



MEDIA ADVISORY - ACCREDITATION

His Holiness the Dalai Lama will address the First European Tibetan Youth Parliament to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, from 9th – 11th April 2010. Over three days, young Tibetans from all over Europe will discuss current political issues and develop new methods for the Tibetan Movement. To date, participants from more than 10 different countries in Europe have signed up for this conference.

This event will be hosted by the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE, www.tibetanyouth.org). Established in 1970 by political active members of the first generation of Tibetan refugees in Switzerland, TYAE is now the largest Tibetan Youth organisation in Europe with over 400 members and 9 chapters in Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

TYAE hopes that organising the First European Tibetan Youth Parliament will encourage young Tibetans to take an active and dedicated part in political debates and at the same time educate themselves through the intellectual exchange on the future of Tibet.

Furthermore this occasion is also meant as an opportunity to strengthen the solidarity and network among young Tibetans in Europe. To date, participants from more than 10 different countries in Europe have signed up for this gathering.

The TYAE is honoured that **His Holiness the Dalai Lama will attend on the Saturday morning, 10th April 2010**, and has agreed to address the participants. During this hour the young parliamentarians will have the opportunity to address questions to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Another highlight will be the podium event on the Tibetan exile-governmental elections 2011. We are proud to announce outstanding personalities such as Dr. Lobsang Sangay and Tenzin Tethong, who will share their views and ideas with us.

For the detailed agenda please visit our website www.we-are-tibet.org.

The coverage in the Tibetan media is extremely important for us. For our homeland's sake our purpose is to reach as many fellow Tibetans worldwide as possible. Besides the examples of stories mentioned below, we could offer you special access and assistance to observe and follow the activities of the Youth Parliament.

Please feel free to contact our spokespersons Mr. Rigzin Gyaltag, +41 (0) 78 909 66 17 and Ms. Tendon Dahortsang, +41 (0) 79 239 15 82, press@we-are-tibet.org, for any assistance you may need. We also would be glad to be of assistance for the search and arrangement of interview partners.



Media representatives are welcome throughout this three-day-event. For more details, please view the **accreditation documents**. Besides the official part of the conference there will be a various number of possible media stories. For instance:

Preliminary reports:

- Articles, Interviews with members of the Organising Committee about preparatory operations
- Round table before the conference on expectations with participants and members of the Organising Committee
- Interview with young parliamentarians about expectations, motivations, goals
- Article about 40th years anniversary of TYAE (activities, members, motivation)
- Etc.

Reports during and after the conference:

- Broadcast of the speech of His Holiness the Dalai Lama
- Live webcast or broadcast of the discussions of the First European Tibetan Youth Parliament in Plenum
- Interviews with young parliamentarians about the topics discussed in the Parliament
- Interview with the elected Chairman of the First European Tibetan Youth Parliament
- Round table after the conference on the outreach with members of the Organising committee, the elected Chairman of the Youth Parliament and members of the Tibetan Government in Exile
- Interview and accompany of a parliamentarian throughout the three-days-session (e.g. with personal background story, education, parental influence, motivation, personal social embedment, emotional status etc.)
- Articles on the outreach of the First Tibetan Youth Parliament to controversial issues, for example, secularisation, non violence, dialogue.
- Etc.

General reports

- Living between western and eastern cultures (advantages and disadvantages, difficulties)
- Modern Tibetans and the elder generation
- How to preserve Tibetan culture in modern times?
- Background story on TYAE
- Development of TYAE from past to present
- Development from first to third generation of Tibetans in Exile
- Interviews with refugees of the first, second or third generation and their opinion on the ongoing conference as well as the future of Tibet.
- Background story on the global network of Tibetans in Exile and their supporters.
- Etc.

Accreditation for Journalists: Please complete the attached accreditation form (accreditation form is also available on our website www.we-are-tibet.org). Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information or further assistance:

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