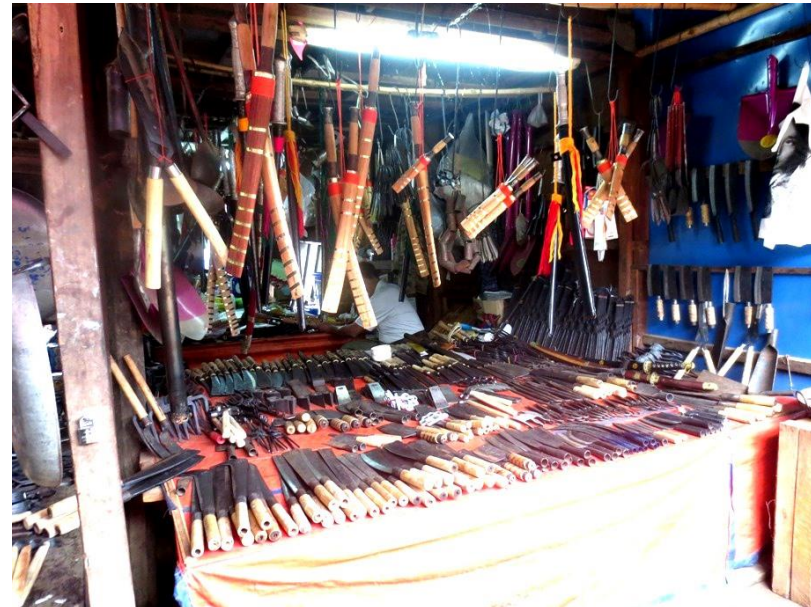


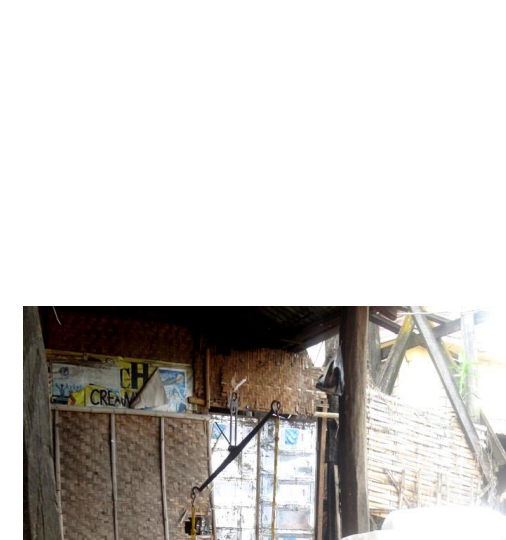


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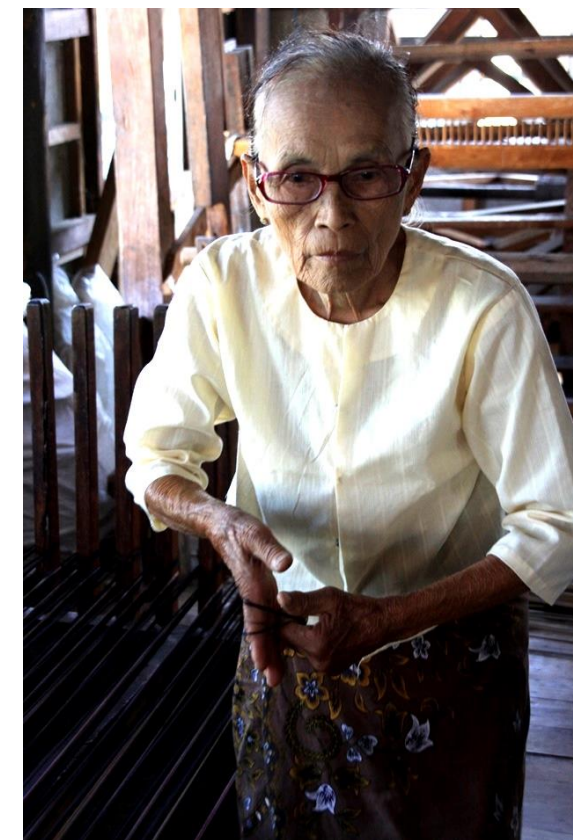


