Making Inventory of Craftsmanship and Performing Arts of Shan (East) Traditional Musical Instruments

Date - 10-7-2014

Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No - KT / Wa / 6(M)

Type of musical instrument- Wa Yoe Yar Tajo:,traditional Violin

Material - Wood, leather, string

Background History -

Making Process - The body of this violin is made of wood and

covered with leather. There are tuning keys on the

pegs box.

How to play - It is played with a bow by pressing the strings with

the fingertips from up to down.

Size - 2 feet and 4 inches in length

2 feet in length of fret board3.5 inches in length of sound box5.5 inches in height of sound box



Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No - KT / Wa / 6(M)

Type of musical instrument-Material - Wa traditional gourd flute Bamboo, Dried gourd

Background History - -

Making Process - A dried gourd is perforated on its surface and fixed

with 5 bamboo sticks and stuck them with the use

beeswax in order to be airtight.

How to play - It has to be played by blowing air through the open

hole of dried gourd, while opening and closing the

open holes of bamboo sticks.

Size - 8 inches in length of flute

7 inches in height of dried gourd



Location - Kyaine Tone Township
No - KT / Gone Shan/ 1(M)

Type of musical instrument- Gone Shan traditional Violin

Material - Wood, leather, strings

Background History - -

Making Process - The find wood is curved into the body of the violin.

And the sound box is covered with animal skin. It is used the guitar's number 1 string. The 2-strings violin is played with a bow made of fibers from hemp plants. Sound holes are made underneath.

How to play - It is tuned to the note of banjo. It is played by

pulling the bow along the strings.

Size - 2 feet in length

1 feet and 4 inches in length of fret board

4 inches in length of sound box 3 inches in height of sound box



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 2(M)

Type of musical instrument- Gone Shan Traditional Mandolin

Material- - Wood, strings

Background History -

Making Process - The body is made of wood in oval shape. The two-

stringed mandolin is used the guitar's number 1

strings.

How to play - It has to be played by plucking and fretting the

strings.

Size - 1 foot and 11 inches in length

7 inches in length of sound box



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 3(M)

Type of musical instrument- Gone Shan Traditional Xylophone

Material - Wood, iron slates

Background History -

Making Process - 22 iron slates in different sizes are drilled with the

hole, so the strings will hold them together and can be passed through in order to attached on the

wooden frame.

How to play - The player has to strike with two sticks wrapped

with cloth at top to the iron slates to make the different harmonious melody or sound. The

xylophone can be played from the crescendo to the bases or from the bases to the crescendo according

to the music.

Size - 4 feet and a inch in length

3 feet and 9 inches in length of total iron slate

8 inches in height

11 inches in length of maximum iron slate 6 inches in length of minimum iron slate



Gone Shan Pa'tala Traditional Xylophone

Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 4(M)

Type of musical instrument- Gone Shan Maun:, Sai, Traditional Gong Circle

Material - Wood, brass

Background History - -

Making Process - 15 gongs in different sizes are arranged in wooden

frame. It has to be played with two sticks wrapped

with cloth at top.

Size - 3 feet and an inch in length of gong circle

1 foot and 8 inches in width

10 inches in height

7.5 inches in diameter of No.1 gong

7 inches in diameter of No.2 gong

6.5 inches in diameter of No.3 gong

7.5 inches in diameter of No.4 gong

5.5 inches in diameter of No.5 gong

5 inches in diameter of No.6 gong

5 inches in diameter of No.7 gong

4.5 inches in diameter of No.8 gong

0.5 inches in diameter of No.9 gong

4 inches in diameter of No.10 gong

8 inches in diameter of No.11 gong

6.5 inches in diameter of No.12 gong

6 inches in diameter of No.13 gong

6 inches in diameter of No.14 gong

5.5 inches in diameter of No.15 gong



Date 11-7-2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township** KT / Gone Shan / 5(M) No

Type of musical instrument Gone Shan Traditional Banjo

Material Wood, String

Background History

Making Process The body of banjo is made of wood in

hexagon shape. The number 1 guitar string is

used to play this 4-stringed musical

instrument.

Size 3 feet and 4 inches in length

> 11.5 inches in length of body 9.5 inches in width of body 3.5 inches in height of body

2 feet and 4.5 inches in length of fret board



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 6(M)

Type of musical instrument - Gone Shan Horn Tayaw, Saxophone Violin

Material - Wood, String, Aluminum

Background History - -

Making Process - The body of violin is attached with

saxophone. It has to be played with a bow, while pressing 4 strings according to the

notes.

