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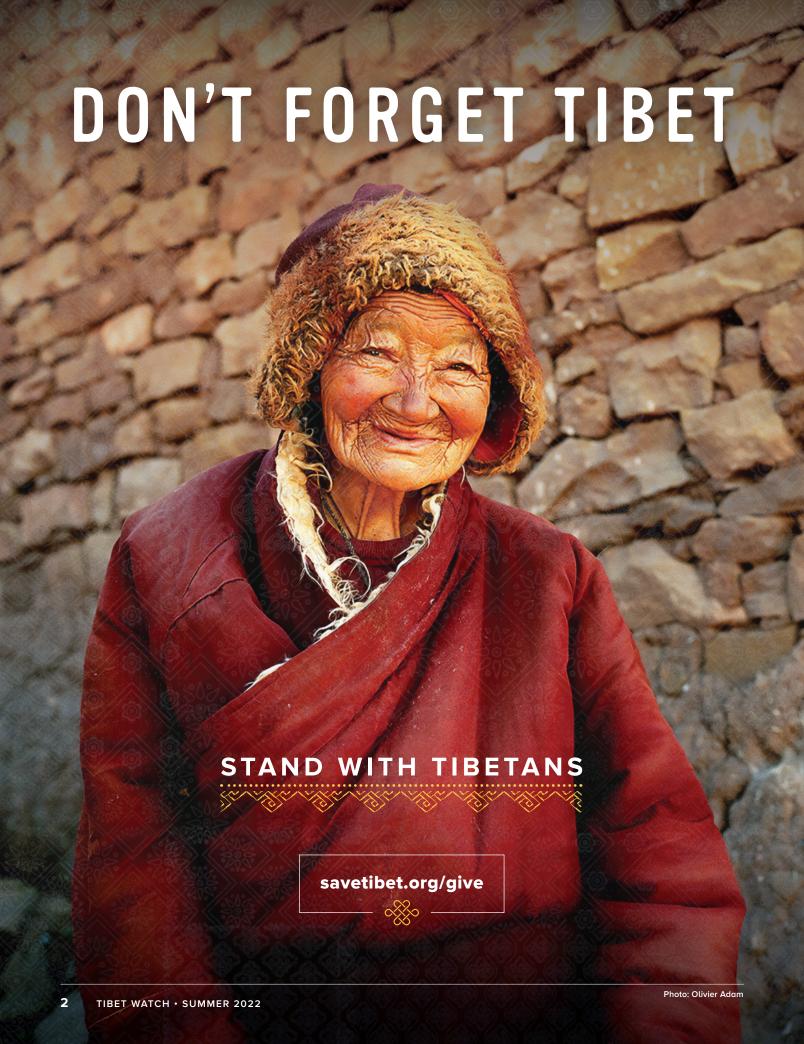








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### **EDITORIAL SUPPORT**

Andrea Calabretta Schultz & Williams Dear Friend,

I hope this issue finds you well.

It is my pleasure to present this issue of Tibet Watch to you. During the period it covers, we were honored to support the visit to Washington, DC by the new Sikyong (President) of the Central Tibetan Administration, Penpa Tsering.

This trip marked his first visit to the US as Sikyong. However, ICT's relationship with him goes back many years thanks to his past service as Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament and more recently as His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Representative to North America at



the Office of Tibet in DC. We are delighted to work with him now in his new capacity leading the CTA, and we look forward to continuing to work closely together to support the Tibet cause.

Also visiting DC that week was Zeekgyab Rinpoche, who is abbot of the reestablished Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. As you know, the Panchen Lama was disappeared in 1995 by the Chinese government at the age of six and has never been seen again. At our headquarters in DC, we held a special event with the abbot and the Office of Tibet, marking the Panchen Lama's 33rd birthday and redoubling our commitment to seeking his freedom.

You can read more about the Sikyong's visit to DC and his meetings with US political leaders, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in the feature story on pages 4-5.

Also this spring, my colleague, Interim Vice President Tencho Gyatso traveled to Dharamsala and made a special visit to the students at the Tibetan Children's Village School. You'll see those wonderful smiling faces enjoying ICT prayer flags on page 6, and I hope they will lift your spirits as much as they did ours.