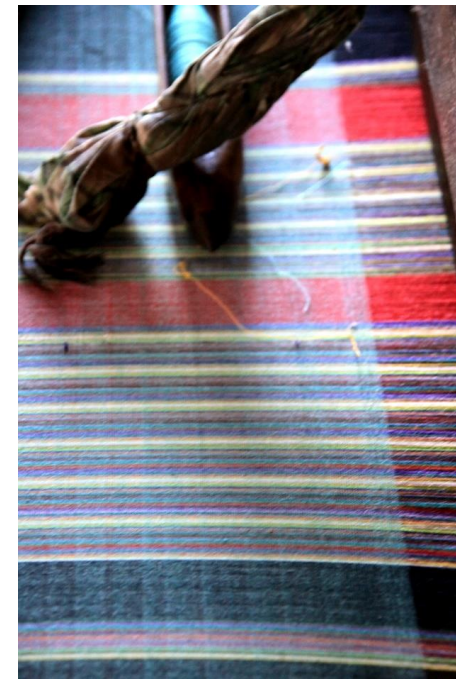
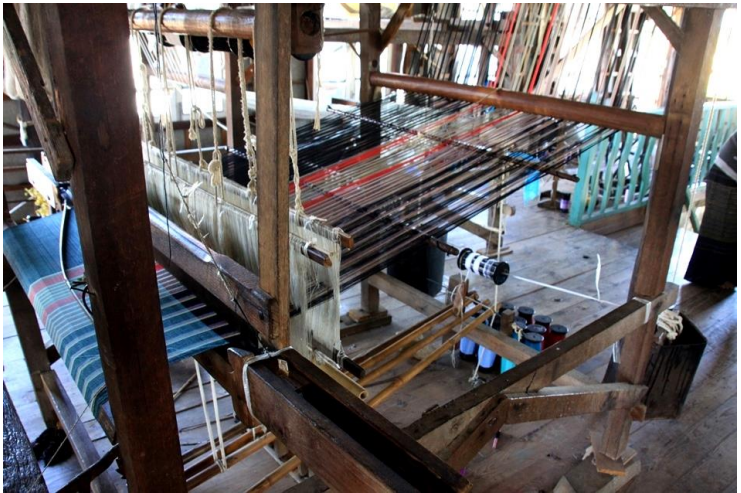
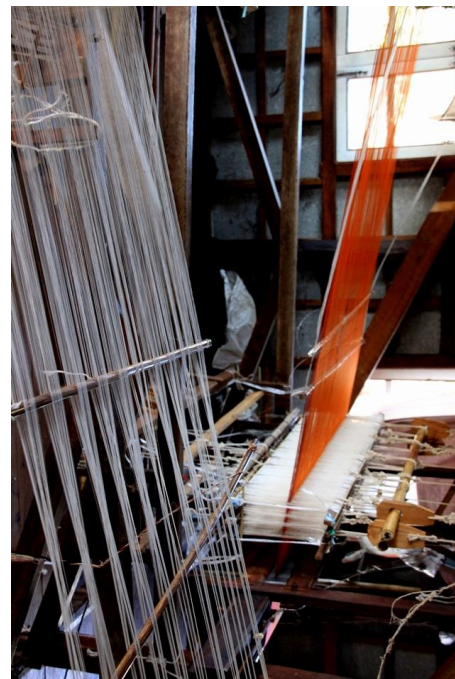
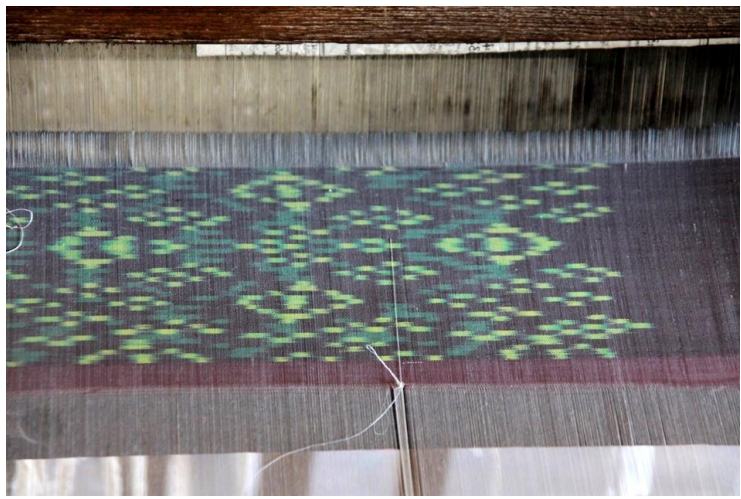






