



The Constitutional Committee on the Revelation of the People's Aspirations

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The Constitutional Committee on the Revelation of the People's Aspirations (CCRPA), which was jointly formed by the Burma Lawyers' Council (BLC) and the National League for Democracy (Liberated Area) (NLD-LA), held a workshop No.2, discussing the revelation of the people's aspirations for the future constitution. It took place on the Thai-Burma border on 10 October, 2004, and over 30 Burmese migrant workers in Thailand attended. The secretary of CCRPA, U Kyaw Thwin, Member of Parliament from Khayan Township, Yangon Division, Burma, addressed the background, aims and objectives of the committee as well as the importance of people's participation in the constitution drafting process at the opening speech of the workshop.

The Working Groups' committee members primarily discussed topics relating to rights and legal knowledge on the constitution, such as Constitutional Introduction, Human Rights and Constitution, Civil and Political Rights, The Right to Life, Freedom of Association, and Labors' Rights. These important topics were intended to raise the worker's awareness on the process of writing a constitution and gave them an opportunity to share their aspirations for a future constitution.

The working group members discussed the fact that all people should be allowed to participate in the constitutional writing process and that their civil and political rights should be guaranteed in the constitution. "There is no right to life in Burma. There were many extra-judicial killings under the military rule in the 1962 Students Uprising, the 1988 People Power Uprising, as well as in the many massacres in the ethnic states. The Burmese military regime cannot guarantee the right to life in Burma because they even commit crimes against humanity like they have license to kill." spoke by U Htun Htun, one of the presenters from Holding Mass Meeting Working Group.

Burmese migrant workers discussed the difficulties they face in Burma and Thailand. Moreover, they urged the committee to include freedom of movement, freedom of association, rights for their security, the right to education, economic rights, the right to participate in politics, and basic human rights in the future constitution in Burma.

In addition, presidium, presenters, and the workers exchanged their opinion in the current situation of Burma and the workshop successfully ended at 2 PM.

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