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- **Tibetan apex court to go without chief judge as parliament rejects Charter amendment**

The Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE) has on Mar 30 failed to amend the Charter of Tibetans in Exile (the Charter) on the qualifications of a candidate for appointment as a Justice Commissioner of the Tibetan Supreme Justice Commission (TSJC), thus rendering it impossible to appoint a new Chief Justice Commissioner following the superannuation of Mr Sonam Norbu Dagpo recently. (*Tibetan Review*)

- **Charter amendment on nomination of justices fails house floor test**

The second last day of the 3rd session of 17th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (TPiE) saw a push by the Kashag for an amendment in the Charter regarding the qualifications of the chief justices of the Tibetan Supreme Justice Commission (TSJC). The proposed bill sought postponement of three more years on the appointment of the new Chief Justice Commissioner but failed to secure necessary votes in favour from the lawmakers. (*Phayul*)

- **Today marks 63 years of HH The Dalai lama in Exile**

In March 1959, as he approached the Indian border after a two-week journey disguised as a common soldier, His Holiness the Dalai Lama looked back at Tibet for the very last time, leaving behind everything he had ever known and entering into a world of absolute uncertainty. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Tibet must feature on EU-China Summit agenda**

In advance of the upcoming EU-China Summit, due to take place virtually on April 1, the International Campaign for Tibet urges the European Union to ensure that the Tibetans' right for self-determination and human rights feature on the agenda of the discussions. ICT supports the Central Tibetan Administration's call for the resumption of the Sino-Tibetan dialogue. (*Savetibet.org*)



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- **Ukraine invasion has revived the memories of Chinese occupation of Tibet – says International Jurist**  
“We should soon expect the world to stand firmly behind occupied countries like Tibet, East Turkistan and South Mongolia which China has colonized over past many decades” : predicts Prof. Michael Van Walt. (*Tibet.net*)
- **Youth Empowerment Support (YES) announces Skill Training Scholarship 2022**  
The Youth Empowerment Support (YES) section of the Department of Home, CTA invites applications for Skill Training Scholarship 2022. The deadline for submitting the application is 25 April 2022. Kindly visit the nearest Settlement Office for the forms and details. (*Tibet.net*)
- **Kalon led delegations from DoE attend 92nd Governing Body meeting of Central Tibetan Schools Administration**  
The 92nd Governing Body meeting of Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA) held on 29 March 2022 was chaired by Mrs L.S Changsan, Additional Secretary (Institution) Chairperson of the Governing Body of CTSA Ministry of Education. (*Tibet.net*)



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## #TIBET MATTERS

### @TibetTibet1959:

A letter from New Zealand to Lhasa, TIBET, in 1952. Not a trace of anything related to Chinese on the envelope, & the mail was received. The postage stamps of both the countries can be seen here. Even what's scribbled at the side is a rough translation of the address in TIBETAN.

### @SFTHQ:

Joey Siu, friend of SFT & prominent Hong Kong activist, testified today before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia. She urged Members of Congress to take action on Tibet, and shared the heart-breaking story of Tsewang Norbu.

### @DeepakChopra:

I've known HH @DalaiLama for 40 years & his message of peace, compassion & kindness is relevant now more than ever. The film @NvrForgetTibet tells the #DalaiLama's spirituality for the first time in his own words.

### @NetTibet:

On 31st March 1959, H.H The 14th @DalaiLama & his entourage were granted permission to enter India after fleeing from the forceful invasion of Tibet. His Holiness was received at Chuthangmo, the Indo-Tibet border by T.S. Murthy, who was then Assistant Political Officer in Tawang

## TIBET WATCH



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flqnz4J4LOk>

The spiritual leader of Tibet, the 14th Dalai Lama, has crossed the border into India on 31st March 1959. He reached India after a 15-day journey on foot from the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, over the Himalayan mountains for seeking asylum. On March 17, 1959, the Dalai Lama began his journey from Lhasa under dramatic circumstances. On March 26, 1959, the Dalai Lama reached Lhuntse Dzong which is situated near McMahon Line, the border between India and Tibet. The Dalai Lama wrote a letter to the then Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru to seek refuge in India. Indian government immediately took measures to welcome the spiritual leader at the first Indian post at Chuthangmu, north of Tawag.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Kagyu (“oral transmission”) school of Tibetan Buddhism traces its origins to Tilopa (968-1069). A tantric master of India. He is said to have received instructions directly from Vajradhara. Vajradhara’s teachings are considered to be superior to those of Shakyamuni in that he is a “complete enjoyment body”, while Sakyamuni is only an “emanation body. In order to receive teachings from a complete enjoyment body Buddha. One must have reached a high level of mystical awareness. So the instructions of such buddhas are vastly superior to those of emanation bodies. Since the latter must adapt their message to the limit capacities of their audiences.