

The Future of Luangdimai and the role of Luangdimai Citizens Forum

--- **Good morning, dear friends,**

As we come together today, we are reminded of the land we call Luangdiram—a region that spans three states, blessed with nature's bounty.

Yet, with these blessings come significant challenges. Hemmed in by neighbors on all sides, we often find ourselves on the receiving end of pressures that stymie our growth and aspirations.

Our vision of economic development is being held back by our minority status in each of these states.

We do not have the autonomy to chart our future, as we are bound by the constraints of other organizations. **(NSCN,UNC etc)**

Our community is fractured by multiple apex bodies, each with conflicting visions and agendas. **Baudi ,ZU**

This lack of unified leadership has led to the proliferation of organizations, each pursuing its own motives.

Our elected representatives, in their struggle for survival, have aligned themselves with larger political parties, often at the expense of our people's interests. **(They have no say on behalf of our people,they are constraint to follow the dictate of the ruling party)**

In all three states, we face governments that are indifferent to our needs. But perhaps the most troubling issue we face is the disunity within our own community.

(We demean each other and flaunt our own dialectical groups)

Many of our people have become so disconnected from their roots that they have lost sight of our shared history and identity.

(Many have not heard the name Makuiluangdi)

The challenges we face are numerous, but they are not insurmountable. We cannot afford to stand idle, wringing our hands and hoping for change to come on its own.

If we fail to act now and address these issues head-on, our society will disintegrate beyond recognition in a few short years. Change for the better will not happen by itself. We, the LCF, must be the catalyst for that change. Change is never easy, and it is often met with resistance. Even something as simple as the transition from Zeliangrong to Luangdimai has been perceived with negativity.

But we must have the courage to explore new paths, understanding the realities and obstacles that lie before us.

There are many within our community who silently yearn for positive change—whether it be in unity, development, or self-administration. We must recognize that change often comes not from the obvious players, but from those we least expect. No one is too small to be an instrument of positive change.

While individual efforts can be scattered and directionless, together, we are a force to be reckoned with. The LCF must serve as the rallying point for this silent majority. LCF is not just an organization that arranges events, though that is important.

(MF in makuiluangdi and Madimbo in Laisong is a path breaking event)

It must be a movement with a clear purpose and specific goals to be achieved within a set timeframe. We must build a cultural self-administrative system that is independent of external influences.

(we cannot expect outsiders to build our house..they will never agree.. we have to work out a system to build our own administration system)

This system should serve as an umbrella organization that encompasses all inhabitants of Luangdimai and Luangdiram, promoting our rights and interests across the three states.

Our focus should include promoting our culture, education, healthcare, land rights, economic development, addressing historical injustices, and empowering the Luangdimai population.

We must also strengthen our land and economy by establishing infrastructure and industries that play to our strengths. We have to be attractive to our own people with our action.

This will require collaboration with elected representatives and a top-down approach to make Luangdiram a manufacturing hub, addressing economic inequality even in the face of booming national GDP growth.

The LCF must become a policymaking body, composed of working groups and expert teams. We need to identify the best minds within our community—those who can contribute to the fulfillment of LCF's goals and objectives.

Over the past eight years, we have laid a strong foundation. Our elders have been the framework of our community, nurturing us through these years.

Now, the time has come to put in the hard work necessary to bring about real change. I am confident this present team is dynamic and ready. Now we are all hands are on deck—let us set sail toward the dawn of a brighter tomorrow for the Glory of our people.

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