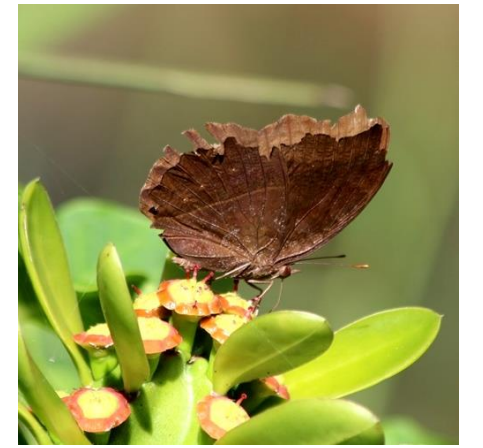






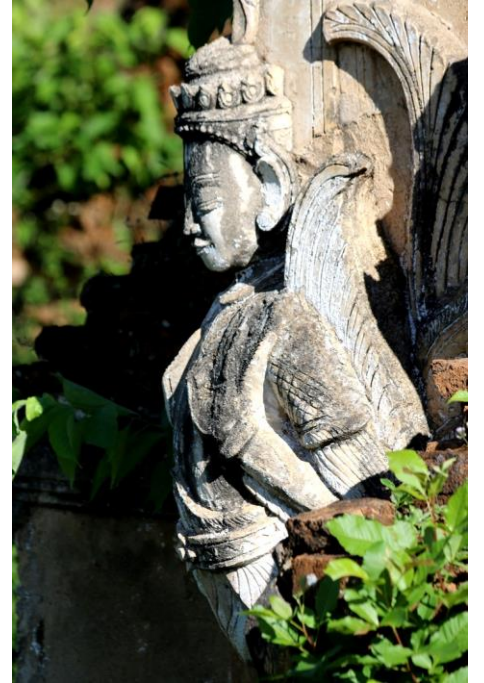


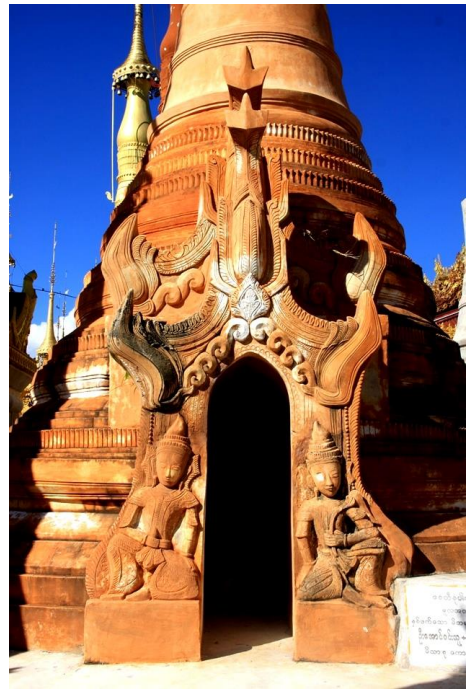
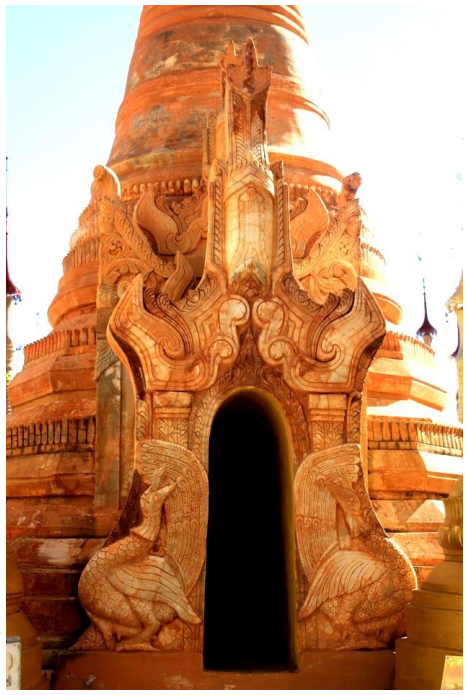