Coinciding with Tencho la's trip was an important visit by the newly appointed Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues, Uzra Zeya, to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan leadership in Dharamsala. This visit, which included meetings with elected Tibetan leaders, sent a loud and resounding message about US support for the Tibetan people. Read more about it on page 6. It is our expectation that the State Department will follow up on the visit with concrete initiatives on Tibet.

Elsewhere in these pages you will find news of the destruction of several Buddha statues and religious structures in Tibet (page 6); His Holiness' advocacy for the environment (page 8); and important milestones for several of our devoted staff members (page 10).

We include a report of yet another self-immolation protest in Tibet since November 2019—that of Taphun, who previously encouraged young Tibetans not to become discouraged in the struggle for a free Tibet (page 8).

With China's ongoing oppression in mind, I hope you will lend your voice to the member survey on page 11, asking how we can most effectively communicate with our members in the pages of this newsletter. We want *Tibet Watch* to be relevant and useful for our members and will use your response to help determine its future.

At a time with so much hardship in the world, we thank you so much for your commitment to prioritizing Tibet.

With Tashi Delek and gratitude,



# TIBETAN SIKYONG VISITS WASHINGTON, DC

The Sikyong (President) of the Central Tibetan Administration visited Washington, DC at the end of April 2022, meeting with top US officials and influencers, including the International Campaign for Tibet. The visit was an important milestone in building support for new initiatives on Tibet.

Penpa Tsering, who serves as the elected democratic leader of the Tibetan diaspora, had a very full schedule in the US capital that included strategizing with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other Members of Congress. His visit, which marked his first trip to Washington since his election one year ago, raised expectations for new US measures to support the Tibetan people over the coming months.

"The bi-partisan US commitment and global leadership in supporting the Tibet cause is a source of great hope for Tibetans in Tibet and outside and will always be remembered," Penpa tweeted during his visit.



# PANCHEN LAMA'S 33RD BIRTHDAY

The first full day of the Sikyong's visit was also the 33rd birthday of the Panchen Lama, the high-ranking Tibetan Buddhist leader who has not been seen in public since the Chinese government abducted him and his parents in 1995 when he was only 6 years old. Zeekgyab Rinpoche, abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery (the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama) visited DC and took part in several of the Sikyong's events throughout the week.

On the Panchen Lama's birthday, the State Department called on Chinese authorities to "account for [the Panchen Lama] Gedhun Choekyi Nyima's whereabouts and well-being immediately and to allow him to fully exercise his human



rights and fundamental freedoms." This was met with a Chinese government spokesperson's response the next day, claiming, "The so-called reincarnated spiritual child is just an ordinary Chinese citizen living a normal life. He and his family do not want their normal life to be disturbed by others."

ICT joined the call for concrete evidence of the Panchen Lama's health and location and the restoration of his right to take his place as a religious leader of the Tibetan people.



The Office of Tibet, along with the Capital Area Tibetan Association and ICT, hosted a reception for the Panchen Lama's birthday on April 26 that included remarks from the Sikyong, Zeekgyab Rinpoche, US Commission on International Religious Freedom Vice Chair Nuru Turkel, former Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, former Ambassador Kelley Currie, State Department official Scott Busby, and several others. The event was bittersweet but showed the determination of political leaders to continue pressing for the Panchen Lama's release.



At the left: The Sikyong and Speaker Pelosi share a light-hearted moment during the strategy meeting held on April 28. At the right: Abbot Zeekgyab Rinpoche was able to join ICT in celebrating important milestones for 4 of our staff members. Read more about that event and their shared commitment to ICT's mission and the Tibetan people on page 10. Photo: Courtesy of tibet.net.



# STRATEGY MEETING WITH HOUSE SPEAKER PELOSI

On April 28, Richard Gere, Chairman of ICT, joined the Sikyong on Capitol Hill. One of the highlights of the day was the Tibet Executive Committee strategy meeting hosted by Speaker Pelosi, who has been a dedicated supporter of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people for decades.

Participants in the strategy session included Congress members Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) and Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). Gere told Radio Free Asia: "We are trying to burst the myths or narratives that the Chinese government has been presenting for many decades about Tibet being a part of China, which is not true.

"And we are trying to push for a genuine dialogue [between China] and His Holiness the Dalai Lama," Gere added. The Sikyong's weeklong visit also included calling on Senate Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member Jim Risch (R-Idaho), House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Michael McCaul (R-Texas), and House Rules Committee Chair McGovern, who is also Co-Chair of both the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. In a tweet, the Sikyong called McGovern "a leading voice in US Congress for the Tibet cause."

