

(Joint Statement Rejecting Chinese Government Claim for Reincarnation of Dalai Lama)

Recently the CCP intensified interference in the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama and claims: Dalai Lama can not reincarnate as personal wishes, and the reincarnation must be approved by the CCP, must be done through golden urn rule, and the location must be only in China. Tibetans firmly resisted this claim made by the CCP and also aroused strong opposition from the vast Chinese people.

As we leave old and welcome the new year, taking the opportunity of this Chinese outreach event, We the Chinese people in America would like to make the following joint statement.

1, The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama is purely Tibetan religious affairs and the Dalai Lama's own rights, and the CCP have no right to interfere. In the history of Tibetan Buddhism, there is a tradition that Lama's choose their successor. The Dalai Lama is fully entitled to designate his own successor. During the Qing dynasty, couple emperors interfered in the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama by means of golden urn. However, there is only one, the 11th Dalai Lama went through the Golden Urn and the 12th Dalai Lama is recognized as reincarnation through ritual Tibetan Buddhism before the Golden Urn rule. Most Dalai Lama, including the 14th Dalai Lama was determined without going through the Golden Urn rule, his reincarnation naturally don't need it. As the Dalai Lama said, "The CCP is now an atheist who criticizes religion, especially treat Buddhism as a sign of ignorance, backwardness, and always accuse me of being a devil. It is reasonable if they say no to allow the devil to reincarnate, but now the CCP is clamoring to get reincarnation of the devil for them self. " It's out of the question ridiculously illogical. The CCP is attempting to appoint reincarnation by detour His Holiness the Dalai Lama, This is a brutal violation to right of Tibetan Buddhists in side Tibet and all around the world. It is illegal and invalid.

2, We strongly support Tibetans' fight for their basic human rights and freedom, preservation of cultural heritage, religious freedom, and safeguard nature ecosystem.

3, We are resolutely in support of His Holiness proposal of "Middle Way Approach". It is beneficial the vast Tibetan people and also beneficial to vast Chinese people.

4, We respect and support the Dalai Lama's wish to promote Tibet-Chinese friendship. This friendship has a long history, and we are willing to strengthen Tibet-Chinese friendship. "

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反对中共当局干涉达赖喇嘛转世的声明

近期，中共当局加紧干涉达赖喇嘛尊者的转世议题。中共当局声称：达赖喇嘛不可按个人意愿转世，转世须由中共当局认证，必须透过金瓶掣签的方式，而且地点必须是在中国。中共当局这一表态不仅遭到藏人的坚决抵制，也引起广大华人的强烈反对。值此辞旧迎新之际，借藏汉交流会之机，我们发表声明如下：

1、达赖喇嘛转世事宜纯属藏人宗教事务和达赖喇嘛本人权力，中共当局无权干预。在藏传佛教的历史上，有活佛自行指定接班人的传统。达赖喇嘛完全有权指定自己的接班人。在清代，有几个皇帝用金瓶掣签的方式介入了达赖喇嘛的转世认证；但实际上也只有一位，第十一世达赖喇嘛经过金瓶掣签认证，第十二世达赖喇嘛在金瓶掣签之前，以藏传佛教仪轨已经得到认定

确立。多数达赖喇嘛，包括现在这位达赖喇嘛，即十四世达赖喇嘛，都是没有经过金瓶掣签程序就得到确定的。他的接班人自然更不需要。正如达赖喇嘛所说：“现在的中共是批评宗教的无神论者，尤其将佛教视为愚昧、落后的表现，而且总是不遗余力地指责我是魔鬼，如果他们说不允许魔鬼转世倒还说得过去，但现在是中共吵着要自己找魔鬼的转世。”实在是荒谬之极。中共当局妄图在撇开达赖喇嘛的情况下指认所谓转世灵童，这是对包括西藏在内的世界各地藏传佛教徒宗教自由权利的粗暴侵犯，因而是非法的，无效的。当今之世，只有达赖喇嘛尊者本人有权决定或指定他的转世即接班人。任何其他势力、包括中共当局，都无权介入、无权干涉。

2、我们坚决支持藏人为争取基本人权与民族自由，维护其文化传统和宗教信仰以及自然生态的正义抗争。

3、我们坚决支持达赖喇嘛尊者提出的“中间道路”；达赖喇嘛的中间道路不仅符合广大藏人的利益，也符合广大汉人的利益。

4、我们尊重并支持达赖喇嘛为促进藏汉关系的长久努力。藏汉友谊源远流长，我们愿为加强藏汉交流、增进藏汉友谊而竭诚尽力。

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