

U Aung Lynn, ambassador of Myanmar to the United States



Biography

Born: Date unknown

Education: Bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Yangon; Master's degree in public policy from the National University of Singapore

Career

- Formerly the permanent secretary of Myanmar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Director-general of the ministry's ASEAN Affairs Department since 2011
- Named ambassador to the United States on July 18 2016 by President U Htin Kyaw

Professional highlights and diplomatic agenda

- Ambassador Aung Lynn began his career in government in 1982, joining Myanmar's Ministry of Irrigation as an assistant engineering geologist
- He was appointed third secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon in 1983, and later served as consul at the Myanmar Consulate in Hong Kong
- Aung has also held postings at the Embassy of Myanmar in Pretoria, South Africa, and at Myanmar's Permanent Mission to the United Nations
- As director-general of the ASEAN Affairs Department in Myanmar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aung Lynn focused his efforts in recent years on promoting US-ASEAN cooperation
- He is expected to continue to voice support for strengthened US-ASEAN ties and the United States' overall engagement in Southeast Asia
- Aung Lynn will look to leverage the United States' support for Myanmar's new democracy and build momentum to strengthen US-Myanmar relations, especially as the US prepares for a new administration next January
- He will likely encourage increased American investment in Myanmar, the further lifting of sanctions, and the development of bilateral strategic initiatives to support Myanmar's economic growth

Sources: Center for Strategic & International Studies, *The Leaderboard: U Aung Lynn*, July 26, 2016; Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs.