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ASSOCIATION OF MARA LITERATURE AND CULTURE
အမှတ် ၅၆/ခ မာယလမ်း၊ ဇောကန်ရပ်ကွက်၊ အင်းစိန်မြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကင်း၊ ၀၉၅၀၈၁၄၂

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Dear Nathan,

Greetings in His matchless name, from Myanmar.

Thank you indeed for your kind consideration of the possibilities of changing the nomenclature of the **Chin Mara; Mara Chin** to **“Mara”**. We truly appreciate your in-depth knowledge and respect of indigenous identity and languages.

The term **“Mara Chin or Chin Mara”** is totally foreign to the people of Mara as a whole, and we are wondering if it is a recently invented term for the Mara people living in Chin State, Myanmar. We are known both ourselves and by our surroundings as **“Mara”** and **“Mara Language”** for a century.

The Association of Mara Literature and Culture is registered under the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as **“Mara”** and **“Mara Language”**. Under the provision of the Government of Chin State the language is taught at different levels of the State Basic Schools as **“Mara Language”** since 2014 till to date.

This being the case, the Association of Mara Literature and Culture, representing the whole Mara Community of Chin State, Myanmar and Mara diaspora strongly approves the nomenclature of **“Mara”** (in Myanmar **“မရာ”**) for the people and **“Mara Language”**

(**မရာဘာသာစကား**) for the same, not **“Mara Chin or Chin Mara”** (**မရာချင်း ၊ ချင်းမရာ**).

Thanking you.

Blessings.

Most sincerely,

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