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Education Kalon Named New Representative of North America

The Kashag of the Central Tibetan Administration on 7th November 2017 appointed Education Kalon Ngodup Tsering as the new Representative of North America based in Washington DC. The Kashag has made the appointment today as per Chapter 1 Article 1(3) of the Tibetan Charter and Article 19(1) of the Tibetan Public Service Commission rules and regulations. Kalon Ngodup Tsering will take charge as the new Representative of North America from 1 December 2017.



Education Kalon Ngodup Tsering la

Brief Biography of Kalon Ngodup Tsering:

Mr. Ngodup Tsering was born on 1 July 1953. He is an alumnus of Punjab University, Chandigarh with a degree in Bachelor of Arts. He was also a former member of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, formerly known as the Tibetan People's Deputies from 1979-1982. He joined the Central Tibetan Administration in 1983, on the post of Deputy Secretary. He was initially posted at the Department of Education. In 1987, he was transferred to the Department of Home on the same post. From 1991-1995, he served as the Director of the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA). He was also the recipient of the Best Staff among gazette officers in 1995, awarded by a Swiss based Tibetan Association. In 1996, he was promoted to the post of Secretary and appointed as the new Secretary of the Department of Education. In 1999, he was transferred to the Department of Home of the Central Tibetan Administration as the

home secretary.

From 2001-2008, he served as the president and the Director of various Tibetan associations in the United States. He was appointed as the secretary of the Department of Education again in 2012, and then as Kalon in September 2014 under the 14th Kashag led by President Dr. Lobsang Sangay.

LEADERSHIP FOR CLASS Xth STUDENTS

A seven day program on leadership for class X students was organised by department of education at lower TCV, Dharamsala. The program commenced on 27th December, 2017 and concluded on 3rd January, 2018. A total of 257 students accompanied by 27 teachers from all over India and Nepal attended the leadership workshop. The program comprised various topics for leadership development which is crucial in contemporary times and especially vital to larger Tibetan community in exile. Along with leadership topics there were other co-curricular activities such as talent show, extempore speech, educational video and basketball ball match scheduled for the students. The workshop is designed at building an overall understanding on Leadership Skills and Qualities and development of Leaders for future Tibetan community.



President Lobsang Sangay and Education Kalon Ngodup la addressing the leadership workshop

During inaugural ceremony, President Dr. Lobsang Sangay gave a motivational speech on how to approach learning with interest and curiosity and on developing leadership competencies. He reminded the students that they are the future leaders of the Tibetan freedom struggle and had imminent

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responsibility to study with greater determination than the rest. "You are not studying simply for a career, but for a cause," he said.

President Dr. Sangay also congratulated outgoing Kalon Ngodup Tsering for his successful role as Education Kalon and wished him luck for his next role as Representative of OOT, Washington, DC. Kalon Ngodup Tsering said the 'aim of the annual Leadership workshop is to nurture and prepare the youth to become a confident and responsible leader of the Tibetan cause.'

He congratulated all the students and inspired them to make best use of opportunities to further their education and career. He concluded by saying, "As Tibetans, there are three musts to always keep in our hearts and mind: We must always carry our sense of identity as Tibetans; We must remember His Holiness the Dalai Lama's blessing and his tireless efforts towards the happiness of Tibetan people and last, as we forge ahead towards a future, we must see the importance of the Central Tibetan Administration especially for unity and freedom of the Tibetan people".

Education Council

Education Council Director on official visits to Delhi and Bylakuppe

Dharamsala: Tsering Samdup, Director of the Education Council, Department of Education, attended the meeting of the TCV school heads on 11 November at Delhi Youth Hostel. He gave talk on three topics including Basic Education Policy for Tibetans in exile, implementation of the Education Council's 2017 resolutions and about the early grade reading programme.



Education council director Samdup la with members from the community

He is currently in Bylakuppe to make preliminary discussion and arrangements for the forthcoming workshop on Secular Ethics in Bylakuppe in December. He was recently invited as the chief guest to the Children's Day function of the Sera Je School, where he gave a brief talk. Thereafter he gave prizes to the best reader and the most exemplary students of the school.

Primary Tibetan Workbook Workshop at Sarah

Education Council has organized the 2nd Primary Tibetan workbook meeting at College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah, District Kangra, from 16th to 19th Oct, 2017. During this meeting, the primary Tibetan workbook of Class I to III are reviewed and finalized. There will also be discussion on the formulation of Primary Tibetan workbook for class IV to V.

The participants for this meeting are: Mr. Tsering Samdup, Director of Education Council, Mr. Tashi Dorjee & Mr. Gedhun Dhonyoe, Tibetan Textbook Editors, Mr. Jamgon, Tibetan teacher of Suja TCV, Mr. Migmar Tsering, Headmaster of TCV day school Delhi, Mr. Passang Tsering, Tibetan teacher of Mewon Peteon School, Ms. Dawa Tsamchoe, Tibetan teacher of Chauntra TCV, Mrs. Sonam Youdon, Tibetan teacher of Chokur Sambhota day School Bylakuppe and Mrs. Tenzin Palkyi, Tibetan teacher of Lower TCV.



Education council team with Primary Teachers

Secular Ethics Workshop for School Teachers at Sarah, Dharamsala

The Department of Education, CTA in collaboration with Emory University and Library of Tibetan Works and Archives organized a four-day workshop on Secular ethics for Tibetan school teachers in Sarah, Dharamsala. The workshop commenced from 11th Dec to 14th Dec 2017.

Chief Guest, Secretary Karma Singey of Department of Education welcomed the timely initiative led by the Department. "We have had multiple discussions on secular ethics at various levels over the years. The need of the hour was a synergized efforts from all departments who can affect change in this regard. This initiative is hence very encouraging and we look forward to seeing concrete plans as a result of the workshop.

He appealed the teachers to gather a sound understanding of the secular ethics curriculum In order to enable thorough implementation in schools.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Geshe Lhakdor, Director of Library of Tibetan Works and Archives and Chairman of the Education Council said that secular ethics is an enduring idea with ancient roots. "Ancient Philosopher Aristotle, Plato and Socrates had articulated

ethics and moral philosophy and contributed extensive literature in this field. If one was to study this field from a research perspective, there is a great deal of knowledge, discussions and debate recorded from the time of Aristotle.”



Education Secretary Karma Singey of DOE and guests at the inaugural ceremony on Secular ethics.

He underlined that His Holiness the Dalai Lama's vision for secular ethics was very practical and relates to our common sense. "His Holiness' idea of secular ethics comes from a deep well of knowledge and far-sighted vision focused on humanity's wellbeing. "Although we are divided by our different concepts of morality, values and belief in different faith, his moral vision is one that includes all human beings: believers, non-believers and those who are anti-religion.

The four-day workshop is being funded by Deichoe Frasi Charitable Trust, UK and Department of Finance, CTA.

Secular Ethics Workshop at Bylakuppe

A two day talk cum workshop on Secular Ethics was organized by Department of Education in collaboration with Sera Je Secondary School, Bylakuppe. The workshop commenced on 22nd December 2017 and concluded on 23rd December 2017.



Geshe Yeshi Gyaltsen delivering speech on Secular Ethics

On the first day His Holiness the Dalai Lama gave a special talk on secular ethics to over 439 participants comprising of in-service teachers, retired teachers and monks from monastery. Sikyong Lobsang Sangay also presided over the

gathering and gave a speech to the audience. This was followed by two days' workshop on Secular Ethics. For the two day workshop on Secular Ethics there were around 245 teachers from various Tibetan schools.

The resource person for Secular Ethics workshop were Trisur Samdhong Rinpoche, Geshe Lobsang Tenzin from Emory University USA, Library of Tibetan Works and Archives' Director Geshe Lhakdor and Geshe Yeshi Gyaltsen (Faculty at Dalai Lama Institute of Higher Education).

The closing ceremony was presided over by Sera Je Khenyen Drasang's Khenpo Rinpoche, Mr. Mr. Karma Singey, Secretary of Department of Education and Mr. Tsering Samdup, Head of Education council. This workshop was funded by Gyuto Tantric Monastery.

Academic Section

Modern Section

Participation in 44th JNNSMEE National Level Science Exhibition



The Department of Education is pleased to announce the participation of two Tibetan schools namely Tibetan Homes School Mussoorie and SOS Bylakuppe in the 44th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition being organized by NCERT at RCVP Noronha Academy of Administration and Management, Bhopal from 10th to 16th November 2017. The JNNSMEE actually is a conducting series of activity and exhibitions at zonal, district, regional, state level and finally selecting convincing projects to be presented at the National Level Exhibition.

