



Welcome to Arrest Yourself 2009

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Thank you for hosting an "Arrest Yourself" event. Hundreds of people will be partying for a purpose and sharing their concern for Aung San Suu Kyi and the people of Burma.

You have decided to host this party and thus have committed to staying indoors for 24 hours on any day between now and June 19th to demonstrate your solidarity with Aung San Suu Kyi. Suu Kyi leads her people in a non-violent struggle for human rights and democracy. She has spent over 13 of the last 19 years under various forms of arrest and is the only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize recipient in the world.

In our own way, we have chosen to honor her courage and her commitment to non-violent change by celebrating her birthday, which she will likely spend under house arrest, while raising funds and educating others about her unjust imprisonment, and the imprisonment of over 2,000 other political activists, the destruction of more than 3,300 villages, the daily repression of social and political life in Burma, and war crimes committed by the military regime. The fundraising component of this event is vital – please try to raise a minimum of \$200, which will be used to advocate for freedom and justice in Burma.

Your event is only one of hundreds going on around the world. Parties are being held throughout the United States, Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, Australia, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Thailand, India, France, Italy and many other places. You are part of a movement for change in Burma that is sweeping across the globe.

Individually, your event may not capture headlines, though we'll be thrilled if it does, but hundreds of Arrest Yourself events – events that generate dozens of press releases, thousands of petitions to the United Nations, and much needed funds to fuel the movement – will surely send a message of hope, support and determination to the people of Burma and to decision makers throughout the world. As Burma's military generals continue to violently stifle the voice of Aung San Suu Kyi and fellow democracy activists throughout Burma, we will prove through our collective call to action, in the words of Suu Kyi, that **"We will prevail because our cause is right, because our cause is just...History is on our side. Time is on our side."**

This host packet includes:

- A sample invitation to your event
- A biography of Aung San Suu Kyi
- An explanation of our new International Criminal Court campaign
**Please have your guests sign the enclosed petition to the UN Security Council*

A sign-up sheet to record your guests' contact information

**Please return this page to USCB*

- An explanation of the importance of fundraising and how your money is spent
- Instructions for creating your own personalized fundraising webpage
- An overview of what USCB has achieved during the past year
- A draft press release that you can modify for your event and send to local media
- Traditional Burmese recipes
- A DVD compilation that you can play for your guests
- An addressed envelope that you can use to return petitions, sign-up sheets, and financial contributions to USCB



These documents can also be found at uscampaignforburma.org/arrest-yourself-2009-host-packet-materials.
Feel free to call us at (202)-234-8022 or email Mike@uscampaignforburma.org if you have any questions.

Best wishes for a successful Arrest Yourself event,
Aung Din, Jeremy Woodrum, Jennifer Quigley, Jacqui Pilch & Mike Haack