



# THE ROOFTOP REVIEW

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- **His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teaching from Jataka Tales on Chotrul Duchen**

This morning, on the fifteenth day of the new Water-Tiger Year, His Holiness the Dalai Lama came to the Tsuglagkhang, the Main Tibetan Temple, to celebrate the Day of Miracles that commemorates an episode in the life of the Buddha. Because of the intervening Covid-19 pandemic this was the first time he has appeared in public since leaving Bodhgaya in January 2020. (*Tibet.net*)

- **Students in Tibet being allegedly brainwashed by teaching in Chinese**

As China continues its crackdown against Tibetan's culture, teachers in the region are being given workshops on teaching children in the Chinese language to brainwash them. (*Dna India*)

- **Second Session of the 17th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile Concludes**

On the auspicious 15th day of the first month of the Tibetan calendar, the month of miracles, the final day of the second session began with Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel speaking on the significance of the day, especially after having His Holiness the Dalai Lama's first public appearance after two years of the pandemic. (*Tibet.net*)

- **China angry as US allocates at least \$21 million for Tibet-related programs**

China has on Mar 16 expressed firm opposition to what it called negative China-related contents in the United States' omnibus spending bill for the fiscal year 2022, referring to its provision on Taiwan, Hong Kong, Tibet and Xinjiang. The bill allocates at least \$21 million for Tibet-related programs. (*Tibetan Review*)

- **China incarcerates 3 teens for being unhappy with lack of Tibetan classes in their school**

The three students have been named as Palsang, 16; Sermo, 15; and Yangkyi, 11. They were stated to have expressed their unhappiness with the lack of Tibetan classes and the problems they faced as a result of it. It is believed that the three are being incarcerated in the city's Markham County "reform through education centre". (*Tibetan Review*)



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- **I am in good health; Dalai Lama reassures in his first public appearance since pandemic**

The Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama gave his first public appearance in two years at Tsuglagkhang temple on Friday, where he reassured the public of his good health. “I was first supposed to go to Delhi for a check-up, but look I can even fight off the doctors. The Lama from Kumbum is in good health,” he said chuckling. (*Phayul*)

- **China announces completion of 624 well-off border security villages across southern Tibet**

China had completed by the end of 2021 the construction of all the 624 well-off villages it had planned along occupied Tibet’s border with India, Bhutan and possibly Nepal. These are not only poverty alleviation projects but also more importantly a border security measure, with some of them said to be located in inhospitable climatic conditions. (*Tibetan Review*)

- **US report: China systematic in denying reciprocal Tibet access to foreigners**

Foreign diplomats, journalists and tourists were “systematically” denied access to the Tibetan areas of the People’s Republic of China over the past year, sometimes using Covid-19 restrictions as a pretext, the US State Department has said in a new report Mar 16 mandated by a law that pushes for US access to Tibet. (*Tibetan Review*)

 **TIBET WATCH**

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

His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s short teaching from the Jataka Tales followed by the Ceremony for Generating the Awakening Mind from the Main Tibetan Temple in Dharamsala, HP, India on March 18, 2022.



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## #TIBET MATTERS

### @SikyongPTsering:

On this night in 1959, His Holiness embarked on a perilous journey into exile. H.H recalls his last visit to the shrine, "I went forward & presented a Khata...a traditional Tibetan gesture on departure and signifies not only propitiation but also implies the intention of return."

### @logyal143:

Interviewed a Tibetan monk who met with Ukraine President Volodymyr zelenskyy & he shared with him about the significance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's vision for world peace.

### @CECCgov:

New @StateDept Reciprocal Access to #Tibet Act report finds that Chinese authorities "systematically impeded" travel to Tibetan areas in the PRC for U.S. diplomats and officials, journalists, and tourists in 2021

### @SaveTibetOrg :

British book publishers censor references to #Tibet, Taiwan and more in order to publish books cheaply in #China. Story by @olivertelling in @financialtimes



## DID YOU KNOW?

Tibetan opera, Ache Lhamo, which means Fairy in Tibetan, is the traditional opera of Tibet. The first opera troupe in Tibet was founded in the Ngamring area during the 15th century by Thangtong Gyalpo. Thangthong Gyalpo was an important Shangpa Kagyu master and he was also a famous civil engineer, architect, philosopher, doctor and artist. Initially, he had organized seven girls to perform Tibetan opera for fundraising purpose in support to build iron chain bridges and stupas in Tibet, the opera became a very important part of Tibetan folk art. Starting from the beginning of 15th century he began to build iron chains bridges and stupas in Tibet, Bhutan and Ladakh