LETTER TO:-

CHAIRMAN
COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA
PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

MALI NMAI CONFLUENCE DAM PROJECT

BY

CHAIRMAN
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To:
Chairman
Communist Party of China
People’s Republic of China

I, hereby present to your most honorable Chairman of Republic of China our humble request.

I am serving as the Chairman of Kachin Independence Organization. On behalf of the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) and the Kachin Ethnic people inhabiting in the Union of Myanmar, I submit this open letter to you.

I sincerely believe that you and your State Council members as our neighboring country know well about Union of Myanmar and the history of Kachin People.

In this letter I inform you what we Kachin people are feeling in our hearts:

1. We Kachin remember that we have had a long border with our neighboring country China, mutual relations for a long period of time in history.

2. We are also grateful to you for the benefits we have been enjoying due to the development of our neighboring country China.

3. We do not wish to harm our neighboring country China and we are always careful about it.

4. We also expect China to lead us in Trade and Economy as well as educate our people in other suitable fields in our homeland.

5. Since six years ago, CPI from Republic of China and Asia World Co., Ltd. from Union of Myanmar have established joint Hydro Power plant projects in seven locations along the Mali Hka and Nmai Hka rivers.

6. Having known about this, KIO happily observe and assess the projects underway in our Kachin homeland.
7. Since the Mali Nmai Confluence has been the important historical site of the Kachin ethnic people and the site has been a valuable environment for all of us Kachins, We have appealed the Asia World Co., Ltd. to launch their Hydro Power Plant Project somewhere else instead of Mali Nmai Confluence.

8. Except the Dam Project in Mali Nmai Confluence, we have no objections against other Six Hydro Power Plant Projects. However, we have also informed the Asia World Co., Ltd. to make a decision only after assessing the consequences of the Dam Construction.

9. At present, the responsible personnel’s of Asia World Co., Ltd. are insisting on relocation of the resident of the Dam project area.

10. We see that the constant and support inhabitants should be obtained in a smooth and courteous way.

11. We also sense that the livelihood of the local people should be considered in a long-term process rather than in a short time.

12. The upstream areas north of the Mali-Nmai Dam Project are the locations where KIO military centers are stationed.


14. Since September 1, 2010 when the Myanmar Military government declared that would deal with KIO as it did before Ceasefire agreement in 1994, the Communication and Cooperation between the KIO and Myanmar Government have halted.

15. We have invited decision making body of CPI to discuss the tasks to be implemented in KIO area, but the responsible personnel’s from CPI did not come and it has been difficult to proceed with the work.

16. As the Kachin public requested individually by persons and by letters KIO has written Head of Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe concerning this issue.

17. The leaders of Military Government Northern Command in Kachin State recently has informed us that the security concerns and other necessary procedures will be launched in the above-mentioned six Dam project locations.

18. We have replied that the Myanmar Military troops will not be allowed to invade the KIO area in this time of current situation.
19. We also informed the Military Government that KIO would not be responsible for the Civil War if the War broke out because of this Hydro Power Plant Project and the Dam construction.

20. I am submitting this open letter to you with the hope that suitable solution to this problem may be obtained if you’re most honorable Chairman and the Authorities concerned of our neighboring country China.

21. Attached are the following copies of correspondence and letters.

b. Request of KIO Chairman to Yunnan Province State Council (In Burmese) (2007-6-11).
f. Letter of Northern Command in Kachin State to KIO Headquarters (In Burmese) (2010-3-10).
g. Letter of Secretary of Tanghpre Village Council to KIO Central Committee (In Kachin) (2011-3-8).
h. Letter of Kachin National Consultative Assembly to KIO Central Committee (In Kachin) (2011-3-11).
i. Letter of Thing-Chung Province Authorities to KIO concerning the survey to be done (In Burmese and Chinese) (2011-3-11).

22. I sincerely repeat that we expect the good leadership and cooperation of our friendly neighbor Republic of China for the development of Kachin people and our homeland.

23. Wishing your most honorable Chairman and all your colleagues’ peace and prosperity.

Respectfully,

( Lanyaw Zawng Hra )
Chairman
Kachin Independence Organization