

**SHAN STATE PROGRESS PARTY / SHAN STATE STATE ARMY**

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 2014**

**COMMUNIQUE**

December 31, 2014

1. The annual conference of the Shan State Progress Party / Shan State Army was successfully held from December 27 – to 31, 2014 at the SSPP/SSA headquarters in Wan Hai. The meeting was led by two senior advisors and attended by 19 Standing Committee, 5 Alternate Committee members and observers consisting of 149 commanding officers of the SSA, totaling to 175 attendees.
2. Topics discussed included the implementation of policy and programmes for the party, military, civil administration and local development projects for the year 2014. Participants actively took part in analyzing on the weak and strong points, pros and cons with constructive criticism as well as self-criticisms and advice and suggestions as to what would be most practical and pragmatic approach and finally concluding a unanimous support for our role in 2015.
3. It is evident that the civil war of over 60 years has been a long and bitter experience for us all in that it has been proven that it is not the positive answer to political problems. Therefore, the conference candidly discussed and concluded that the sole and only road for the nation to solving the political problems is to hold talks and negotiate peacefully.
4. The people in the Shan State have long lived under oppression and our struggle has been subject to divide and rule causing disunity in the state. Our endeavor is to strengthen our unity with all other ethnic nationalities and the people who are suffering under the same fate.
5. In these days of hardship and suffering from the civil war, we see that the only ways to ease the peoples' plight as well as repay them our debt of gratitude are to continue in 2015 on a larger scale with digging irrigation canals, construction of dams, river ferries and piers, roads and bridges, village schools, health centres and sanitariums, donate religious centres as well as religious buildings together with local development projects.

6. To be more effective in our fight against narcotics and drugs for 2015, we have educational courses within our organization as well as in villages for the public; have introduced substitute crops and requested for help and wider participation of monks and people so that action can be taken legally.

7. Most important point in our meeting being the building of a nation desired by the people which guarantee equal rights, self-determination in a genuine democratic federal union. In this struggle we call upon all armed revolutionary ethnic forces, political parties and the general public to join us hand in hand and march bravely and unwaveringly towards this goal.

8. We take this opportunity in wishing the people together with the SSPP/SSA members, commanding officers and soldiers, good health, safety, security, peace and happiness.

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