He also sat down with Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya; attended a luncheon with House Democracy Partnership members; visited major DC think tanks such as Freedom House and the Brookings Institution; and engaged local Tibetan Americans and Chinese Americans.

ICT leaders were very pleased to host Zeekgyab Rinpoche at our offices in DC, and we look forward to continuing to work closely together.







# PROTESTS MARK THE PANCHEN LAMA'S BIRTHDAY

Protests were held in France and Belgium on April 25, 2022, the thirty-third birthday of the 11th Panchen Lama. Around 200 members of the Tibetan community convened in Paris to call for the Panchen Lama's release and to pray for his long life. In Brussels, ICT organized a protest in front of the Chinese embassy, where supporters demanded that Beijing reveal his whereabouts and release him from detention.

## TIBET SPECIAL COORDINATOR UZRA ZEYA MEETS HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

The US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues met the Dalai Lama and Tibetan leadership, experienced Tibetan culture, and sent a message to China about US support for Tibet during her trip to Dharamsala, India, on May 18-19, 2022.

Zeya also met with Sikyong Penpa Tsering and other Tibetan leaders, civil servants, schoolchildren, monastics, artists, and more. It was her first visit to Dharamsala since becoming Special Coordinator in December 2021 amid growing momentum in US support for the Tibetan people.

# ICT REPORTS ON DEMOLITION OF RELIGIOUS STATUES IN EASTERN TIBET



ICT reported on a series of demolitions of religious structures ordered by the Chinese Communist Party, and detentions of Tibetans

resisting them, in Draggo (Chinese: Luhuo) County in eastern Tibet.

Many local Tibetans who resisted the destruction or showed discontent toward the authorities were detained. The names of at least 11

## ICT ANALYSIS: SINICIZING TIBETANS IN A CHINESE NATION-STATE

ICT issued analysis on the Chinese government's implementation of its top-level plans for "Sinicization" of Tibetans, focused on the CCP's "ethnic work conference" in Lhasa on February 9, 2022. Leaders from the military, government and Communist Party attended the meeting which focused on successes in the Sinicization of Tibetans over the past 5 years, new governance measures to increase repression, and

Photo: Courtesy of Tenzin Choejor/OHHDL

"Special Coordinator Zeya's visit to Dharamsala was a boon to the Tibetan cause and the Tibetan people both inside and outside Tibet," said Tencho Guatso, Interim Vice President of ICT, who was in Dharamsala during Zeya's trip and was present at many of her meetings. "By meeting with His Holiness and elected Tibetan leaders, and exploring Tibetan Buddhism and culture, Zeya sent a clear message about US support for the Tibetan people's legitimate aspirations for human rights and democratic freedoms. We look forward to seeing the US government build on the Special Coordinator's visit with new initiatives to help resolve the Tibetan issue."

Tibetan detainees could be ascertained, although the real number is believed to be much higher. The detainees were accused of challenging official orders, communicating out of Tibet about the destruction, and of posting photos of the statues on social media.

As in the case of the large-scale demolition of Larung Gar monastery in 2016, the authorities in Draggo apparently used concerns about infrastructure and safety as a pretext to exert total control over religious practice in the community.

the use of ethnic minority cadres (i.e. Tibetans controlling Tibetans). Another topic was bidirectional migration. During the conference, TAR Party Secretary Wang Junzheng signaled the importance of migration in the "new journey" toward a "socialist modernized new Tibet."

The gradual roll out of a migration strategy is an important component in the CCP's ethnic policy to dilute the majoritarian Tibetan voice in an area. ICT fears this effort may also result in Han settler colonization of Tibet under the guise of a long-term process of development assistance.

# WORLD PARLIAMENTARIANS CONVENE FOR TIBET



Parliamentarians and Tibet activists from 28 countries convened in Washington DC for the eighth session of the World Parliamentarians Convention on Tibet (WPCT) on June 22-23, 2022. The WPCT aims to strengthen and coordinate global support for resolving the Tibet issue, and encourage the Chinese government to resume dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama's representatives.