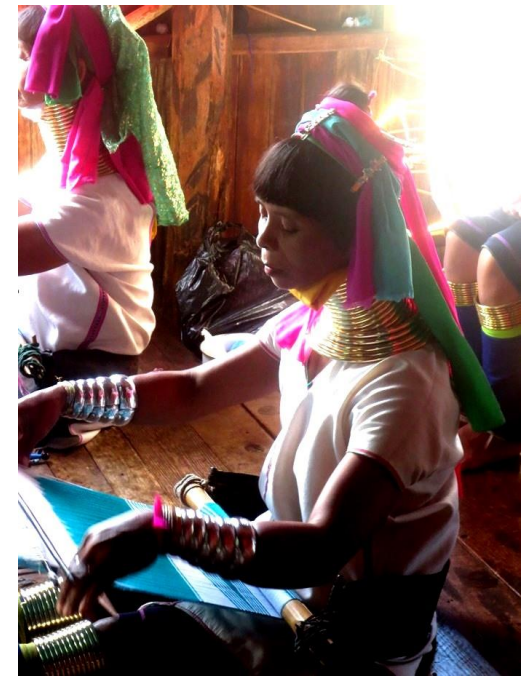




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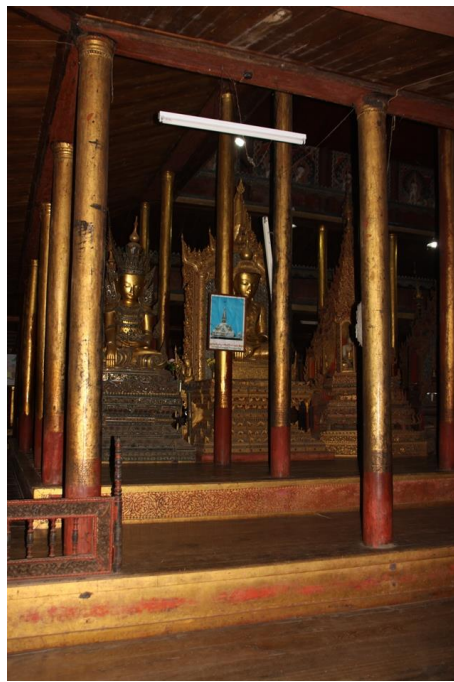












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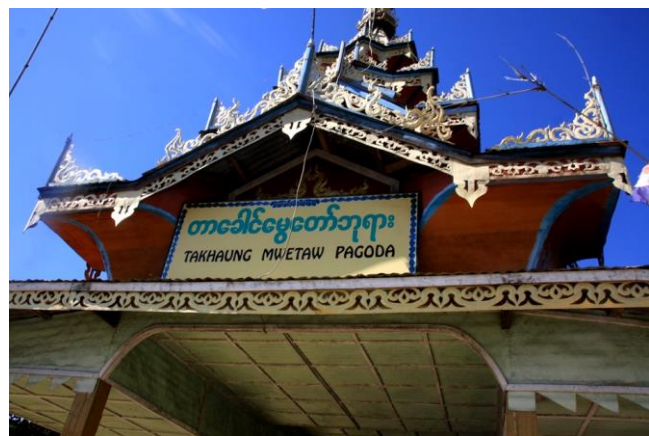


