

PROGRAMME

9th WPCT, TOKYO, JAPAN

Monday June 02, 2025 - ARRIVAL

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| 15:00hrs | Hotel Check-in
Registration at the Main Lobby of the Hotel |
| 17:20hrs | Shuttle bus leaves for venue
<i>Please board by 17:15hrs</i> |
| 18:00 – 20:00hrs | Reception Dinner at The Tokyo Club, 1-9-14 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo |
| 20:10hrs | Shuttle bus leaves for hotel
<i>Please board by 20:05hrs</i> |

Tuesday June 03, 2025 - DAY 1

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| 06:30 – 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 08:30hrs | Shuttle bus leaves for the Parliament Building
<i>Please board by 08:25hrs</i> |

SESSION I (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

09:20 – 11:00hrs: **INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

MC: Dr. Tsewang Gyalpo Arya, Representative of the Liaison Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama for Japan and East Asia

- Welcome by the Chairperson of the Japan Parliamentary Support Group for Tibet, Hon. Eriko Yamatani (10 mins)
- Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, Hon. Khenpo Sonam Tenphel (10 mins)
- Speech by the Chief Guest Hon. Akiko Santo, Member of the House of Councillors, Former Speaker of the House of Councillors, Japan (5 mins)
- Speech by the Special Guest Madam Akie Abe, Former First Lady and wife of the Late Former Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe (5 min)
- Speech by Rev. Chojun Ohtani, 25th Chief Abbot of the Higashi Hongwanji Temple (5 mins)
- Address by Hon. Michael McCaul, Member of the United States House of Representative (5 min Video Message)

- Address by Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker Emerita of the United States House of Representatives (5 min Video Message)
- Statement from His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Delivered by Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering Teykhang (5 mins)
- Video Screening of Democracy: The Gift of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to Tibet (30 mins)

Group Photo

11:00 – 11:20hrs Tea Break at the adjacent hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

SESSION-II (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

11:20 – 12:00hrs Keynote Remarks and First-hand Account

- ❖ Chaired by: Hon. Yasuto Urano, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan

11:20 – 11:25hrs

11:25 – 11:35hrs Keynote Remarks by the Sikyong of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Hon. Penpa Tsering

11:35 – 11:40hrs Address by the Chairperson of International Campaign for Tibet, Mr. Richard Gere (5 mins Video Message)

11:40 – 11:50hrs First-hand Account by Ms. Namkyi, Former Tibetan Political Prisoner

11:50 – 12:00hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

Discussions on countering the CCP's disinformation, addressing challenges posed by authoritarianism, and promoting international diplomatic efforts to resolve repression and human rights violations

SESSION-III (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

12:00 – 12:40hrs Tibet Narratives: Countering China's Disinformation and Propaganda

- ❖ Chaired by: Dr. Mumin Chen, Professor at the Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taiwan and Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

12:00 – 12:10hrs

- 12:10 – 12:20hrs Mr. Dilip Sinha, Former Indian Diplomat, Independent Researcher, Author of Imperial Games in Tibet
- 12:20 – 12:30hrs Ms. Yumiko Ishihama, Professor of Waseda University, Japan (The CCP's claim and the propaganda on the selection of the Dalai Lamas)
- 12:30 – 12:40hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

12:40 – 13:40hrs Lunch Break at the Adjacent Hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

SESSION-IV (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

13:40 – 14:20 The Authoritarian Regime of PRC: Challenges to Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

- ❖ Chaired by: Ms. Yoshiko Sakurai, President of the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals (Prominent Japanese journalist, television presenter, and writer)

13:40 – 13:50hrs

13:50 – 13:55hrs Mr. Fernand De Varennes, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issue

13:55 – 14:00hrs Mr. Stephen Schneck, Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (Video Message)

14:00 – 14:10hrs Mr. Teppei Kasai, Human Rights Watch, Japan

14:10 – 14:20hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

SESSION-V (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

14:20 – 15:15hrs Promoting Diplomatic Solutions: Multilateral Approaches to Resolving Transnational Repression

- ❖ Chaired by: Hon. Norzin Dolma, Kalon (Minister) of the Department of Information and International Relations

14:20 – 14:25hrs

14:25 – 14:35hrs Ms. Tenzin Dawa, Executive Director of Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

14:35 – 14:45hrs Mr. Daisuke Kitai, China Coordinator, Amnesty International Japan

14:45 – 14:55hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

14:55 – 15:15hrs Video Messages from Parliamentarians

15:15 – 15:30hrs - Tea Break at the Adjacent Hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

Understanding Tibet's environmental significance and the impact of China's repressive policies on Tibet's environment

SESSION-VI (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

15:30 – 16:10hrs Tibet, the Third Pole of the World - Impact of China's Repressive Policies on Tibetan Culture, Identity and Environment

- ❖ Chaired by: Professor Srikanth Kondapalli, Ph.D., Professor in Chinese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

15:30 – 15:40hrs

15:40 – 15:50hrs **Understanding the Fragile Ecosystem of the Tibetan Plateau**
Mr. Tempa Gyaltsen Zamlha, Deputy Director of the Tibet Policy Institute, CTA

15:50 – 16:00hrs **Tibet as the Water Tower of Asia**
Professor Brahma Chellaney, Professor Emeritus, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi

16:00 – 16:10hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

SESSION-VII

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall and Tamokuteki Hall

16:10 – 17:00hrs Division of Working Group and Discussion

(Working groups based on their respective regions, group chairs to be elected by the group members, a staff for assistance provided)

