Dear friends of World Dharma,

I write to respectfully inform you of the release of a new four-volume set of books – *Burma's Voices of Freedom in Conversation with Alan Clements: An Ongoing Struggle for Democracy* – which have just been released, worldwide, in time for your country's upcoming national election. Alan Clements' previous books include *The Voice of Hope: Conversations with Aung San Suu Kyi*, and *Burma: The Next Killing Fields?*.

We are currently reaching out to Burmese CSOs and NGOs in the hope that you will share news of these books through your social media channels or, if you have one, your newsletter. These four books took over 8 years to produce, and they represent over 200 years of collective imprisonment; please take a few minutes to share their Voices of Freedom in as many places possible.

Combining over 30 years of archival material as well as a scholarly set of appendices, *Burma's Voices of Freedom* provides readers with an unprecedented account of Myanmar's decades long struggle, told in the words of your own people. Included are celebrated activists, senior religious figures, former prisoners of conscience and key politicians at the heart of government. These voices describe in vivid detail the courage and conviction required to nonviolently confront injustice, whether on a stage, in a demonstration or in solitary confinement.

If you would circulate the link with your social media community with a word or two about the post and for others to do the same, knowledge of this work will quickly become known before the upcoming elections.

With the tragic ongoing vilification of Burma's political landscape, we feel the international media will not touch this work, sadly. We are fully reliant upon you — the good people of Burma, with all her ethnicities — to spread word of this four-volume set of books. You can find a short list of how you might support us at the end of this email.

May these priceless books filled with the courageous voices of the people serve their intended purpose — for the freedom unity and prosperity and national reconciliation of the people of Myanmar, all the people — both the oppressed and oppressors alike.

Our Facebook page can be <u>found here</u>, and details of the books, such a press release and the introduction, as well as links to online retailers can be found on <u>Alan Clements' website</u>.

With Metta, and deep gratitude for your time,

Fergus Harlow and Alan Clements

Please, if you can, here a few things you can do to help us promote this our work:

- 1. Share news of this release via your social media channels, and ask 5 of your friends to ask 5 of their friends to do the same.
- 2. If you have any connections within the media who will review the books or interview the authors, either please contact them and or send their contacts to us.
- 3. Ask bookstores in Myanmar to carry copies of *Burma's Voices of Freedom*.
- 4. If you belong to any Facebook groups that are devoted to politics, democracy, truth telling, universal human rights, Dhamma and or national peace and reconciliation please become a voice of freedom and encourage group members democracy is in the hands of all of us, you and me —so please read and study the words in these unprecedented books of our great leaders and pass their words, these books, on to others.
- 5. Please consider buying copies and sending them to friends as gifts —Dana—especially to the younger generation who know less about the truth of your country's long struggle for freedom.

The essence of these four books is identical to the vision of one of your great leaders, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi — and, moreover, the government that she is a part of. That vision is National Reconciliation. Let us play our part and send copies of these books to all those people who may doubt that national reconciliation is possible, or even may not want it. Send copies to everyone you know in high office. Everyone in Burma's military echelon. Every ambassador of the UN. Every Ambassador in every foreign consulate in Myanmar. If nothing else, those books will be put into their libraries. National Reconciliation requires that "everyone does their part."

Just as millions took to the streets on 8.8.88, may you encourage all whom you know to take to the global digital street and bring your country's Voices of Freedom to the world and in support of the right outcome for the November election in Myanmar.

We are unambiguous of our support for National Reconciliation. Towards the actualization of that vision and in solidarity with Myanmar's government, our goal is to see this four volume set in the home library of every Burman household in the world living outside of Myanmar, and, with a bit of good luck and Kusala kamma, inside Burma as well. Please help us realize our goal.