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ICT International Boards discuss strategy in changing political landscape

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The Boards of Directors of the International Campaign for Tibet, ICT Europe and ICT Germany held a two-day hybrid meeting in Washington, DC on Dec. 6 and 7, 2022 to discuss issues including our work on Tibet in the light of the changing international political landscape, as well as continuing discussions on the organization's leadership structure. In addition to 14 members of the Boards, the meeting was also attended by the senior staff leadership.

The Board members reviewed the current international situation relating to China, including the impact of developments like Russia's war against Ukraine as well as the COVID-19 restrictions in China that are changing the perception of China's role in the world. They assessed ICT's current work on advocacy, research and communications in the United States and Europe and discussed ways to strengthen them.

On the first day, the US Board also reviewed ICT's work in 2022 and discussed and approved the work plan for 2023.

Reception for Lodi Gyari book

On the evening of Dec. 6, ICT hosted a special reception to celebrate the publication of Mr. Lodi Gyari's book, "The Dalai Lama's Special Envoy: Memoirs of a Lifetime in Pursuit of a Reunited Tibet." Mr. Gyari, who passed away in 2018, served as the Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Executive Chairman of the International Campaign for Tibet.

The reception was attended by Dawa Gyari and Tenzing T. Gyari, wife and daughter of Lodi Gyari; Pema Gyalpo and Dorjee Gyari, brothers of Lodi Gyari; and other members of the family.

The more than 90 invited guests, who included ICT members, US Congressional staff, NGO representatives and others, heard from Greg Craig, Paula Dobriansky and Maria Otero, all former US Special Coordinators for Tibetan Issues; John Ackerly, ICT Board member; Tenzin Tethong, founding President of ICT, Ed Luttwak; and Pema Gyalpo.

All of the speakers referred to Mr. Lodi Gyari's contribution to the Tibetan issue, as reflected in his book and through their personal relationships with him.

A message from Sen. Dianne Feinstein was also read at the reception.

Pema Gyalpo extended the gratitude of the Gyari family to the gathering and in particular to all the speakers who highlighted Lodi Gyari's contributions.



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