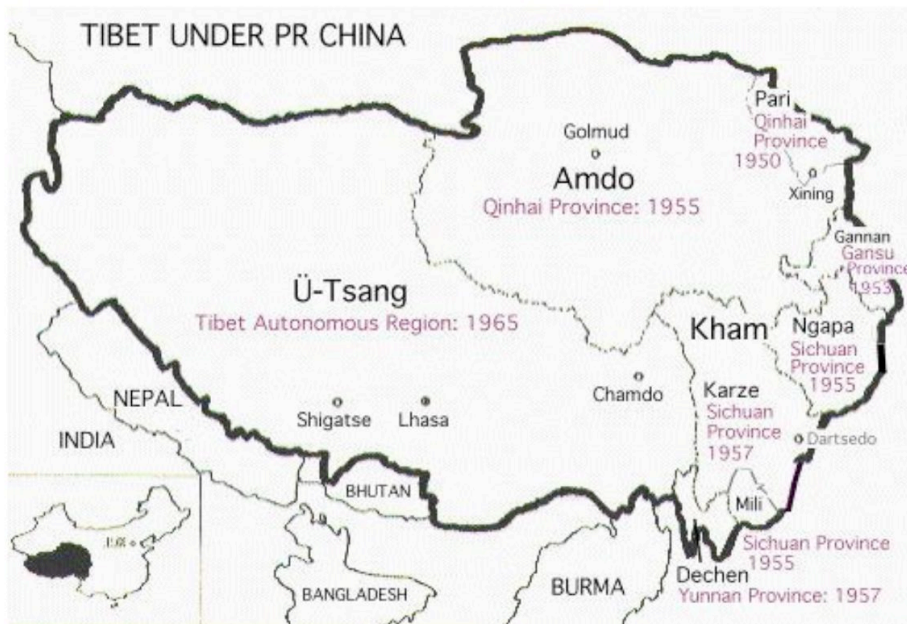
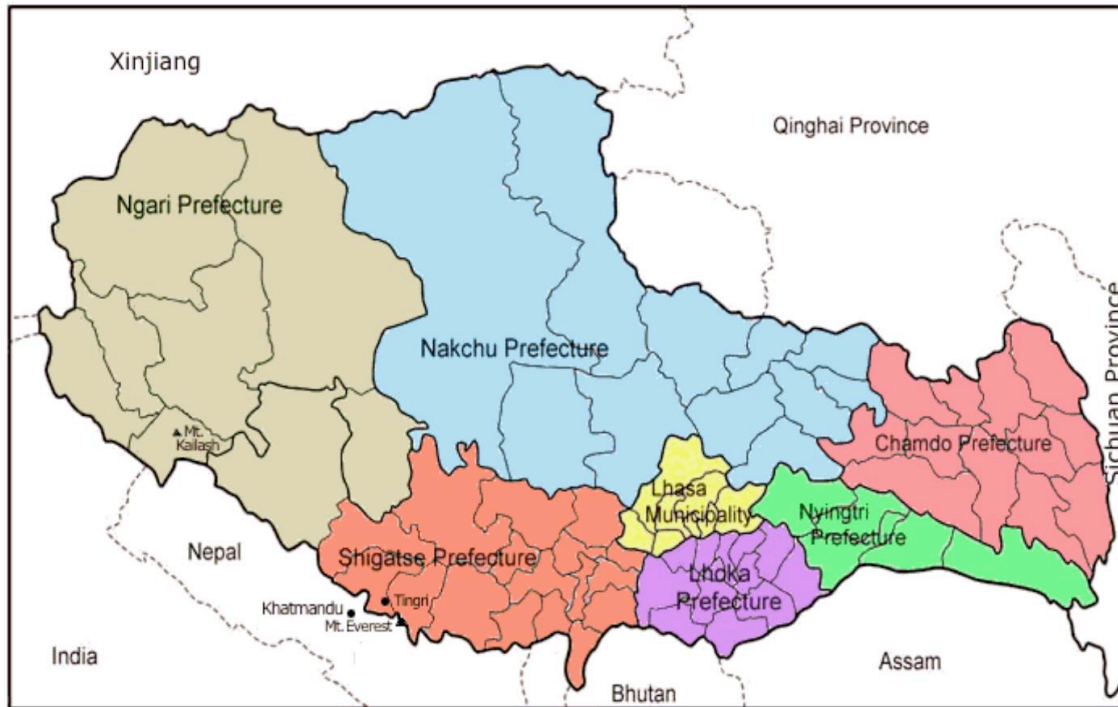


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TAR and Beijing Central

Wu Yingjie and Auditor Hu Zejun discuss development in Tibet

26 July 2017

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie and Auditor General Hu Zejun of the CCP's National Audit Office met in Beijing on July 26, 2017, to discuss a wide range of issues relating to the economic and social development of Tibet.

