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## Women's International Symposium

### Women of Many Backgrounds From Burma Sowing the Seeds of the Future

The people of Burma, including its women and children, suffer daily under Burma's military regime and have little hope of a better future. The junta recently extended the detention of pro-democracy leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by another year, in the face of passionate, worldwide appeals for her release. Violations of women's rights continue unabated.

We, as women from Burma, would like to work with you to consider a better future for ourselves and our children. We need the help of the whole world, including Japan, in order to bring about a peaceful Burma where human rights will be guaranteed. Please join us in a discussion of the situation of Burma and the various issues women are facing there.

**Date:** Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 6:00pm ~ 9:00pm

**Place:** Toshima Public Hall (Toshima Koukaido)

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Address: 1-19-1 Higashi Ikebukuro Toshima-ku, Tokyo

**Directions:** 5 minutes from Ikebukuro Station East Exit

Subway Marunouchi line, Yurakucho-line, and

Seibu-Ikebukuro line, or JR Tobu Tojo-line

**Entrance fee:** 1,000 yen

**Special International Guest Speaker!!**

***Daw Mya Raza Lin***

from the Rakhaing Women's Union, based in Bangladesh

**Organized by: Burma Women's Union (Japan branch)**

[www.womenofburma.org/bwu.htm](http://www.womenofburma.org/bwu.htm)

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Asian People's Friendship Society: [www.jca.apc.org/apfs](http://www.jca.apc.org/apfs)

Human Rights Now: [www.ngo-hrn.org](http://www.ngo-hrn.org)

Peace Boat: [www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org)

Burma pro-democracy organizations in Japan

**General Support:**

All Japan Alliance of Feminist Representatives

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# Program

**18:00      Opening**

Welcome by MC: Cho Cho Aye, Burma Women's Union

**18:05 ~ 18:30      Opening Speeches from Japan**

Kimura Tamiko, All Japan Alliance of Feminist Representatives

Ito Kazuko, Secretary-General, Human Right Now

Shigekawa Haruki, Ferris University

**18:30 ~ 19:15      Brief Reports about women from Burma's ethnic minorities**

Chin

Kachin

Karen

Mon

Shan

**19:15      The Present and Future of the Women's Movement in Burma**

Mya Raza Lin, Rakhaing Women's Union

Cho Cho Aye, Burma Women's Union

**20:30      International Support for Burma**

Johanna Stratton, Peace Boat + GPPAC (Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)

**Traditional Music and dance of ethnic from Burma**

**21:00      Closing**