Size - 2 feet and an inch in length

1 feet and an inch in length of bigger horn

6 inches in diameter of bigger horn 5.5 inches in length of smaller horn 2.5 inches in diameter of smaller horn



Date 11-7-2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township** KT / Gone Shan / 6(M) No

Type of musical instrument Gone Shan Boun:, Traditional Drum

Material Wood, Leather

Background History

Making process The wood is made hollow in the shape of

tub. The leather is tightly stretched over the

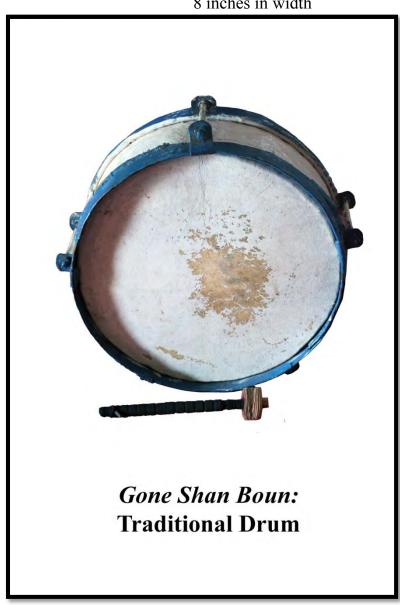
two heads.

This double-headed drum has to be played How to play

by striking its two leather-covered heads.

1 foot and 5 inches in length Size

8 inches in width



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 7(M)

Type of musical instrument - Gone Shan Si-wah, Timing Bells and

clapper

Material - Wood, Brass

Background History - -

Making process - A small brass cymbal is used as Si, and

small hollowed log carved into the shape of

frog is used as Wah.

How to play - This Si(small brass cymbal) and Wah(small

hollowed log) have to be played by striking

with a stick.

Size - -



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Gone Shan / 7(M)

Type of musical instrument - Gone Shan Maun: Sai Tan, Traditional Gong

Cycle

Material - Wood, Brass

Background History - -

Making process - 6 gongs made of brass are arranged in order

in the wooden frame. A player strikes the bosses of the gongs with two sticks wrapped

with cloth at top.

How to play - The gongs must be played by striking their

bosses.

Size - No .1 gong- 1 foot and an inch

No .2 gong- 9 inches No .3 gong- 7 inches No .4 gong- 7 inches No .5 gong- 5 inches No .6 gong- 5 inches



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Akha / 1 (M)

Name of the musical instrument - Akha Largyel Gourd Flute

Гуре - bamboo, dry gourd

Background History - -

Making Process - Five pieces of bamboo are cut from a

bamboo grown in the mountainous region and bored a hole on each five pieces of bamboo. A reed is put in each bamboo to make the pleasant sound. Those five pieces of bamboo are tied together and put in the hole of dried gourd. Then, the place met by bamboos with the dried gourd is covered with the bees wax to make air proof.

Way of blowing - The music melodies are made by blowing

the mouth-hole of dried gourd and opening and shutting the finger holes on the bamboos

alternatively.

Size - 13 inches of gourd flute in length

16 inches of dried gourd in height

9 inches of the longest bamboo piece in

length

5.5 inches of the shortest bamboo piece in

length



Location - Kyaine Tone Township
No - KT / Akha / 2 (M)
Name of the musical instrument - Akha Done Guitar

Materials - Wood (teak), leather (monkey, barking deer,

crocodile)

Background History - -

Making Process - The soundbox and fingerboard are made of

wood and the soundbox is covered with the leather and supported with the bamboo rods. Three strings are fixed and the

revolving blades are attached at each ends

of the strings to level the strings.

Way of playing - The musical sounds are made with it by

pressing the strings. Especially, only the folk musical melodies are tuned with it.

Size - one foot and 10 inches of guitar in length

4 inches length of the soundbox 2 inches height of the soundbox



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Akha / 3 (M)

Name of the musical instrument - Akha Violin

Materials - Wood (teak), leather (barking deer)

Background History - -

Making Process - The soundbox and fingerboard are made of

wood and the soundbox is covered with the leather and supported with the bamboo

rods. Three strings are fixed and the

revolving blades are attached at each ends

of the strings to level the strings.

Way of playing - The musical sounds are made with it

pressing on the strings by fingers and played

with a bow made of horse tail.

