



## **Student Union Representatives Committee (SURC)**

### **International Democracy Day 2022 Message sent by the Student Union Representatives Committee (SURC) to the International Democracy Day celebration**

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In order to show that it is very important for all human races in the world to have full access to the essence of democracy and to promote democracy, the United Nations has designated September 15 as the International Day of Democracy.

Like many countries of the world, we, in Myanmar, also had many activities related to democracy. Respecting human dignity, access to equal rights, freedom of expression, freedom of belief and worship, the right to vote freely and right to be elected are the fundamental essences of democracy. In the few years after Myanmar's independence, the shadow of democracy seemed to reflect a little on the public, but since the military seized power in 1962, democracy in Burma has gradually died out. That desolation appeared for a while as a fake democracy as in 2008 Constitution drawn up by the military dictators. From February 1st 2021, Myanmar's democracy went into complete darkness.

The young students in our country have been fighting bravely for ages, from the frontline when it comes to democracy issues with the people, even up to the current Myanmar Spring Revolution. Our ancestors, once youthful students, loved the truth and valued the principles of democracy, so they did not accept the military takeover of the country in 1962. In addition, in the popular uprising of 1988, which is prominent in the history of Myanmar's democracy movement, the young students fought together with the people. In the current Burmese Spring Revolution, our students are doing non-violent civil disobedience, CDM, and the strong

continuance of the revolution till today proves that they are fighting bravely and actively in the revolutionary movements, including peaceful strikes in major cities despite very brutal breakdowns by the illegitimate military. The young students who are fighting have become the main targets for repression, arbitrary arrests and killing by the military dictators. Arrests, imprisonments and inhuman tortures have been carried out in a very ferocious, barbaric and savage way. No matter how oppressive and cruel our students are treated, we as a whole will continue marching and fighting until the revolution succeeds by uprooting the military dictatorship.

Ma Mya Thwae Thwae Khaing, Ko Khant Nyar Hein, Ko Wai Yan Phyoo, and monks, teachers, doctors, civilians, and many others who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of Myanmar democracy whose lives and dreams were taken by the military in current Burmese Spring Revolution will always be remembered. Moreover, the speedy release of those who have been unjustly detained depends a lot on the victory of the current revolution. Eradication of the dictatorship that threatens democracy is the path of survival of democracy, which our students strongly believe. The current students are experiencing the consequences of more than 70 years of internal conflict. And only through the survival of democracy will peace and harmony in Myanmar be able to develop sustainably.

Everyone, who cherishes and values democracy, has the responsibility to protect from the danger of fading away and extinguishing democracy in any region. One day when such prevention, conservation and promotion of democracy fails, dictatorship will dominate and destroy the world. We, as Student Union Representatives Committee (SURC), has sent a message to the International Democracy Day celebration that we will fight until victory in the Myanmar Spring Revolution, and we will work to annihilate dictatorships and strengthen democracy anywhere in the world.



With Revolutionary Faithfulness,  
Student Union Representatives Committee (SURC)