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TIBETAN PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE

Digest of *Chithue* Sonam MONKHAR

From July 2009 to December 2009

- 06.07.2009** Attended prayers and incense burning ceremony at Rikon Gompa to celebrate 74th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama organised by TCSL and Rikon Gompa.
- 11.07.2009** Attended birthday celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and I reminded the Tibetans of His Holiness' kindness and appealed to them to work hard for our cause by remembering His Holiness' untiring work for welfare of Tibetan people, Tibet Issue and in educating children and preservation of our religion and culture.
- 01.08.2009** Mr. René Longet, mayor of Onex in Geneva, invited me as chief guest for the celebration of First August Swiss National Day. I spoke about critical situation in Tibet, Sino-Tibetan dialogue and 50 years in exile and called for their continued help and support to our just struggle. I also thanked the Mayor, Municipal Council and the Swiss people for their support. Before the celebration I met Municipal Council for about two hours to brief them about Tibet Issue and answered their questions.
- 03.08.2009** In the morning I received Kalon Tripa Rinpoche at the Geneva Airport and at 4 p.m. I received His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Lausanne Airport.
- 07.08.2009** At noon I bid farewell to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on His departure from Zurich Airport to New Delhi after His 5-day successful visit to Switzerland.
- 10.08.2009** At noon I bid farewell to Kalon Tripa Rinpoche on his return to New Delhi from Zurich Airport after a week long visit to Switzerland.
- 16.08.2009** Sent a letter to Chizur Tsering Dorjee-la and Chizur Gangshontsang Ngawang Gyaltzen-la requesting them to take part at the Q&A Meeting of Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein on the morning of 12th September 2009 to answer public enquiries concerning Chithues and to read TPiE Statement for Democracy Day as I will be in Dharamsala for the 8th parliamentary session.
- 29.08.2009** Ütsang Cholkha organised prayers at Rikon Gompa for wellbeing of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and in memory of victims of Chinese repression in Tibet. As requested I spoke on present critical situation in Tibet and appealed for continued and concerted actions for our cause.
- 04.09.2009** Left for Dharamsala to attend the eighth session of 14th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (TPiE) from 7th to 19th September 2009. Parliament scrutinised government 2008-09 work and after the parliamentary proceedings I returned on 21st Sept. to Zurich.
- 26.09.2009** Attended 49th annual meeting of Dokham Chushi Gandrug Europe in Aschenbach.
- 03.10.2009** I briefed the 13th Thumies of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein about proceedings of the 8th session of Tibetan Parliament held from 7th to 19th Sept. 2009 and answered their questions. I also asked thumies to inform section members parliament news accordingly.
- 04.10.2009** Visited Karma Pangring, President of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein, who is in Glarus Kantonsspital following a heart discomfort.
- 10.10.2009** Attended start of “Zeit zu handeln – Cycling for Tibet”, organised by Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein, Tibetan communities in Europe and Tibet Support Groups. 20 bikers covered 500 km from Zurich to Frankfurt, where

- China is guest country at the “Frankfurter Buchmesse 2009”, to present a memorandum for peaceful resolution of Tibet Issue.
- 24.10.2009** Participated at the panel discussion on “Kalon Tripa Candidature in 2011” and spoke about the conditions and qualities described in the Charter of Tibetans in Exile and Rules and Regulations of Katri Election Procedure.
- 25.10.2009** Attended a long life prayer session for His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Rikon Gompa from 09:30 to 15:00 hours organised by Tibetan Women’s Organisation in Switzerland (TWOS).
- 30.10.2009** Prayer and candle procession in Zurich in memory of four Tibetans executed in Lhasa by the Chinese Communist authorities for alleged involvement in the peaceful protest in March 2008. Spoke about deceased persons and appealed for active participation for our cause in alleviating sufferings of our brethren in Tibet.
- 17.11.2009** Left for Rome to attend “5th World Parliamentarians Convention on Tibet” held from 18th to 19th November and returned in the early morning of 20th November 2009.
- 20.11.2009** I receive the honourable Speaker of Tibetan Parliament Mr. Penpa Tsering and Chithue delegation at Zurich airport when they arrived late in the night from Rome.
- 21.11.2009** Accompanied the Speaker Penpa Tsering-la and Chithue delegation to the meeting with Thumies of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein in the morning and in the afternoon a panel discussion on “Futruue Kalon Tripa” organised by Tibetan Women’s Organisation in Switzerland following which the Speaker and the Chithues had a meeting with Tibetans in Switzerland.
- 22.11.2009** At noon I bid farewell to Speaker Penpa Tsering-la and some Chithues on their return to New Delhi from Zurich Airport after a two-day visit to Tibetans here.
- 23.11.2009** The Chithue delegation met Mr. Mario Fehr, President, and Mrs. Kathy Riklin, Vice President, of All Party Tibet Group in Swiss Federal Parliament, in a restaurant near Zurich main railway station to brief them about the “**5th World Parliamentarians’ Convention on Tibet**” held from 18th to 19th November 2009 in Rome. We thanked them for their support and urged them to continue the same as Tibet Issue is still not resolved. We requested Mr. Fehr to come to Dharamsala next September when we will celebrate 50 years of Tibetan Democracy in exile.
- 06.12.2009** Münchwilen section of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein invited me to their meeting to ask about the incident in September 2009 during parliament session. I explained the incident and answered the questions raised.
- 10.12.2009** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein organised a peaceful demonstration in front of UN Human Rights Council and UN Office in Geneva to observe 61st Human Rights Day. Over 300 Tibetans and their supporters participated in it. I spoke about critical present situation and violation of fundamental human rights in Tibet and called upon UN Human Rights Commissioner and international community to urge the Chinese authorities to stop human rights abuses and start serious negotiation to resolve Tibetan Question. A memorandum was presented to Human Rights Commissioner.
- 19.12.2009** Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein celebrated the 20th anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize Award to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and I addressed the gathering to urge every Tibetan to think about His Holiness tireless endeavour towards Tibet and Tibetans and to remember kindness and advices of His Holiness to work hard for our cause in preserving our religion, culture and language.
- 25.12.2009** Glarus section of Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein invited me to their “Tibetan School Sonam Losar” to ask about the incident in September 2009 during parliament session. I explained the incident and answered their questions.
- 30.12.2009** Sent an email to all heads of Tibetan Communities in Europe wishing them and all their members a very **happy and prosperous New Year 2010** and attached thereto my report for the period July-December 2009 for their kind information.