Size - 2 feet and a half length of violin

7 inches of soundbox in length 17 inches of bow in length



Date 12-7-2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township** No KT / Akha / 4 (M) Name of the musical instrument Akha Leaf Whistle Materials Leaf (Rubber leaf)

Background History

Making Process It's made of a large leaf with even rims

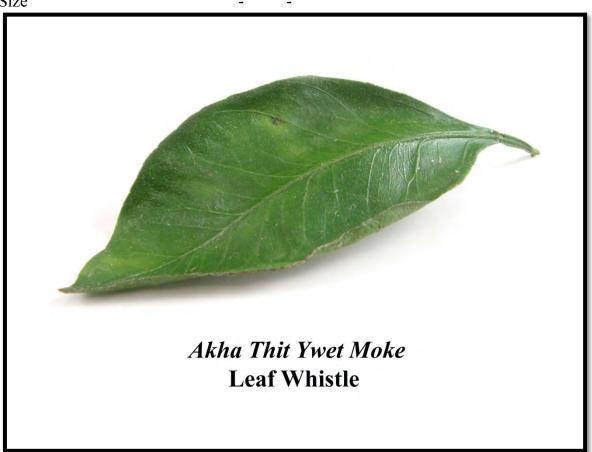
which is not too hard and not too tender.

Way of blowing It makes a high pitch if it's blown folding in

> middle and produces the pleasant sound if it's blown at the top. It's usually blown when

the bachelors court the maids.

Size



Location - Kyaine Tone Township No - KT / Lahu / 1 (M)

Name of the musical instrument - Lahu Kyet Goe, Long Drum

Materials - Wood (Mango wood), Leather (skin of

barking deer)

Background History - -

Making Process - The wood is carved in hollow and stretched

the leather at a head. The throat of the long drum is decorated with the convolutions. The part of breast chicken and the lower part

of the long drum is painted in black.

Way of playing - It's played by striking on the surface of the

leather by hand.

Size - 19 inches in length

9 inches of head in diameter

2 feet and 5 inches in circumference of the

head

9 inches of chicken breast in length 13 inches of Padain in circumference 9 inches of long drum's throat in length



Date 13/7/2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township**

No KT / Lahu / 2 (M)

Name of the musical instrument Lahu Naw . Gourd Flute

Reed, Dried Gourd Materials

Background History The dried gourd represents the father and the

five reeds represent five sons. The first reed represents the son who lives on mountain. The second one does the son who lives in slope of mountain. The third one does the son who lives in the foot of mountain. The fourth one does the son who lives in the plain land. The fifth one does the son who lives in abroad. No matter where they live,

the unity means everything for them.

Five flutes are made of reed cut in desired **Making Process**

> measure. One hole is bored in each flute with a heated sharp iron. A reed is put in each flute to make pleasant sound. All five flutes are tied together and fixed at the hole of gourd. For the airproof, the hole of the dry gourd connected with the flutes is covered

with the beeswax.

Way of Playing It's blown by blowing at the mouth-hole of

the gourd opening and shutting the holes of

flutes with fingers.

Size 16 inches of dried gourd in length

11 inches of the longest reed in length

7.5 inches of the shortest reed in length



Place - Kyaine Tone Township
No - KT / Lahu / 3 (M)

Name of the musical instrument - Lahu Naw Palwei, Flute

Materials - Bamboo

Background History - It's been blowing while going to the farms

and herding the cattle since the ancient time.

Making Process - A piece of bamboo is cut and left to dry. It's

bored with a heated iron. There are six finger

holes.

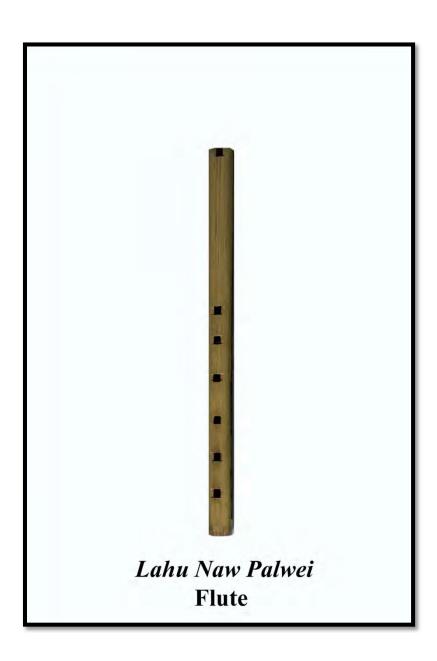
Way of blowing - The bamboo is carved inward instead of a

reed. It's blown by opening and shutting of the holes with fingers. The traditional melodies can be played with it and the

western musical melodies can be tuned with

it too.

