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TIBETAN PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE

Digest of Chithue Sonam MONKHAR
From May 2006 to December 2006

- 25.05.2006** Left for Dharamsala to take the oath of office and attend the first session of 14th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile. Deputies elected the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the house. After the Parliamentary proceedings I returned on 6th June 2006 to Zurich.
- 11.06.2006** Attended long life prayers for His Holiness the Dalai Lama organised by Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein (TCSL) at Rikon Gompa on the occasion of 15th of holy month "Saga Dawa".
- 13.06.2006** Received Ms Phuntsog Nyidron, ex-political prisoner, at Zurich airport from the United States.
- 17.06.2006** Tibetan Association of Dhotoe Chushi Gangdruk Europe invited me to the ceremony of 48th founding day of Tensung Dangmag in Lhokha, Tibet, held at Rikon Gompa and as requested I made a short speech on the occasion.
- 19.06.2006** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein (TCSL) organised a peaceful demonstration in front of UN Human Rights Council and UNO Office in Geneva on the occasion of first meeting day of the newly formed UN Human Rights Council. I spoke about violation and deplorable human rights condition in occupied Tibet.
- 25.06.2006** Briefed Thumies of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein about the proceedings of first session of Tibetan Parliament held from 30th May to 2nd June 2006 at Dharamsala and asked them to inform their sections' people accordingly.
- 06.07.2006** Attended prayer and incense burning ceremony organised by TCSL to celebrate the 71st birthday of H.H. the Dalai Lama at Rikon Gompa.
- 08.07.2006** Attended birthday celebrations of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and read speech of Tibetan Parliament. I met Tibetans from Italy who came to participate in the football match as part of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's birthday celebrations.
- 10.07.2006** Swiss-Tibetan Friendship Association invited me to their council meeting and we introduced each other and talked about working together for Tibet cause and Tibetans.
- 27.08.2006** Attended long life prayer for His Holiness the Dalai Lama organised by Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE) at Rikon Gompa.
- 02.09.2006** In the morning Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein organised a **Q&A Meeting** where I answered the questions from public. In the afternoon at the official function of Democracy Day celebration I read the official speech of Tibetan Parliament.
- 16.09.2006** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein organised a workshop on "Charter and Rules & Regulations of Exile Tibetans" in Horgen for thumies and representatives of Tibetan Women's Organisation in Switzerland (TWOS) and Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE). I talked about Charter of Tibetans in exile, its chapter 7 concerning local community head & local parliament and the Rules & Regulations of proceedings of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.
- 27.09.2006** Left for Dharamsala to attend the second session of 14th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile. The deputies elected kalons of 13th Kashag and after parliamentary proceedings I returned on 9th October 2006 to Zurich.

- 22.10.2006** Briefed Thumies of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein about the proceedings of the second session of Tibetan Parliament from 30th September to 7th October 2006 at Dharamsala and asked them to inform their sections' people accordingly.
- 26.10.2006** Spoke at the protest organised by Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE) in front of Chinese Consulate General in Zurich against firing on 30th September 2006 at Nangpala pass at the peaceful Tibetans fleeing the Chinese oppression and killing Kelsang Namtso and arresting 30 children.
- 28.10.2006** Attended 40th anniversary of "Folklore Ensemble of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein" and gave a short speech as requested.
- 30.10.2006** I met Mr. Mario Fehr, President of All Party Swiss Parliamentary Group for Tibet (Präsident der überparteilichen Parlamentariergruppe für Tibet) to introduce myself and discuss about working together on Tibet issue.
- 04.11.2006** The Office of Tibet (EU Coordination office), Brussels, organised a seminar on 4th and 5th November 2006 called "Awareness creation on EU, Belgian Government & Parliament and Tibetan Establishment" for the councillors and thumies of Tibetan Community in Belgium. I spoke on Charter of Tibetans in exile, community regulations, the procedure and rules of conducting meetings.
- 11.11.2006** Ütsang Cholkha Association in Switzerland invited me to their annual festival and as requested gave a short speech on the occasion.
- 12.11.2006** Attended Lhabab Düchen function at Rikon Gompa.
- 17.11.2006** Tibet Songtsen House Culture Centre, Zurich, invited me to participate on their programme "my life and work". I talked about my life and work in Tibetan Parliament and also the uniqueness of Tibetan Democracy and its development within the exile Tibetan community.
- 02.12.2006** Lhasa Boys Association in Rikon, Switzerland invited me to annual dinner.
- 09.12.2006** Tibetan Women's Organisation in Switzerland invited me to festival.
- 10.12.2006** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein organised a peaceful demonstration in front of UN Human Rights Council and UNO in Geneva to ask them to take up deplorable human rights conditions in Tibet with the Chinese Government. I spoke on the occasion to a large gathering.
- 11.12.2006** Sent my reports of the first and second sessions of Tibetan Parliament proceedings to the presidents and councillors of Tibetan Communities in Europe by asking them to distribute the reports to all Tibetans living in their respective countries for their information.
- 16.12.2006** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein celebrated the 17th anniversary of awarding of Nobel Peace Prize to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and I made a short speech on the occasion.
- 30.12.2006** Sent an e-mail to all presidents of Tibetan Communities in Europe wishing them and all Tibetans a very **happy and prosperous New Year 2007** and attached my seven-month report thereto for their kind information.

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