WPCT participants committed to collaboration between parliaments and with the Tibetan Parliament in exile toward a solution for Tibet. They called on all parliaments to promote Tibetans' right to self-determination and to treat Tibet as an occupied country. They also affirmed the right of Tibetan Buddhists to identify the next Dalai Lama and rejected the false historical narratives spread by the PRC expressing support for environmental action to save the Tibetan plateau and its water, as well as their solidarity with other ethnic communities under PRC rule.



ICT's interim Vice President Tencho Gyatso visited the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharamsala in May and hand-delivered ICT prayer flags, the same ones we send members each year, to the children. She explained how ICT members hang these flags in their homes as a symbol of solidarity with and support for Tibetans. Dharamsala is a refuge for Tibetan culture, where language, religion, and the arts can flourish.

# ICT SUPPORTERS CELEBRATE DALAI LAMA'S 87TH BIRTHDAY

On July 6, 2022, His Holiness the Dalai Lama turned 87 years old. Every year, the ICT community comes together to recognize the birthday of the beloved leader of Tibetan Buddhism and the world's foremost advocate for peace. This year, 5,374 ICT supporters sent messages to celebrate His Holiness' birthday and wish him a long life. Here you can read some of the heartwarming messages that were shared with Dharamsala.



ICT Chairman, Richard Gere, was able to share his birthday wishes with His Holiness in person at Dharamsala this year. Photo: Courtesy of Tenzin Choejor/OHHDL

"You are a calming figure in troubled times. May you have many, many more wonderful birthdays!"

— Lise G.

"I am so filled with gratitude for the many ways you have touched my life in this lifetime and touch the lives of so many."

— Katherine M.

"Longevity and peace for His Holiness, longevity and peace for this earth, Tashi Dalek." — Tony S.

"May Peace surround us all during these troubling times. May blessings surround you on your birthday." — Carmen G.

### **TIBET IN FILM**

Three moving and impactful documentary films that center on Tibet and His Holiness the Dalai Lama have recently released to wide acclaim. In addition to their cinematic value, these films shine a light on the Tibet issue, bringing their message to the public and broadening awareness and support.



Never Forget Tibet is a featurelength film that details His Holiness' escape from Chinese-occupied Tibet in 1959. The Dalai Lama tells his story of escape for the first time on film in exclusive interviews with the filmmaker. Exploring themes of world history, art, culture, and Tibetan Buddhism, the film also highlights the Dalai Lama's extraordinary friendship with his Indian guide Har Mander Singh, with whom he reunites on camera. The movie had its world premiere earlier this year and was shown in over 800 theaters in the US and Canada.



Others Before Self takes viewers to the Tibetan Children's Village School in Dharamsala, India, and explores the essential role it plays in housing and educating the younger generation of Tibetan refugees, while ensuring the preservation of their language, religion, and culture. The school, which was founded by the 14th Dalai Lama and his sister, operates according to the principle "others before self." The children speak about the occupation of Tibet and demonstrate their understanding of what it means to live in a loving community according to the wisdom of their culture.



Mission: Joy celebrates the unique friendship between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Through the film, the two demonstrate with humor and grace how to survive and thrive in spite of the hardships of our time. These two icons of compassion exemplify the power of leading with love and happiness, rather than anger and hatred. This uplifting film reminds us how to find joy even in the most troubling circumstances.

# DALAI LAMA SPEAKS AT ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE IN DHARAMSALA

On April 22, 2022, the Dalai Lama spoke at a conference titled Dialogue for Our Future: A Call to Climate Action, which was co-hosted by ICT's Amsterdam team. This event in Dharamsala, India brought together experts, activists, politicians, and others. One participant presented the Dalai Lama with a block of ice from a glacier (pictured right), brought by a team of young people on bicycles, public transport and electric vehicles all the way from Ladakh, to highlight the urgency of climate change on the Tibetan Plateau.

Throughout the discussion, the Dalai Lama emphasized the importance of water, saying, "Over the coming years we have a responsibility to take steps to preserve the great rivers that are the source of water for so many." The Chinese government's massive construction of dams has threatened the rivers originating in Tibet, which, at minimum, greatly exacerbated the devastating drought in Southeast Asia in 2019.

During the event, youth climate activist Elizabeth Wathuti from Kenya asked His Holiness how to appeal to world leaders to be selfless and act from a place of love and compassion with regard to climate change.

