

Sydney 22 February 2021

**Dear Daw Kyu Kyu Hla,**

My name is Ha Vu, and I am Sean Turnell's wife. I know that you know of Sean already. Sean is a sweet family man, an internationally respected academic, and a true friend to Myanmar.

During his school age, he was quite shy, often preferring exploring the world via his extensive reading. He studied economics at Macquarie University (in Sydney, Australia) all the way from Bachelor to PhD. He worked at Australia's central bank for a few years before joining the Economics Department at Macquarie and has been there since. All these just to tell you that he is simply an economist, and committed to using his knowledge for the good of others.

Sean was inspired by the people of Myanmar, the kindest and most hard-working people he knew. Thus, he dedicated his economic expertise to help bring investment and job opportunities to your country - to help Myanmar integrate with other economies in the region and the world, to help Myanmar grow faster and stronger.

As you may know from my name, I am a Vietnamese Australian, and an economics teacher too. I know how much Sean loves Myanmar, and how much he wanted to help the country. Sean and I were content to forgo our everyday companionship over the past few years so that he could help the people of Myanmar.

Now he is arrested, on what charge I do not know. No one has even told me where he is being held. He is someone who has loved and cared about Myanmar for many years, who has only sought to do what is right.

I am writing this personal note to you, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, from one wife to another wife. I plead you to speak to your husband to let my husband return home to my family in Australia.

Thank you very much, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, for reading this letter and for your help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ha Vu', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ha Vu