



**Restoration Council of the Shan State
Statement of the Chairman's Trip**

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1. In March and April 2024, General Yawd Serk, the chairman of the Restoration Council of the Shan State, met and discussed with people in RCSS's controlled areas, and delivered words of encouragement to newly recruited soldiers taking military training in the territories of different brigades. There are 3 purposes of the trip as follows:
 - (a) To relieve the public fear of conscription law by the State Administration Council (SAC), and to get information on the ground situation faced by the communities, meetings were conducted with the exchange of questions and answers.
 - (b) For different reasons, young people came to take up arms and get military training at the training centers of the Shan State Army. In order not to act just like a straw-fire, and to know one's national duties and the value of Shan State as well as one's birthplace better, they are encouraged to get and know well the basic military training for the protection of oneself and one's homeland.
 - (c) To implement the agreements of previous political talks at both the union and state levels, the foundation will mainly be prepared and established at the local level.
2. During this trip, visits to 6,000 military recruit trainees at the different basic military training centers and meetings with 12,000 locals from 33 villages in RCSS's controlled areas were made to share knowledge, give words of encouragement, discuss through the exchange of questions and answers and offer aid to suitable activities of local necessity reported by residents.
3. The RCSS has begun the reform of administration from the bottom-up approach with local stability, equality, federal democracy, and self-determination. In doing so, RCSS welcomes the participation-willing stakeholders, including the Tatmadaw, relevant ethnic nationalities and organizations, and thus this statement is now released.

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