The Department of Education after a continuous effort could seek approval from NCERT for direct participation of Tibetan schools in the National Level Exhibition as one entity titled Central Tibetan Administration, CTA School. Out of various exhibition held at Tibetan school level science exhibit, two models were selected for presentation at the 44th JNNSMEE National Level Exhibition at Bhopal. Two students named Tenzin Yarpel accompanied by mentor Mr. Tenzin Nuden from THF Mussoorie and Thindup Gurung mentored by Ms. Dickey and Mr. Nyima Damdul from SOS Bylakuppe represented the CTA team at the National Level Exhibition with models on Pedaling washing machine and Comparative study on the effect of organic and chemical fertilizer on Earthworm. The

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primary objective of the exhibition is to provide forum for children to pursue their natural curiosity, creativity, innovation and inventiveness and sensitivity to local as well as global problems. It is also to encourage students to aspire for scientific study in future course of time. This program is funded by USAID through The Tibet Fund.

Entrepreneurship Awareness Program at South Zone Schools

One day program on Entrepreneurship awareness was held at 5 Tibetan Schools in the South Indian Tibetan Settlements namely, the Central School for Tibetans in Gurupura, Bylakuppe, Kollegal, Mundgod and the SOS Tibetan Children's Village School in Bylakuppe. A total of 629 students attended the awareness program including all the schools. As part of DOE initiative TED awareness program has been successfully implemented in all south zone schools.

Entrepreneurship Awareness and Entrepreneurship Education are the foundations for a developing community and the Tibetan community in particular should make Entrepreneurship its building blocks for its future towards sustainable development. It is also to encourage the students in future to pursue entrepreneurship as profession apart from conventional professions.



Tenzin Norsang la Program Officer, TED interacting with school children

The resource person for the program was Norsang la Program Officer, TED initiative of the Department of Finance. The Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) was carried forward in collaboration with the TED initiative of the Department of Finance, CTA and the program was funded by SOIR-IM.

Traditional Section

Education Department Holds Talk Series on Secular Ethics

Dharamsala: Geshe Yeshe Gyaltsen, lecturer on Secular Ethics of the Bangalore-based Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education gave series of talk on Secular Ethics in and around Dharamsala from 17 to 24 October 2017.

Eleven trainees and teachers of the DoE's Montessori Training at Sherab Gatsel Lobling were especially given two half-day talks on Secular ethics on 17 and 18 October.

The talks were even attended by Ngodup Tenpa, Education Officer from the Education Department. During the talks, Geshe Yeshe Gyaltsen rationally informed the trainees with real life examples about the importance of values and compassionate heart, as well as the ways to cultivate these values. For the holistic development of the children, he even encouraged the trainees, who are all females, to be more compassionate and empathetic towards children as qualified teachers as well as mothers in near future, so that the children grow up healthy physically, mentally and emotionally.



Geshe Yeshe Gyaltsen giving talk on secular ethics

Then the another talk was given to around 250 students and staff including the principal at the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah on 19 October and to 25 students and five staff including the principal at the Norbulingka Institute on 20 October. During these talks, Geshe Yeshe Gyaltsen talked about the ethics related specifically to students as well as to all the human beings in general.

The last talk in Dharamsala was given to 240 nuns of Dolma Ling Nunnery and Institute on 24 October. The talk was also joined by other 25 nuns from seven different nunneries within India and from Nepal, as they are here to participate in the Jang Philosophical debate congregation. (འཛེང་དགུན་ཆོས།)

All the talks series were concluded with question and answer sessions, during which several doubts of the students were cleared with detailed answers. As overwhelming response received from the students in Mangalore and Bangalore last month, the students here in Dharamsala have also shown and expressed deep appreciation about the programme. Discussions during and after the talk clearly showed their interest in developing such inner values themselves.

Pre Primary Teacher Workshop

The Department of Education has organized AMI Pre-primary Assistant course for Pre Primary Trainees and Teachers at Sherab Gatsel Lobling School, Dharamsala from 4th December 2017 to 15th December 2017. A total number of 29 participants (28 female & 1 male) attended the workshop. Resource Person Ms. Lhamo Pemba, Association Montessori International (AMI) Primary Trainer taught on the various topics during the 10 days'



Participants of workshop with education secretary karma Singey and Section Heads.

workshop. After the completion of each topics, the trainees were assigned group exercise on the important topics covered during the workshop and apply it accordingly in their practical period. The participants were also assigned 9 hours of Classroom Observation to the nearby schools to observe and understand the child behavior.



Pre Primary Teachers engaged in activities.

The topics are as follow:

- ✓ Four Planes of Development
- ✓ Four types of sensitive period
- ✓ Observation
- ✓ Prepared environment
- ✓ Importance of Sensorial Activity
- ✓ Grace & Courtesy
- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Social development of the child
- ✓ Different aspects and purposes of four areas of Montessori methodology
- ✓ Child Psychology
- ✓ Construction of Teaching Learning Material

This workshop is funded by USAID through THE TIBET FUND.

