internet services
- Possession of modem was a punishable offence
- Popular web based email services yahoo and Hotmail were banned



Internet - Yesteryears

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- Academic Universities had internet connectivity but with software based censorship.
- Foreign news services were ban – such as BBC.
- Blogging was not acceptable
- Myanmar Post and Telecommunication had a MOU with Eagle to provide email service to Government and public
- Eagle stopped its service in 2000



Internet - Yesteryears

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- Bagan Cybertech started in 2002 to provide internet services
- MPT and Bagan Cybertech both are owned by Government.
- Twitter banned
- Limited access to websites and delayed email
- Censored for foreign publications
- Lot of cyber attacks was there

Internet -Yesteryears

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- In 2007, Myanmar earned a place in the list of the countries where internet is shut-off
- One of the 13 such countries in the world.
- By then countries like Spain and few more countries, Internet became as a birthright to every citizen.



Technology -Today

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- **Since 2011, the scenario changed radically**



Internet Today

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Digital in 2017: Southeast Asia

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MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY TYPE

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CELLULAR CONNECTIONS / SUBSCRIPTIONS (NOTE: NOT UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS)



TOTAL NUMBER
OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS



50.56
MILLION

MOBILE CONNECTIONS
AS A PERCENTAGE OF
TOTAL POPULATION



93%

PERCENTAGE OF
MOBILE CONNECTIONS
THAT ARE PRE-PAID



99%

PERCENTAGE OF
MOBILE CONNECTIONS
THAT ARE POST-PAID



1%

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE
CONNECTIONS THAT ARE
BROADBAND (3G & 4G)



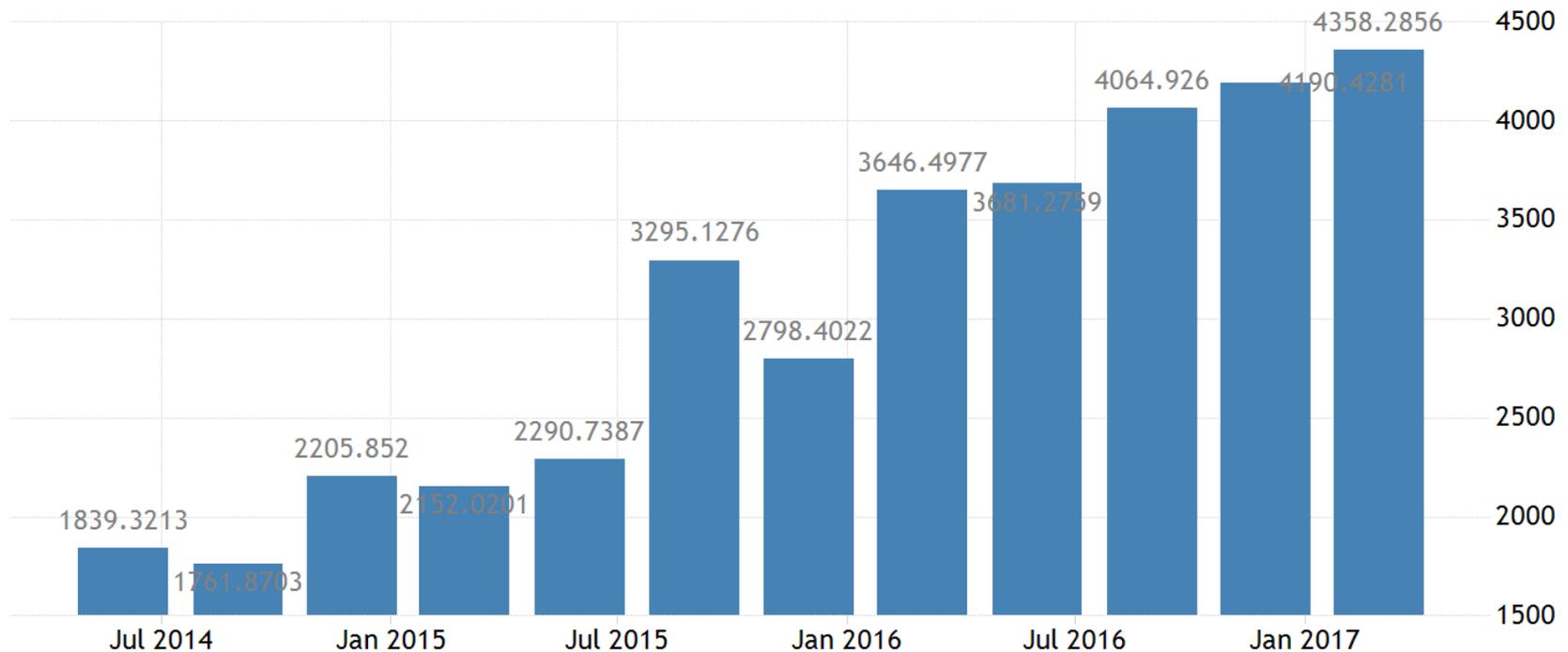
55%



Internet Today

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