He responded by saying that it is



essential to understand that taking care of other people means taking care of yourself since we are a human community. Community is the ultimate source of happiness, and of survival. He said that all wealth and happiness come from wishing those things for others, while selfishness leads to suffering.

He continued, "Thinking of other people in terms of 'us' and 'them,' focusing on how they are not like us, leads to mistrust and isolation. It's much more helpful to think of how all seven billion human beings are fundamentally the same because we have to live together."

# DALAI LAMA ISSUES EARTH DAY ADDRESS

His Holiness the Dalai Lama issued a message for Earth Day on April 22, 2022. His message emphasized compassion and the interconnectedness of all beings. He encouraged reducing reliance on fossil fuels and adopting renewable energy, and he said that young people who are working to find solutions to climate change are our hope for the future.

"As human beings, living on this one planet, we must make an effort to live happily together. The threat of climate change is not limited by national boundaries—it affects us all. We must work to protect nature and the planet, which is our only home," he concluded.

# CONGRESSIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT



The 2021 Annual Report of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, released on March 31, 2022, says the Chinese Communist Party

continues to repress the religious practices of Tibetans amid other serious violations of human rights.

The report states that the Chinese government continues to insist on its own authority to select the next reincarnation of the Dalai Lama.

Tibetans who expressed reverence for His Holiness were punished, and Chinese authorities enforced heavy restrictions on communications into and out of Tibetan areas. The report also emphasized the surveillance of Tibetans, including US citizens. It noted the deployment of advanced technology, including DNA data collection, and the export of such measures to other authoritarian states. The report also documented ongoing air and water pollution.

Among other recommendations, the report calls on the Biden Administration to use the tools available in the Tibetan Policy and Support Act of 2020 to help protect Tibetan culture and identity and to use the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act to sanction those who restrict access to Tibet.



### **SELF-IMMOLATION REPORT**

Since 2009, 159 Tibetans have self-immolated in protest against the Chinese occupation of Tibet. ICT reports with sadness all those who choose this form of protest.

In the latest self-immolation protest against Chinese rule in Tibet, an 81-year-old Tibetan named Taphun set himself on fire in the early morning on March 27, 2022.

The elderly Tibetan self-immolated in front of the police station located outside of Kirti Monastery in Ngaba county. He is believed to have died. Taphun was known to be socially conscious. In 2021, while celebrating his 80th birthday, he said, "On account of

the blessings of the Gyalwa Rinpoche ["Victorious and Precious One," an epithet for the Dalai Lama], it is certain that the sun of happiness will shine in Tibet. The young children should not become discouraged."

After two years without any self-immolation protests, this is the second such protest this year.



# CONVERSATIONS ABOUT TIBET WITH ENGAGING LEADERS, THINKERS, ACTIVISTS AND ARTISTS

# THE FRACTURED HIMALAYA WITH AMBASSADOR NIRUPAMA RAO



During her four-decade diplomatic career, Nirupama Rao served as India's ambassador to China, foreign secretary, and ambassador to the US. Her new book, *The Fractured Himalaya: India Tibet China 1949-62* (Penguin Random House India, 2021), untangles the intensely complex saga of the early years of the India-China relationship, including the still-unresolved issue of Tibet.

In this Tibet Talk, Rao speaks to Asia expert and ICT Board Member Ellen Bork about India's close ties of friendship with Tibet and reverence for the land as a "sacred geography." She speaks about India's response to the Chinese occupation of Tibet and border issues that are ongoing even today. This vital conversation touches on the past, present, and future, including the eventual succession of the Dalai Lama.

**Tibet Talks** stream on Facebook Live and on our website at **savetibet.org/live.** The talks are also released as podcasts, available on iTunes, Spotify, and Google Podcasts. Watch previous episodes and learn more at **savetibet.org/pod/.** 

## ICT WELCOMES NEW STAFFER, JAMES SUTTON

James Sutton began his role as a Digital Associate at ICT in April 2022. James is committed to the environment and says that His Holiness the Dalai Lama's stance on environmentalism is what initially encouraged him to apply to ICT: "As I did more re-

search on Tibet, I saw the true effect of the climate crisis on the country. Industrialization, deforestation, the displacement and genocide of the Tibetan people; an entire culture is being eroded on multiple fronts, and at an increasingly accelerated rate." A graduate of Ithaca College with a BS in Communications, James hopes to use film and photography to spread awareness about Tibet, and to "help Tibetan voices be heard."

