

## TIBETAN PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT

## TPIE-78/2017/25657

To, His Excellence, The President-Elect of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind

20.07.16

Your Excellency,

On behalf of all the Tibetans, inside and outside Tibet, kindly accept our heartiest congratulation on winning the 14<sup>th</sup> Presidential election of India.

India has not only bestowed upon us an unparallel support but also sheltered us with safety against adversaries, for which we remain highly indebted. We were able to preserve our identity, language and culture and even set up an administration in exile for the last 58 years.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama's meeting with Presidents of India from Shri Rajendra Prasad to Shri Pranab Mukherjee in 2016 attest to the multi-faceted bond of culture and religion shared between India and Tibet.

We hope that, under your leadership, the issue of Tibet will garner more support and that the possibility of resuming dialogue between the Chinese government and the Representative of His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama would soon eventuate.

Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, on behalf of all the Tibetans, wishes you with every possible success as you take up the responsibility of your high office.

May the years of experiences and understanding of the Indian polity help you in transforming India into an acclaimed nation of peace, prosperity and sustainability!

Yours truly,

Khenpo Sonam Tenphel

Speaker

Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile