



First Tibetan Youth Parliament Successfully Launched

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The First „European Tibetan Youth Parliament“ has started with an opening ceremony attended by, amongst others, Swiss National Council Member, Mario Fehr, MP. Over the next 3 days, roughly 160 participants from 11 European countries will debate on diverse subjects regarding the Tibetan movement. The Youth Parliament’s primary aim is to strengthen the network among the Tibetan youth in Europe.

In his inaugural address, the Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mr. Kelsang Gyaltzen, emphasised the importance of this conference: „In the 21st century it will come to a final decision on the Tibet issue. Whether it is for the benefit of the Tibetan people or not, stands open.“ Gyaltzen continued: „The young Tibetans carry a responsibility for the future of Tibet.“

As the work of the young Tibetans in exile is significant to the Central Tibetan Administration, Tibetan Prime Minister Professor Samdhong Rinpoche and the Chairman of the Parliament of the Tibetan Government in exile, Mr. Penpa Tsering, will receive the resolution of the Youth Parliament on an official level.

The organiser of this conference, the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE), is commemorating its 40th anniversary. The TYAE has 400 members and is considered to be the largest Tibetan youth association in Europe.

Along with the youth parliament there will be numerous events on the occasion of the anniversary of TYAE.

For further information concerning the Youth Parliament, please visit www.we-are-tibet.org. Also note that our presskit is available on our website.

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