

# SCA-UK Bursary 2013/2014

I am extremely honoured to have the opportunity to write this article about SCA-UK Bursary 2013/2014. I would like to quote from our chairman's last year's New Year Message.

“The SCA-Uk has been founded and sustained by the energy of Tai/Shan students studying in the UK. As we welcome Pi Mai Tai 2007<sup>th</sup> with pride that their success has brought us, we also notice with excitement that the world we live in is getting freer, or at least travelling towards that direction, as far as we are concerned. We hope that the future brings better opportunity for our people and the world. That said, we must not forget that the majority of our people in many countries in parts of Asia still live in ignorance and deprivation of opportunity for education, health and economy. For the great majority of our ordinary folk, trust is yet to be built, peace to realize, stability to come and prosperity to achieve; full participation as a world citizen is yet to happen.”

“With these in minds, this year the SCA-UK has doubled its effort in helping our people as well as others. The SCA has set up a sub-committee for scholarship with Dr. Sai Tin Maung (Orthopaedic Consultant, Yeovil) as its chair, with Sao Nang Mone (granddaughter of Saopha of Ywathwe/ the first president of the Union of Burma), Dr. Sai Han (consultant at Glasgow Hospital), Dr. Nang Nidaphorn (MBBS), and Nang Zune Pan Aye (BSc) as members. This is to ensure more efficiency and wider reach of our education project.”

SCA-UK have set up 6 bursaries to support university students who are studying in various parts of Myanmar, who are in need of financial support to pursue their dreams for a better future of our people in the rapidly developing country. The bursaries are named after “Khu Maw Lik” or Shan scholars who had contributed a great deal towards the history of Shan. They are:

## **a) Dr Sao Ba Nyan Medical Student Bursary**

There are two bursaries for medical student. Dr Sao Ba Nyan was born in Hsi Paw. He is known as the father of “Shan Nationalism”. He designed the Shan National Flag “Kham Sarm Tar and Lurn Kham (Three Golder Strips and Golden Moon)”. This idea has recently been adapted to be the Myanmar National Flag. He was one of the first early Shan Doctors in Modern Medicine. He was also a gifted composer. He composed the Shan National Anthem “Alurm Kham Sarm Tar”.

## **b) Nang Kham Gu Bursary**

There are two bursaries for students studying literature and arts. Nang Kham Gu was a well known female poet and an accomplished novelist in the early 19th Century. Her most famous work was a love story called “Khun Sarm Law and Nang Oo Pim”, that is still very well known now-a-days.

## **c) Sao Garn Sor Bursary**

Sao Garn Sor was the greatest poet and composer ever recorded in Shan history in the late 18th and early 19th Century. His work including nearly 200 Lik Loang manuscripts have captured interest of many modern scholars and have become the subjects of many researches carried out in many well known institutions such as SOAS. He was the father of Nang Kham Gu.

**d) Sao Amat Luong Merng Nong Bursary**

He was once chief minister for Saofa, ruling prince of Merng Nong in central Shan State. In his later life, he was known for his dedication and achievement in Buddhist studies and meditation.

This year, SCA-UK education project has successfully funded three enthusiastic university students, namely: Nang Lao Lao (Kyauk-me, Northern Shan State), Sai Khay Hseng (Taunggyi, Southern Shan State), and Sao Gan Dha Vati (Lawk Sauk, Southern Shan State).

**Nang Lao Lao** has successfully completed her first year at University of Medicine 1, Yangon. She has been awarded Dr Sao Ba Nyan Bursary.

**Sai Khay Hseng** is a student at University of Technology (Yadanabon Cyber City), studying Advanced Material Engineering. He has been awarded Sao Garng Hso Bursary.

**Sao Gan Dha Vati** is in her second year of Industrial Chemistry at Yadanabon University Mandalay. She has been awarded Nang Kham Gu Bursary.

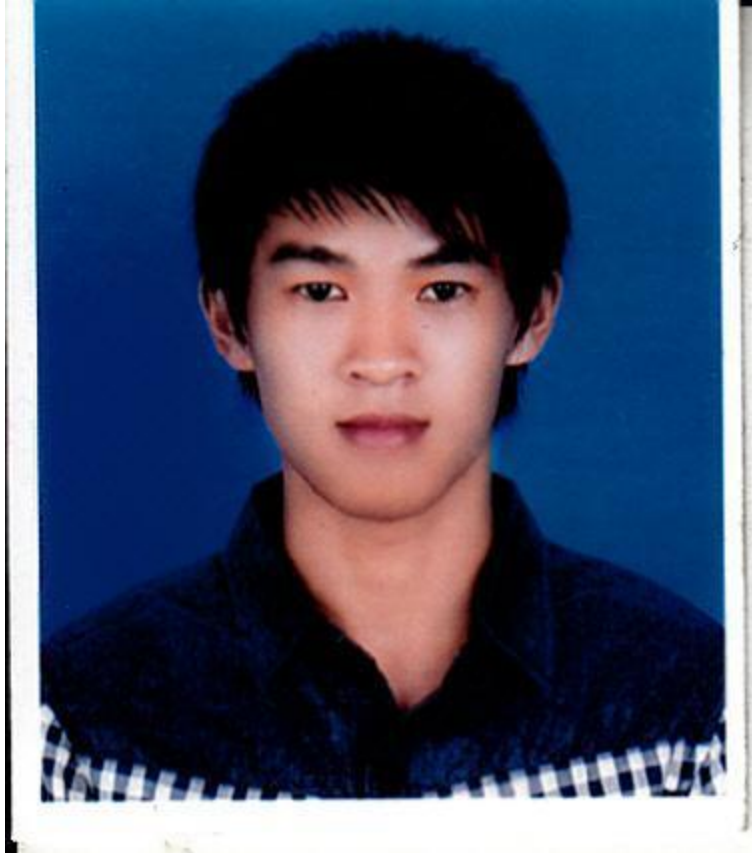
I have the pleasure and am proud to include the testimonial from one of our students,

“My name's Sai Khay Hseng and was born in Langkho, Southern Shan State. I'm currently living in Taunggyi. I'm recently studying Advanced Material Engineering at University of Technology (Yatanarpon Cyber City) which exists near Pyin Oo Lwin. As I have four siblings and only one of us have finished university, my parents have to support us alot. It has been easier in supporting me since I got bursary supported from SCA-UK. My study is also going way well. We sincerely thank all of you and I also must say I would try my best in my study with your support.”

SCA-UK therefore extend our appeal to our friends and supporters all over the world for your generous giving to help us expand our education project. Every penny of your donation will make a difference to the prospects of our students and hence of our country as a whole.



Sao Gan Dha Vati, Second year, Industrial Chemistry at Yadanabon University Mandalay



Sai Khay Hseng, Advanced Material Engineering, University of Technology (Yadanabon Cyber City)