



KACHIN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION THAILAND

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**Statement on the 10th Congress of the Kachin Women's Association Thailand
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The 10th Congress of the Kachin Women's Association Thailand (KWAT) was held in a liberated area near the Thai-Burma Border during 25-26 February 2019. 45 KWAT members attended the congress, including staff from inside Burma, as well as 2 observers.

During the two days of the congress, programs and project activities and secretariat activities of 2017-2018 were reported and reviewed, and the constitution, operational manual and finance policy were updated and finalized. Furthermore, the future strategic work plans were laid down for the coming two year term.

At the congress, all staff members reaffirmed KWAT's strong commitment to work towards genuine peace and reforming federal democracy in Burma and to promote women's participating in decision making at all levels. We set a commitment to continue to help women from conflict zone and to work on eliminating all forms of violence against women including human trafficking.

The three members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary, Joint General Secretary were appointed for year 2019-2020. The advisory board members were increased from two to four members.

KWAT was established on 9th September 1999. It is an organization working for the empowerment and advancement of Kachin women in order to improve the lives of women and children in Kachin society, and to establish a peaceful and just society.

The Executive Committee members appointed are:

1. Mrs. Shirley Seng
2. Mrs. Na Tawng
3. Mrs. Linda

The appointed Secretaries are:

1. Ms. Jessica Nhkum (General Secretary)
2. Mrs. San Htoi (Joint General Secretary)

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