

Dr. Thaung Htun

Dr. Thaung Htun, a graduate of Burma's Institute of Medicine, became involved in the country's pro-democracy movement during the 1988 nationwide uprising as one of the leaders of Kyaunggon Township Strike Committee and led a peaceful mass demonstration in the township. Following the military coup in September 1988, Dr. Thaung Htun's home was raided twice while he was not home. He left Burma to avoid arrest and joined student activists at the Thai-Burma border in November 1988. Since 1996, Dr. Thaung Htun has served as the representative for United Nations Affairs for the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma. In 2005, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Burma Fund, Policy Think Tank of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma. Since then he has worked to raise Burma issue at international arena, including the United Nations, made the international community aware of the situation of human rights in Burma, and promoted the cause of the Burmese democracy movement to restore democracy and human rights.