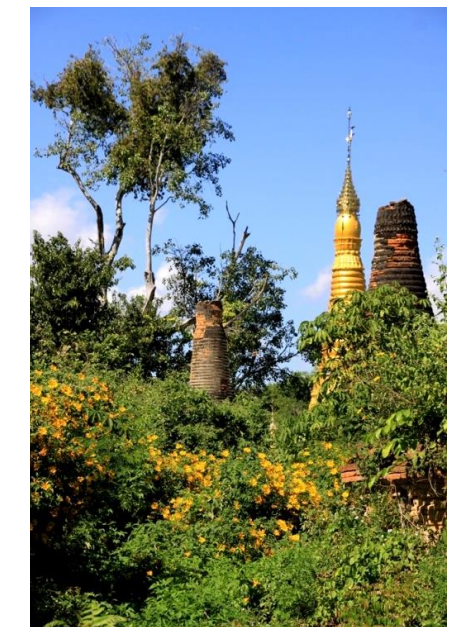












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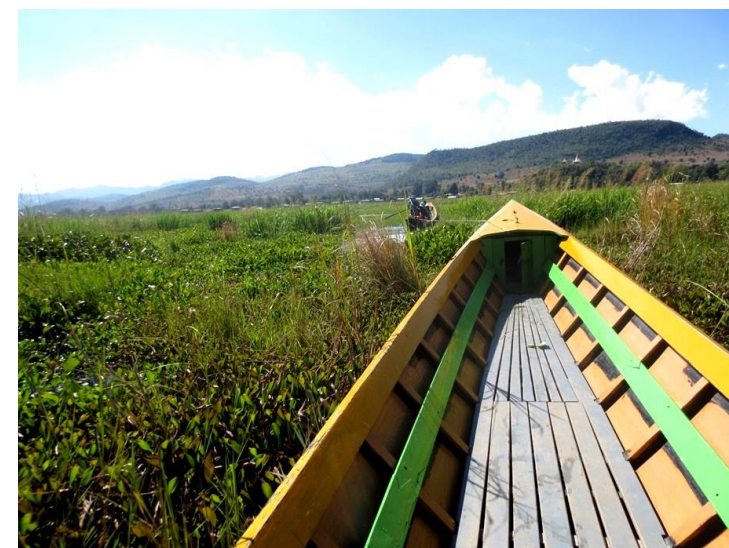
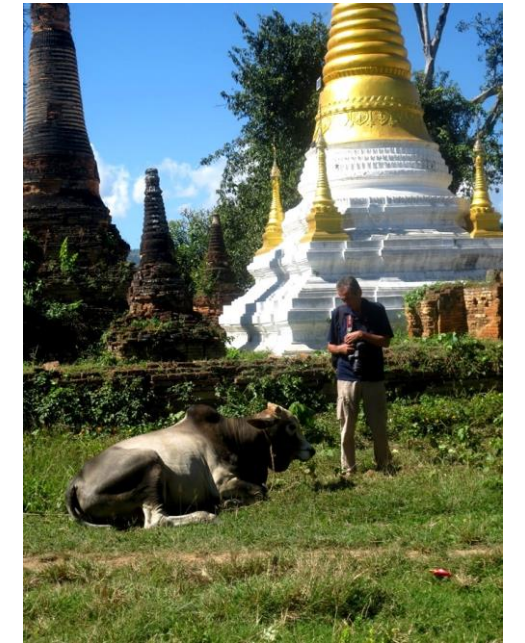
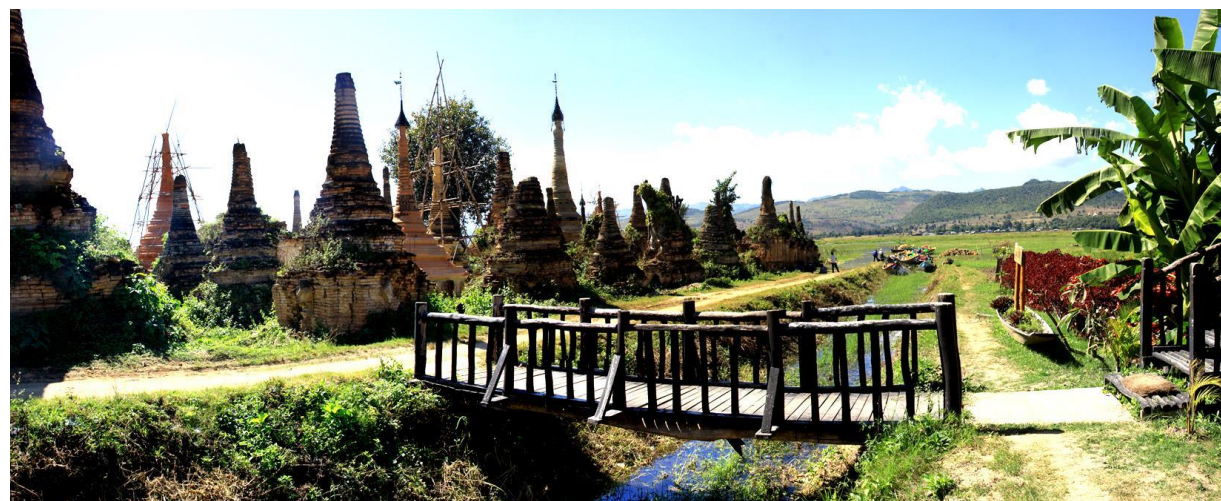
Samkar was first established 138 years ago by King Khun Pyu and the dynasty of eleven or thirteen SAWBWAs (dukes) ruled this province until 1950. The word SAMKAR denotes the type of tree besides which the first building a pagoda, was built. The Location of that pagoda is still not confirmed yet. The site of the first Samkar Town is west of the stream, now inundated somewhere nears the present village of Myo Haung (old town) and the town moved to the present site. In this town were nine monasteries and many pagodas. The monasteries that are left standing or in repairs are Saga Myoma North monastery, the East monastery, the Red monastery (in the North), the Middle monastery (Soon Sar Kyaung at present), the Oak Taik Kyaung (the cubic brick building among bushes just north of this pier) and the Kyangthi (nearest to the pier). The Kyaing Taung Kyaung is in ruins East of the village, and the site of the long leaved Banyan tree Monastery and the Taw Ya Kyaung (forest monastery) are under water now (step can seen).

Civilization dates back more than 700 hundred years and the dukes were quite powerful. General Soa Nei of Samkar went on a military expedition to the town of Mong Ne in the South East and confiscated the Magical Twin Drums (now on the main monastery here) and the Golden Gong (presently at Mya Sein Taung Pagoda in Taunggyi). The magic of the Twin Drums is that if played it will bring rain in time of drought. There is also a small pagoda in the ruin adjacent to the kitchen back of the main monastery which the villagers believe when shaded by an umbrella brings rain in time of drought.

The flourishing town of Samkar was destroyed by the advent of the feudal revolution in 1950. The struggle between different factions went on and on. There was no real peace in this area till ten years ago.



