



## **Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing**

### **Human Rights in Southeast Asia and Burma: An exchange with ASEAN Parliamentarians**

**Wednesday, September 16th, 2015  
4:00 – 5:00 PM  
441 Cannon House Office Building**

#### **ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights Delegation Members**



**U Shwe Maung** is a current Member of Parliament (Pyithu Hluttaw Representative) for Buthidaung Constituency Rakhine State, Myanmar. He is a Member of Reform & Modernization Assessment Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw. He has a strong interest and expertise on human rights, freedom of religion and interfaith community for peace building. He has been struggling for citizenship and human rights for ethnic minorities in Myanmar. He is also a founding member of International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief ([www.ippforb.com](http://www.ippforb.com)), and founder and chairperson of Arakan Institute for Peace and Development.



**Son Chhay** is a Cambodian politician, and one of the highest ranking members of the Cambodia National Rescue Party. Son Chhay was first elected to parliament in 1993 representing his birth province of Siem Reap and reelected in 1998 in the same province. From 2003 to the present he is a member of parliament representing Phnom Penh in the National Assembly of Cambodia. Son Chhay is well respected for his tireless effort to fight against corruption, promoting liberal democracy and human rights.



**Daw Doi Bu** is a women parliamentarian representing Injanyang, Kachin State within Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House). She is part of Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS). Daw Dwe Bu have been very engage with peace building process in Kachin state and committed to promote women leadership in Myanmar political arena.



**Charles Santiago** is a member of the Parliament of Malaysia for the Klang constituency in Selangor. He is a member of the Democratic Action Party (DAP) party in the Pakatan Rakyat opposition coalition. Santiago was first elected to Parliament in the 2008 election winning the seat of Klang from the governing Barisan Nasional coalition. Prior to his election, Santiago was an economist and worked for non-governmental organisations such as the Coalition Against Water Privatisation and Monitoring Sustainability of Globalisation Malaysia.



**Mu Sochua, Cambodia** is a Cambodian politician and rights activist, and Member of Parliament (MP) for Battambang. In 2005, she received the Leadership Award in Washington, DC, from the Vital Voices Foundation, co-founded by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. In 2002 she mobilized 12,000 women candidates to run for commune elections, with over 900 women winning and still actively promoting the women's agenda at the grass-roots level. In that same year she helped create and pass the Prevention of Domestic Violence Bill, which imposes severe penalties on marital rape and abuse of minors. Her work in Cambodia also includes campaigns with men to end domestic violence and the spread of HIV/AIDS; working for the rights of female entrepreneurs; working for labor laws that provide fair wages and safe working conditions for female workers; and working for the development of communities for squatters with schools, health centers, sanitation, and employment.

### **Moderator**



**Hon. Thomas H. Andrews** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of United to End Genocide. A former Congressman from Maine, Tom most recently served as National Director of Win Without War, a coalition of forty national organizations promoting a more progressive national security strategy that calls for prudent use of military engagement. He has worked to promote democracy and human rights throughout the world including Indonesia, Cambodia, Yemen, Algeria, Serbia, and Ukraine among many others. A long-time advocate of democracy and human rights in Burma, Tom has worked closely with the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, facilitated the creation of the European Burma Network and served as General Secretary of the Nobel Peace Laureate Campaign for Aung San Suu Kyi. Tom is a Senior Advisor to the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Tom was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1982, the Maine Senate in 1984 and the United States House of Representatives in 1990. Tom also served as president of New Economy Communications, a not-for-profit organization providing strategic planning and communication services to individuals and groups advancing labor and human rights issues.