Counselling Section

School Visit:

DOE assistant counselor visited CST Darjeeling, CST Sonada and CST Kalimpong from Oct. 22 to Nov. 7, 2017 to conduct counseling program for the students. During this period, counselor met individually with students referred by teachers or foster parents, hold classroom guidance and group counseling session to the students of classes VI to XII. The students wrote in the career workbook issued to them from the Department. A total of 55 counseling sessions are held in the respective school. Similarly south zone resident counselor conducted counseling program at CST Mundgod from Oct. 20 to 26, 2017. The following topics are covered during the visit,

- * Life Skills
- * Importance of career education and planning
- * Positive relationship
- * Bullying, long & short term effects & how to face
- * Self Awareness
- * Stream Selection
- * Exploration of Self & Career
- * Understanding one's strengths & weaknesses
- * Substance abuse & its impact
- * Study skill, note taking skills and time management.

This initiative is funded by SOIR-IM & PRM

Parental Counseling:

Parental counseling session was held to parents residing in Darjeeling, Sonada & Kalimpong on Oct. 29, 2017 & Nov. 1 & 11, 2017 respectively. The counselor Mr. Chondhen made the parents aware about DOE Scholarship, college admission procedure, how to deal with adolescents, child sexual abuse & its law POCSO Act 2012, role of parents in child's career decision, how to save money for child's education etc. Handbook on Institutions were distributed to the parents. This book comprises of list of best colleges and professional institutes in India, list of Tibetan Institutes, DOE Scholarship form, Delhi University admission form, information on admission procedure, fee structure of various institutes, information on ban of ragging and desk helpline number, list of fake universities and contact details of doe counseling section. This book has almost all the information that parents need on college planning. This funded by SOIR-IM

Printing of Middle School Career book:

Published and printed 1500 Let's Explore Careers for the middle school students. It is a handy and pictorial career book containing A-Z careers with description of the occupation. The purpose is to make the students career literate and expand their career vocabulary. It is distributed to all schools under CTSA, TCV, THF, STSS, SLF (Nepal) & TNMF. This is funded by SOIR - IM.

Scholarship Section

GLI Scholarship for Study in United States 2018

November 7, 2017

The Department of Education (DoE), CTA is happy to announce Global Leadership Incubator (GLI) Scholarship to study Undergraduate program in one of the College/Universities in the United States.

Application Process:

Please fill up the application form online and attach necessary documents as mentioned below and submit on or before Friday, January 12, 2018.

- * Any Tibetan Student who have graduated Class XII Board Exam in 2017 with 75% and above (mark sheet copy).
- * Copy of TOEFL Score with 90 and above.
- * Copy of Registration Certificate (RC).
- * Copy of Green Book including Parent's.
- * Copy of Travel Document (Identity Certificate).

Correspondence Course Scholarship – 2017

November 15, 2017

The Department of Education (DoE), CTA is happy to announce Scholarship for Correspondence Course (CC) for CTA Staff, Teacher, Students from Sarah/Norbulingka Institute, and other Students who did not get opportunity for further studies after 12th.

Qualification:

All document uploaded with online form must be attested either by any CTA officer (with a rank of Joint-Secretary and above) or local Tibetan Settlement Officer.

- * Copy of Registration Certificate (RC).
- * Copy of Green Book including Parent's.
- * No Objection Certificate from 1) Department (Staff from Dharamsala) or Tibetan Settlement Officer (Staff serving in local Tibetan Settlement), 2) Principal/Headmaster of the School for Teacher, 3) Director of the Institute for Students from Sarah & Norbulingka. Other Students does not need any NOC.
- * Copy of Degree/Marks Card for your highest qualification.

No. of Scholarship:

Allotted 75 seats for this scholarship at annual grant of Rs.10000/-. Please note that if all 75 seats are not taken by categories mentioned below, we may allot to open applications.

- * Staff – 20
- * Teacher – 20
- * Student from Sarah & Norbulingka – 15
- * Other Student – 20

Tibetan Scholarship Program 2019

The Education Department of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) is pleased to announce the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP), 2019, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the US State Department. It is being administered jointly by the Tibet Fund & the Department of Education, CTA. A total of six (6) candidates from India and one (1) from Nepal will be selected to this program. Application will be accepted from eligible Tibetan refugees residing in India and Nepal for two-year Master's Degree programs in the United States.

Application Deadline: Interested applicants are responsible for submitting all application materials and other relevant documents to their respective jurisdictions on or before Wednesday; March 16, 2018 by 5:00 pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered after the deadline.