Size - one foot in length



Date 13-7-2014

Place **Kyaine Tone Township** KT / Lahu / 4 (M) No Name of the musical instrument Lahu Maun:,Gong

Bamboo Materials

Background History

Making Process It's made with the bronze-casting craft.

Way of playing It's played by striking with a knobbed beater

on the boss of the gong.

9 inches of gong in diameter Size

2 inches of the central boss of the gong in

diameter

One and a half of circumference rim of the

gong



Location - Kengtung Township
No. - Ka Ta /Larhu/ 4 (M)
Name of instrument - Larhu Lagwin:,Cymbals

Material - Brass

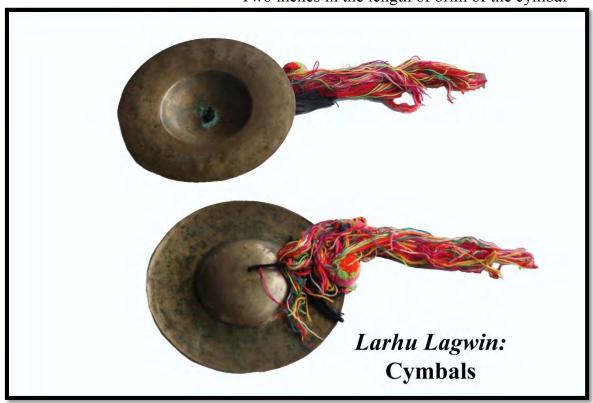
Background History -

Making process - Brass casting method is applied to making this

instrument.

Playing style - The cymbals are clashed together to play.
Size - Eight inches in length of the cymbal

Two inches in the length of brim of the cymbal



Location - Kyaine Tone Township
No - KT / Tai Li (Li Shan)/ 1 (M)
Name of instrument - Tai Li (Li Shan) Talaw ,Violin

Material - Wood and string

Background History -

Making process - A piece of wood is carved into the shape of

bowl with equal thickness. Some people use brass bowl for the body to produce better sound. And then, the carved body is covered with hide of deer or goat. Guitar strings are used for this violin and two tuning pegs are installed on the top of the fret. The topmost part of the fret is carved into the shape of

parrot.

Playing style - This violin is stood on the ground or put on

the shoulder to play with the bow.

Size - Two and seven inches in length of the violin

Five inches in diameter of the body

Four and a half inches in high of the body One foot and five inches in length of the fret Eight inches in length of the carved parrot



Date 14-7-2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township** KT / Tai Li (Li Shan)/ 2 (M) No

Name of instrument Tai Li (Li Shan) War Palwei, Bamboo flute

Bamboo Material

Background History

Making process Cut a piece of bamboo into necessary length.

Then, get it dried and perforate it. Two brass

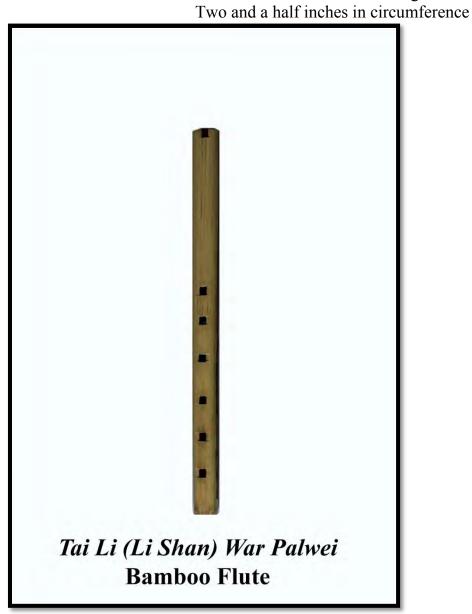
coils are used as reed.

Playing style It is played by blowing into the mouthpiece

and by opening and closing the respective

holes on the flute.

Size One foot and four inches in length



Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No. - KT /Lesu/ 1 (M)
Name of instrument - Lesu Sabu Guitar

Material - Pinsein wood and Barking Deer animal hide

Background History - -

Making process - A piece of Pinsein wood is carved into the

shape of guitar body and covered with Barking Deeranimal hide. There are three strings and three tuning keys are installed

atop the fret.

