

Press Release

Pertaining to the recent reports of crackdown on legally registered Myanmar migrant workers by the Thai authorities, the Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand met with high ranking officials from the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) on 6 June and 14 June 2014. During the meetings, NCPO officials including the Head of Sub-committee dealing with illegal migrant workers from NCPO reiterated that those reports were unfounded, that Thailand has no policy to crackdown or arrest the legally registered foreign migrant workers in Thailand, and that the NCPO aims to promote proper employment so that Myanmar workers would receive the full benefits of health and welfare protection in accordance with the Thai laws.

The Ministry wishes to inform that the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok has already set up hotline numbers of the Embassy officials so that any arrest of documented Myanmar migrant workers could be notified to the Embassy on 24/7 basis.

Undocumented Myanmar workers in foreign countries are to seek employment through proper frameworks so as to ensure safe and secure working environment. In this regard, Myanmar Embassies abroad stand ready to render necessary assistance to them if they encounter any difficulty.

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