



Statement of 12th Strategic Consultation Meeting (SCM) of Burma's Democratic and Ethnic Forces

"Vows to Oppose the 2010 Election Collectively"

Burma's democratic and ethnic forces successfully held the 12th Strategic Consultation Meeting from April 2 to 4 in a liberated area. 58 participants of major political alliances and parties joined the meeting and discussed to achieve common positions and strategies to tackle current political challenges.

In particular, the meeting focused on issues of building dynamic leadership and collective movement, the 2008 constitution, and the 2010 election.

- In principle, it was agreed to invite other political forces and individuals to form a united front with the core alliances such as National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB), National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), Ethnic Nationalities Council (Union of Burma), Women League of Burma (WLB), Forum for Democracy in Burma (FDB), Student and Youth Congress of Burma (SYCB), and Nationalities Youth Forum (NYF). This united front will represent the democratic movement as widely as possible. To realize this agreement, a committee composed of representatives from these core alliances was formed. With this collective movement, the momentum of the struggle for democracy and self-determination and equality of ethnic nationalities will be dynamically furthered.

The common positions of all exile and liberated areas-based main-stream political organizations are as follows:

- holds that the 2008 constitution cannot overcome the country's political, social and economic crises but entrench the military rule. To abolish the 2008 constitution is therefore fundamental in constructing democratic transition in Burma and one of the most immediate tasks of the democratic movement.
- reaffirms the position not to recognize the 2010 election that will materialize the 2008 constitution.
- vows to collectively oppose the 2010 election if the regime continues to ignore the proposals and recommendations of political forces including National League for Democracy (NLD) and international community. The proposals include the unconditional release of all political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo, and U Khun Htun Oo followed by holding a substantial dialogue and collective review of the constitution to lead to an inclusive political process in the country.

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Ethnic Nationalities Council (Union of Burma)
Women League of Burma (WLB)
Forum for Democracy in Burma (FDB)
Student and Youth Congress of Burma (SYCB)
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