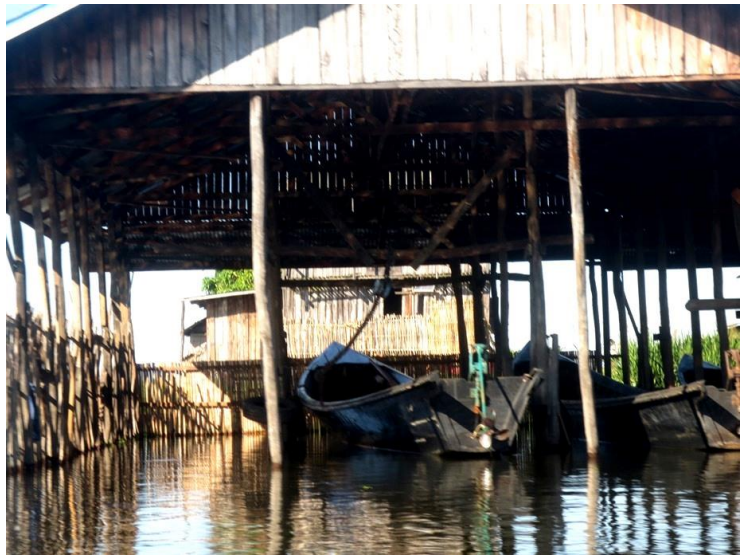
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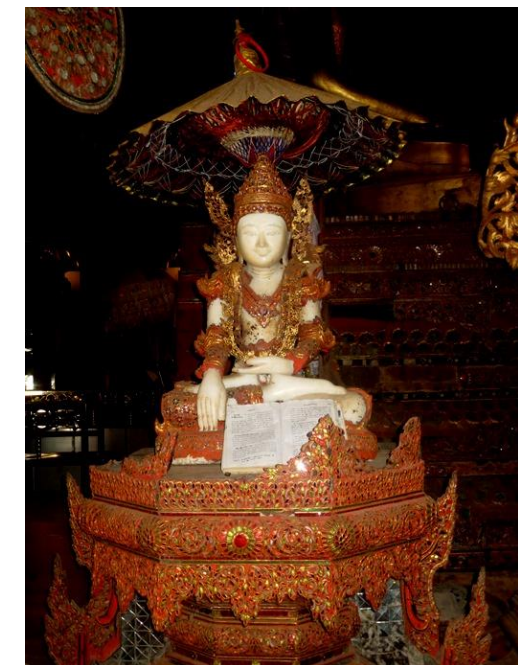