# WHEN THE IRON BIRD FLIES WITH JIANGLIN LI



In this Tibet Talk, Chinese historian Jianglin Li discusses her new book, When the Iron Bird Flies: China's Secret War in Tibet (Stanford University Press, 2022). With this publication, Li exposes for the first time the true horror of the time period from 1956-62 during the invasion of Tibet. The book contrasts the manufactured history taught in China with firsthand accounts by Tibetans themselves. It details the brutality of the Chinese military campaign—in contrast to the myth of a "peaceful liberation of Tibet" that has been perpetuated by China. In conversation with ICT Communications Officer Ashwin Verghese, Li discusses her experiences of interviewing survivors and her drive to shine a light on the real history of Tibet and China. She also discusses the reaction to her book in China, and her hopes for future healing between the two countries.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE



WE MEASURE THE EARTH WITH OUR BODIES Tsering Yangzom Lama (Bloomsbury USA, 2022)

We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies is Tsering

Yangzom Lama's debut novel, although you may already be familiar with her writing from LhakarDiaries.com (an English language blog among Tibetan youth in exile) or the anthology of Tibetan short stories **Old Demons** New Deities, which we reviewed a few years ago. If so, you'll know that Tsering is a talented writer, and in We Measure the **Earth** she has a gripping story to tell. It's the story of the Tibetan diaspora, from the arrival of Chinese soldiers in the Land of Snows to the difficulty of abruptly fleeing to India and Nepal and then, eventually, to present-day in Canada. Highly recommended.



TASTE TIBET:
FAMILY RECIPES
FROM THE
HIMALAYAS
Julie Kleeman
and Yeshi Jampa
(Simon & Schuster, 2022)

Kleeman and Jampa, who run Oxford's Taste Tibet restaurant, show you the secrets behind their dishes in this eponymous cookbook. They'll tell you how to make thenthuk, and momos, and sepen, and sha balep, and if you don't know what any of that is — or how to make it yourself — then this book is the perfect way to learn. Along the way you'll learn about Tibetan culture and Jampa's home village, including through beautiful illustrations and photographs.



### ICT STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATE MAJOR MILESTONES

# John Neville, Advocacy Officer, celebrating 12 years with ICT

John traveled to Tibet in 2008 and found ICT reports helpful in understanding what he saw there. He started as an intern and saus the combination of ICT's tradition of collaboration among the team and the strong support of members has made the biggest impact on his time. John has been working at ICT for one-third of his life, and calls it "an honor." He feels perceptions of the Chinese government have been changing and that, "It's up to us to make sure that this change benefits the people of Tibet and helps lead to a peaceful resolution of the issue."

### Morgan Riehl, Digital Content Manager, celebrating 11 years with ICT

Morgan joined ICT to improve and streamline the web presence and was drawn to the opportunity to amplify ICT's mission to a broader audience. She is proud to have built a solid foundation on which the organization can continue to grow: "We

have increased our audience across all web and social media platforms to help educate the public about Tibet's history, current situation, and future ... I look forward to finding new, creative and engaging ways to continue advocating for the Tibetan people." Morgan is surprised by how quickly the years have passed but views that as a testimony to the engaging work and fantastic colleagues.

# Lizzy Ludwig, Director of Development, celebrating 10 years with ICT

Lizzy's upbringing in a family that emphasized Quaker values including a focus on non-violent resistance to create change inspired her to apply as Development Manager at ICT. The Tibet issue is long-standing and complex, but Lizzy is continually energized by ICT's "enduring, tenacious, and positive-thinking" community. She proudly contributes to His Holiness the Dalai Lama's vision and is honored to do a job that resonates with her beliefs on a daily basis: "Watching how Tibetans react

[to oppression and injustice]—their perseverance, their ability to find joy and even humor, their compassion especially toward those who are oppressing them—it's so heartening and continually pushes me."

# Rinchen, Deputy Director for Chinese Outreach, celebrating 21 years with ICT



Rinchen first learned about ICT when he came to the US as a student and was given copies of the Tibet Press Watch newsletter by a supporter. Later, when he learned that the organization was looking for someone who could speak Chinese, Tibetan, and English, he applied for a job as a Research Analyst. He is most proud of ICT's achievements for Tibet on the international stage and saus he feels truly honored to be part of the team. Looking to the future, Rinchen says, "I hope that ICT will make persistent efforts to be more successful in the international arena for the welfare of Tibet and the Tibetan people, and that I will continue to be part of team ICT to add my two cents to its great work."