Topics - 1. Tibet Narratives: Countering China's Disinformation and Propaganda 2. The Authoritarian Regime of PRC: Challenges to Democratic Institutions and Human Rights 3. Promoting Diplomatic Solutions: Multilateral Approaches to Resolving Transnational Repression 4. Understanding Tibet's environmental significance and the impact of China's repressive policies on Tibet's environment (Ten minutes discussion on each topic)

17:00 – 17:30hrs Working Groups Presentation
Presented by Group Chairs

***** End of Day *****

18:00hrs Shuttle bus leaves from the venue to the hotel
Please board the bus by 17:55hrs. It will leave for the hotel at 18:00hrs

19:00hrs Dinner at the Hotel
Dining : Glass Court (Super Buffet)
Venue : Keio Plaza Hotel Main Tower 2F

Wednesday June 4, 2025 – DAY 2

06:30 – 08:00 Breakfast

08:30hrs Shuttle bus leaves for the Parliament building.
Please board by 08:25hrs

Building global solidarity for Tibet to counter China's influence and advancing legislative efforts

SESSION-VIII (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

**09:30 – 10:30hrs Common Ground to Face Common Challenges -
(Strengthening Alliances to Counter China's Influence)**

❖ Chaired by: Hon. Tenzin Choezin, Member of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile
09:30 – 09:35hrs

09:35 – 09:42hrs Mr. Wang Dai, Vice Chairman, Federation for a Democratic China
09:42 – 09:49hrs Mr. Afumetto Retepu, Chairman of Japan Uyghur Association
09:49 – 09:56hrs Mr. Olhonud Daichin, Vice Chairman of the Southern Mongolia Congress
09:56 – 10:03hrs Mr. Alric Lee, Speaker from Hong Kong Democracy Council
10:03 – 10:10hrs Ms. Lin Hsin Yi, Taiwanese Human Rights Activist
10:10 – 10:30hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians (Q&A)

SESSION-IX (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

10:30 – 11:20hrs Pragmatic Solution on Tibet: What World Parliaments Can Do

❖ Chaired by: Hon. Els Van HOOFF, Member of Parliament, Belgium
10:30 – 10:40hrs

10:40 – 10:50hrs Hon. Hannes HEIDE, MEP Austria, Vice-President of European Parliamentary Friend of Tibet
10:50 – 11:00hrs Hon. Shu Watanabe, Member of the House of Representatives, Japan
11:00 – 11:10hrs Hon. Dy. Vlado Mirosevic Verdugo, Member of Chamber of Deputies of Chile and Former President of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile
11:10 – 11:20hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians

11:20 – 11:35hrs Tea Break at the Adjacent Hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

SESSION-X (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

11:35 – 13:00hrs Resolve Tibet Act and the Path Forward

❖ Chaired by: Hon. Simon O'Connor, Former Member of Parliament, New Zealand, and Former Co-Chair of Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC)

11:35 – 11:45hrs

11:45– 11:55hrs Hon. Arif Virani, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

11:55 – 12:05hrs Hon. Sujeet Kumar, Member of Parliament, India and Former Convener of All Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet (APIPFT)

12:05 – 12:15hrs Hon. Pavel Žáček, Chairman of the Security Committee & Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Czech Republic

12:15 – 12:40hrs Remarks by Parliamentarians

12:40 – 13:40hrs - Lunch Break at the Adjacent Hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

SESSION-XI

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13:40 – 14:40hrs Division of Working Group and Discussion

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Topics - 1. Common Ground to Face Common Challenges- Strengthening Alliances to counter China's Influence 2. Programmatic Solution on Tibet: What World Parliaments Can Do 3. Resolve Tibet Act and the Path Forward

14:40 – 15:10hrs Working Groups Presentation
Presented by Group Chairs

Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 International Conference Hall

15:10 – 15:15hrs Video Messages from Parliamentarians

15:15 – 15:45hrs Drafting and Adoption of the 9th WPCT 2025 Tokyo Declaration

Presented by: Professor Srikanth Kondapalli, Ph.D., Professor in Chinese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

15:45 – 16:00hrs Tea Break at the Adjacent Hall (Tamokuteki Hall)

16:00 – 16:30hrs Drafting and Adoption of the 9th WPCT 2025 Tokyo Action Plan

Presented by: Professor Srikanth Kondapalli, Ph.D., Professor in Chinese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

CLOSING SESSION (Simultaneous translation: Jap, Eng, Spa, Tib)

16:30 – 17:00hrs

❖ MC: Dr. Tsewang Gyalpo Arya, Representative of the Liaison Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama for Japan and East Asia

16:30 – 16:35hrs

16:35 – 16:45hrs Vote of Thanks by General Secretary of the Japan Parliamentary Support Group for Tibet, Hon. Hiroshi Yamada

16:45 – 17:00hrs Vote of Thanks by Deputy Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, Hon. Dolma Tsering Teykhang

17:00– 17:30hrs Press Briefing by the Organizers and the Drafting Committee
Venue: Japan Parliament Building-1 Tamokuteki Hall

17:30hrs End

18:00hrs Shuttle bus leaves from the venue to the hotel
Please board the bus by 17:55hrs. It will leave for the hotel at 18:00hrs

19:00hrs Farewell Dinner at the Hotel Banquet Hall
(Participants and the Invited Guest only)

Concord Ballroom A
Venue : Keio Plaza Hotel Main Tower 5F

Thursday June 5, 2025 – Day 3

06:30hrs Breakfast at the Hotel

11:00hrs Check Out from the Hotel

***** End of the Program *****