



INTERNATIONAL TIBET YOUTH FORUM

Empowering Voices and Inspiring Action for Tibet's Future

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DHARAMSHALA, INDIA

Declaration of the 2025 International Tibet Youth Forum

We, the participants of the 2025 International Tibet Youth Forum in Dharamshala, are gathered from 15 countries to empower Tibetan voices and inspire action for Tibet's future. As students, young professionals, and activists from across the global Tibetan diaspora, we are united as an unshakable force fueled by the spirit of resistance and the responsibility to carry forward the legacy of our ancestors. During this key forum, we enthusiastically discussed the core opportunities of our movement, engaged in the exchange of our unique experiences, and attentively learned from the leaders and activists who have bolstered our conviction. Rooted in our identity and heritage, we stand in solidarity with Tibetans inside Tibet and across the globe.

July 6th, 2025, marks the auspicious 90th birthday of His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama and thus the start of the 'Year of Compassion' declared by the Central Tibetan Administration.

We wholeheartedly endorse the statement made by His Holiness on July 2nd, 2025, which reiterates that "the Gaden Phodrang Trust has sole authority to recognise the future reincarnation; no one else has any such authority to interfere in this matter".

Occupied Tibet remains one of the least free places in the world. The Chinese regime attempts to eradicate every facet of the Tibetan identity. The widely known oppressive practices of the Chinese regime only underscore their insecurities and illegitimate rule of Tibet. Any trust left in the current regime will continue to erode with each uprising and act of dissent. We firmly reject and will continue to oppose China's false narratives and blatant sinicization of Tibet.

Our mission is to raise our collective voice to inform the world and its leaders of the truth about Tibet, its historically independent status, the ongoing illegal occupation, and our people's nonviolent struggle for freedom. We will also highlight the relevance of Tibet's geopolitical, environmental, and economic significance on the global stage. We emphasise the responsibilities of the international community to support the peaceful resolution of the Sino-Tibet conflict. We are committed to a strategic and innovative approach in utilising every avenue available and leveraging the support of our many allies to achieve our mission.

Tibetans are not alone in this struggle for freedom and human rights; we are with all those fighting for justice and dignity. We urge all who value freedom to stand in solidarity with us in our struggle against the world's largest authoritarian regime. As His Holiness stated, supporting Tibet doesn't mean being anti-China nor pro-Tibet, it simply means being pro-justice and truth.

We demand an end to China's occupation of Tibet and the free exercise of our people's right to self-determination. In unity, we reaffirm the core principle of 'Tibetans for Tibet', highlighting the responsibility we all have to the future of our homeland. Our generation remains steadfast in our

commitment to safeguard our culture, preserve our heritage, and fight for a better future for the Tibetan nation, our people, and world peace.

Dharamshala, India
5 July, 2025