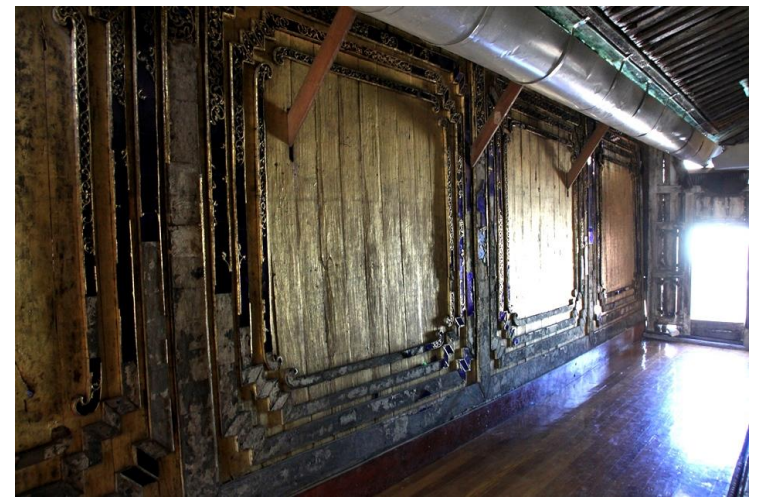
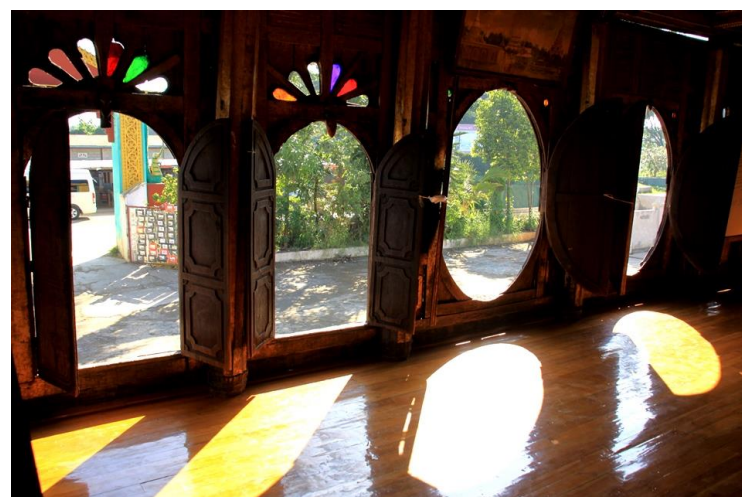
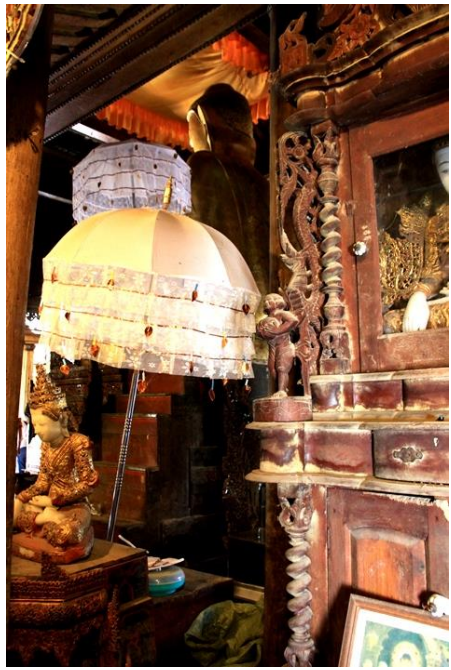


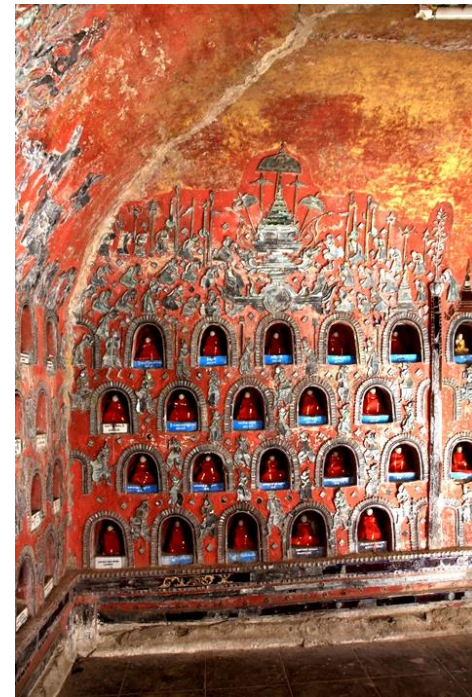




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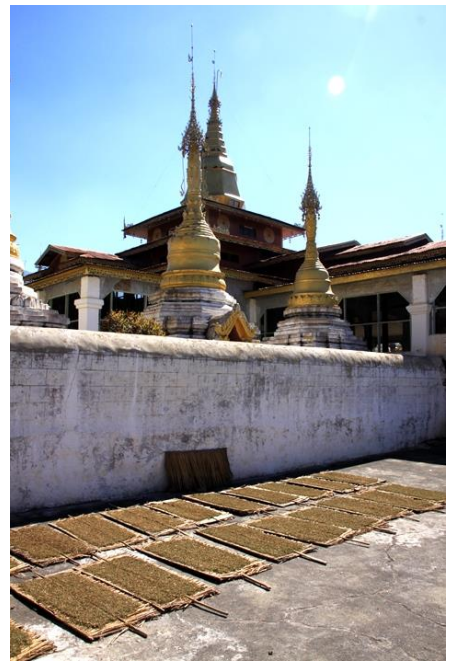








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