

TO

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Thilawa Special Economic Zone

Thanlyin – Kyauktan Township

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Subject: : Want to negotiate in order to create a good system to solve for the projects impacts that is satisfied [win-win] for both local community and; project implementers and investors.

1) The purpose of designing CD-OGM is to get fair remedy and to consider the voices of local community that is reflect in designing CD-OGM.

2) We create a Design Committee to reach our purpose that mentioned above. In May, 2015, the community from the relocation site who were already relocated from Zone A and the community from different six villages which will be effected in Zone B selected the community representatives who will design CD-OGM.

We designed the CD-OGM base on the challenges of current problems' solving system caused by Thilawa SEZ. And then, consider from different views those are appropriate and realistic for local community. We admit that it took a longer than we expect as the situation of Design Committee Members' families' livelihood and we were deeply thinking about making decisions which are reflected by all of Design Committee Members. We also spent a lot of that time trying to negotiate the Interim Mechanism in 2015 and 2016

3) However, we believe that the CD-OGM we designed is benefit for both sides of our local community and project implementers. That is why, we keep moving forward by doing the outreach to broader community and asking the inputs.

4) We have asked for your collaboration on this CD-OGM many times since 2016. We explained to project stakeholders and asking suggestions and comments.

5) We also been doing a lot of outreach in the community to make sure that other people can add their voice

6) We found out recently that the project implementers were trying to disclose to our local community about a system title by "Thiliawa Complaints Management Procedure (TCMP)". We heard that it is available on MJTD website, but we don't have computers, and plus it is only in English

7) Instead of collaborating on our CD-OGM which we designed over a long time with hard work, you create something different that did not include us. It feels like you are trying to make our work disappear.

8) That kind of action is more complicated for our local community. People have told us that they are confused, and some people are frustrated that this feels like it is dividing us

9) we will continue with our outreach in the broader community

10) Therefore, we, Design Committee Members, would like to request you for a meeting in order to come out the best solution. We still believe we can work together.

We request that you will reply us within one week.

Thilawa CD-OGM Design Committee Members