

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets the Interfaith Friendship Group

Yangon, 1 Aug—A meeting between Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and patrons, chairmen and executive members from Interfaith Friendship Group was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Government Office, here, this morning.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Dr Maung Maung Htay, U Kyaw Kyaw Win and U Zaw Win, Yangon Region ministers Patrons of the Interfaith Friendship Group Retired Ambassador U Hla Maung, U Maung Shwe and Rev Dr Saw Mar Gay Gyi and Chairman Retired Ambassador U Sein Win Aung and executive members and departmental officials.

The Chief Minister introduced the Vice-President to the patrons, chairmen and executive members.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that Myanmar has diverse national races and religions. The Constitution clearly states that all citizens shall have freedom of religions. All religions have long been living happily and peacefully for many years. The country has never seen outbreaks of sectarian violence and attacks before. All know that people of Myanmar profess the religions they want to take faiths in. People of different religions do everything together.

He continued that fights and violence between two groups occurred in Rakhine State religion and race as pretext. Such violence could result in loss of lives and properties on both sides.

He highlighted that those victims themselves suffer the consequence of it. Sharing of some documentary photos is aimed at letting people from other regions know the plights of those victims.

It is impossible to turn a blind eye to the Rakhine issue as well as to resolve this problem only by one group or individual. This issue can spread to other regions, thereby reaching into regional and international agenda. It could deprive all citizens of rights and liberty. He called for participation of all including the Interfaith Friendship Group in dealing with current issues.

Those from the Group discussed extended formation of the group, programme for avoiding the reoccurrence of conflicts and follow-up programme.

After that, the Vice- President coordinated the essentials. After the meeting, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present. – MNA