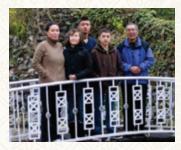
### In Memoriam

### THUBTEN SAMPHEL, 1956-2022

Devoted friend Thubten Samphel, a retired senior Tibetan official, passed away on June 4 at his home in South India. Samphel was a rich resource and a strong supporter of our work at ICT. He contributed to Tibetan empowerment programs, spoke to members and staff, and was responsible for the English version of our publication *Tibet in Chains: The Stories of Nine Tibetan Nuns*.

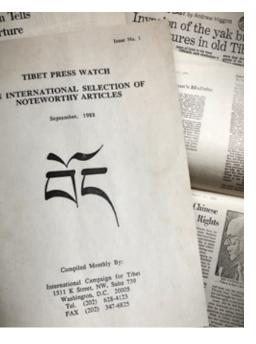
A committed academic, Samphel studied journalism at Columbia University, New York. He worked for the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala in various capacities from 1981 until his retirement in 2018, and also headed the Tibet Policy Institute. Samphel was a writer

who along with several articles, wrote 2 novels and is one of the few Tibetans to have ventured into composing fictional works in English. We celebrate the legacy of this gentleman and scholar.



Thubten Samphel is pictured above with his wife Namgyal Chonzom, daughter Tenzin Dekyong, and sons Rabten Namgyal and Tenzin Yugyal. (Photo from the family's collection). You can read more about Samphel on ICT's blog at https://weblog.savetibet.org/.

# CALLING ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



### **ICT NEEDS YOUR HELP**

In September of 1988, the International Campaign for Tibet launched *Tibet Press Watch*, a collection of clippings about the Tibet issue from newspapers across the globe. Back then, the articles were photocopied, collated, and mailed to members to keep them informed of media coverage on the situation in Tibet.

Over the past 34 years, the member newsletter has grown alongside our organization and is now called *Tibet Watch* to more accurately reflect our expanded content. This publication continues to serve an important role in keeping you up to date on not only the current challenges facing our Tibetan brothers and sisters, but also ICT advo-

cacy efforts and US legislation on Tibet, messages and information regarding His Holiness the Dalai Lama, insights into Tibetan culture, and actions that you can take to support the people of Tibet.

We value your input as a dedicated member of ICT and would appreciate your feedback on our *Tibet Watch* newsletter as we plan for the future of our communication efforts.

Please take a moment to tell us your thoughts and what you would like to see featured in future publications through the questions below. Then clip and mail your responses in the attached envelope. Thank you!

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# **MEMBER SURVEY**



## MICHIDER SURVET

1.	I read every issue of the	Tibet	Watch
	that I receive in the mail		

O Always

Name:

- Sometimes
- O Never

### 2. When receiving an issue, I:

- O Read it cover to cover
- Flip through skimming for stories that interest me
- O Don't read it

# 3. The content I find most interesting is: (check all that apply)

- Letter from ICT leadership
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- O Updates on the impact of my donations
- O Member news and profiles

- O New media on Tibet including Tibet Talks and book reviews
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- O ICT staff news and profiles
- O Reporting on self-Immolations
- O Petitions to world government leaders
- Updates on teachings and messages from His Holiness
- O Reporting on happenings inside Tibet
- O Reporting on political prisoners
- Other:

# 4. I would prefer if the *Tibet Watch* was: (check all that apply)

- Shorter
- Longer
- O More frequent

- O Less frequent
- O Featured more images
- O I like it as is

# 5. My preference between *Tibet Watch* and *Tibet Update* (ICT's e-newsletter).

- O I like receiving both
- I prefer getting my copy of the Tibet Watch in the mail
- I prefer getting the *Tibet Update* in my inbox every month
- O I didn't know about *Tibet Update*. Sign me up! My email:

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HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke at the 25th Sho-tön Opera Festival on April 7, 2022. During the festival, more than 260 Tibetan performers sang traditional songs in the courtyard of the main Tibetan temple in Dharamsala, India. As with many Tibetan traditions, this form of opera has been preserved in spite of cultural, linguistic, and religious oppression from China.