

Your Excellency

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Paing Phyto Min, a 22-year-old poet and student leader serving six years in prison solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

In April and May 2019, Paing Phyto Min and other members of the Peacock Generation, a satirical poetry troupe, performed Thangyat critical of the military. The military took offence at their performances and brought charges against them.

Paing Phyto Min should not be in prison simply for criticising the military. Everyone must be free to express their views in Myanmar, even if these are critical of the authorities. I urge you to release Paing Phyto Min immediately and unconditionally, and your government to repeal or amend all repressive laws that violate the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely

閣下：

我敦促您立即無條件釋放班斐敏，22 歲的他身為詩人兼學生領袖，卻因為行使表達自由權而面臨 6 年刑期。

2019 年 4 至 5 月間，以表演諷刺詩歌為主的劇團——孔雀世代，在軍方面前表演坦恰，而班斐敏和其他團員在表演中傳達對軍方的批評；但是軍方卻對此不滿，進而控訴這些人。

班斐敏不該因為批評軍方而入獄。緬甸的人民有權自由表達個人意見，即使是批評當權者也一樣。我呼籲閣下立即無條件釋放班斐敏，並呼籲政府廢除或修訂所有壓制型法律，這些法律已侵犯了人民的表達自由權。

敬此