

# **The Situation of Myawaddy Border Trade (1989-2011)**

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## **Abstract**

Myawaddy is a small border town situated in Kayin State, Myanmar. It is the second largest border point among 13 border points in Myanmar and also the most important trading point on the bank of Thaungyin River which divided Thailand and Myanmar. In the District of Myawaddy, Myanmar and Thailand's authorities with the intentions to communication the two countries softly and smoothly and to develop trade intercourses easily had cooperated to build a Bridge across Thaungyin River, namely " Friendship Bridge" was opened the Bridge on 16 August 1997. Transportation is very important as one of the fundamental features of border trade. There are about 12 transportation enterprises in Myawaddy. The situation of opening "Friendship Bridge" between Myanmar and Thailand have benefit from commerce and trading.

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