Playing style - Press the strings with fingers and strum

across them to play.

Size - Two feet and two inches in length

Five inches in length of the body Two inches in high of the body

One foot and eight inches in length of the

fret



Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No. - KT/Lesu/2 (M)

Name of instrument - Lisu Pharumuti dried gourd

Materials - Dried gourd and Wa-par bamboo

Background History - -

Making process - A bamboo is cut into necessary length to

make three flutes. Then, make a hole on each flute with burnt iron stick. After that, a reed is put in each flute to make better sound. Three flutes are tied together. A hole is made on the dried gourd to house these flutes in it. Last of all, seal the joint hole with beeswax.

Playing style - This instrument is played by blowing into

the hold atop the gourd and by opening and closing the holes on the flutes with fingers.

Size - One foot and five inches in length of gourd

flute

Six and a half inches in high of the gourd Eight inches in circumference of the gourd

Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No. - KT / Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) 1(M)

Name of instrument - Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) Christ Ozi (Long

drum)

Materials - Wood (teak or sal tree) and cow hide

Background History - -

Making process - Hollow out the wood and cover the head

with the cow hide. Kyet Yin (the Shape of chicken breast)is painted black. The throat is painted red and decorated with ribbons.

Playing style - It is played with hands.

Size - Two feet and two inches in length of Ozi

Eight inches in length of the shape of

chicken breast

Two feet in circumference of the shape of

chicken breast

One inch in diameter of the shape of

chicken breast

One foot and five inches in circumference of

Padain

One foot and six inches in length of throat



Date 16-7-2014

Location **Kyaine Tone Township**

KT /Lwal Shan (Tan Loi)/ 2(M) No. Type of musical instrument Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) Dain Guitar

Material Wood (Teak or Ingin)

Background History

Making Process The body and the fret board are made of

> wood. The body this 4-stringed guitar is covered with plywood. There are 4 tuning

pegs on the pegs box.

It is used to play only the traditional music How to play

by strumming and fretting the strings.

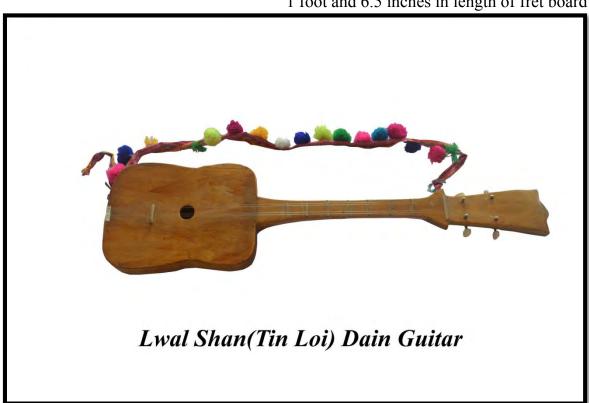
Size 3 feet and 1.5 inches in length

1 feet in length of body

9.5 inches in breadth of upper bout of body 8 inches in breadth of lower bout of body

2 inches in thickness of body

1 foot and 6.5 inches in length of fret board



Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No. - KT / Lwal Shan(Tin Loi)/ 3(M)

Type of musical instrument - Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) Gong

Material - Brass

Background History -

Making Process - It is made of brass by casting it.

How to play - It makes a sound when striking its boss.

Size - 10 inches in length

3 inches in diameter of boss

1.5 inches in thickness

Location - Kyaine Tone Township

No. - KT / Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) / 4(M)

Type of musical instrument - Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) Lagwin:,Brass Cymbals

Material - Brass

Background History -

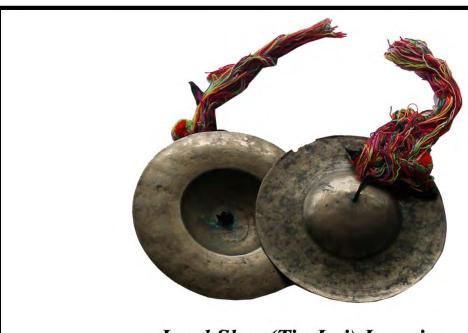
Making Process - It is made of brass by casting it.

How to play - A pair of cymbals makes a sound when

clapping each other.

Size - 8 inches in diameter

2 inches in breadth of brim



Lwal Shan(Tin Loi) Lagwin: Brass Cymbals