

## Statement on

## International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

## 26 June 2015

- In today's situation of the Union of Burma (Myanmar), trafficking and the uses of illicit drugs spread everywhere. The opium poppy plantations also continue to exist.
- With regard to the eradication of illicit drugs, the government staff do not take full responsibility.
- Although RCSS wants to cooperate with the government in drug eradication, there is yet no implementation in reality.
- The fact that the cooperation in solving the illicit drugs could not be implemented
  has been a problem of politics in the Union of Burma (Myanmar).
- In 2014-2015, RCSS had given drug rehabilitation to 1489 people, arrested and given punishment to (94) males and (25) females, seized 1239 and 1/2 methamphetamine tablets, 4.4 Kilos of heroin, 83 viss (1.6 kg) of opium and 1 set of drug production utilities.
- Only when the government opens the opportunity to every organization, including
  people countrywide for the cooperation to eradicate illicit drugs, the drug
  eradication will be able to get carried out successfully.
- Concerning illicit drug eradication, RCSS will continue to carry out as best as it can.

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