## **Karen New Year**



Karen New Year is celebrated on the first day of the month of Pyathoe in the Karen calendar.

This is a time when the rice harvest has finished and people will begin to build new houses.

Because Karen New Year is not a religious festival, Karen of all religions come together to celebrate it.

The Karen New Year is celebrated with traditional Don and bamboo dances, singing, speeches, ceremonies to pay respect to elders, and lots of food.