On behalf of the regional party committee and government, Wu Yingjie thanked the National Audit Office for its long-term support and appreciated the work of Hu Zejun. He emphasized the importance of auditing in economic and social development especially in Autonomous regions

and said the TAR Party Committee and Government will, therefore, actively support the work of the National Audit Office

Hu Zejun thanked the Party Committee and TAR Government for their concern and support.

Wu Yingjie expressed condolences to Zhang Zhu, the first Tibetan General

A funeral ceremony for the late Tibetan Lieutenant General Zhang Zhu was held on July 24, which was attended by TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the TAR People's Congress Jampa Phuntsok and others.

(Comment: Born on October 1940 in Qamdo County, Zhang Zhu joined the PAP in March 1959 and the CCP in 1963. His last position was of Political Commissar of the TAR Armed Police Force. Letters of condolences were received from different regional party departments and their representatives like the Logistics Department, the Regional Party Committee, the Old Cadres Office, the PLA, the Autonomous Region Public Security Department, Tibet Public Security Frontier Corps and the Tibet Public Security Fire Department.

116th session of the Standing Committee of the TAR

24 July 2017

The Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress held its 116th meeting on July 21, 2017. Luosang Jiangcun, Deputy Secretary of the District Party Committee and TAR People's Congress Standing Committee presided and gave a speech. Duo Tuo, Deputy Director of the TAR People's Congress Standing Committee and other cadres attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced with the presentation of reports drafted by the TAR People's Congress Standing Committee. The reports were a:

- 1) Report on Measures for the Implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Consumer Rights and Interests of the TAR;
- 2) Revised Report on implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Women's Rights and Interests of the People's Republic of China;

- 3) Report of the UNESCO Committee on Environmental Protection of the Tibet Autonomous Region;
- 4) Report on the Measures for the Administration of Food Processing, Small Restaurants, Snack Shop and Food Stores in the Tibet Autonomous Region;
- 5) Report of the Financial Review Committee on the implementation of the national economic and social development plan in the first half of 2017;
- 6) Report on review of the audit work of 2016;
- 7) Report on account review of the fiscal 2017 budget adjustment program; and
- 8) Report on the research to standardize law enforcement situations in the Division of Public Security Organ Committee.

The meeting adopted the reports and forwarded them to the 35th Session of the TAR Standing Committee. The meeting also reviewed the work of the TAR Standing Committee in the first half of 2017 and the work arrangements for the second half. Luosang Jiangcun pointed out that since the Fifth Session of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC), the TAR Standing Committee has been thoroughly implementing the “new spirit and ideas of General Secretary Xi Jinping”.

Zhang Yanqing appointed Vice Chairman of Tibetan Autonomous Region

28 July 2017

Zhang Yanqing was appointed the new Vice Chairman of the Tibetan Autonomous Region during the 35th meeting of the Standing Committee of the TAR Government on July 28, 2017. He replaced Dothok as Vice Chairman. The meeting also replaced Xu Chengcang, as Director of Education with Du Jaingong.

(Comment: Zhang Yanqing was born in Tianzu county, Gansu province in June 1964. He graduated from the Central Party School in 1981 and joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1980. He was appointed Deputy Mayor of Lhasa city in 2009 and in 2012 was elevated to Standing Committee member of TAR and Secretary of the Public Security Bureau of Lhasa. In 2016 he was appointed Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee of Xigatse.)

TAR Party Vice Chairman Zhang Yanqing inspects development at grass root level in counties

28th July 2017

TAR Party Vice Chairman Zhang Yanqing inspected the development in six counties including Angren, Xie Tongmin, and Lazi. He told cadres they need to have “absolute loyalty” towards the Party's principles and emphasised the importance of creating a harmonious, civilized and peaceful society in the counties.

He conveyed the greetings of Party Secretary Wu Yingjie and Qhi Zhala to the cadres and told them that their role is vital. He promised that the Party will do its utmost to improve their living standard and asked them to believe in the Party’s core policies and functioning.

Meeting to study progress of construction projects

July 27, 2017

On July 25, 2017, the Executive Vice Chairman of the TAR People’s Congress, Jiang Jie convened a meeting to discuss issues related to airports, railways, rural roads and highway construction projects. After hearing work reports on the progress of the construction projects from the concerned departments, he pointed out that the projects in these areas are the ‘lifeline’ to Tibet’s economic development, political stability, national defense and a bridge to maintaining close communications as well as national unity with the CCP. He added that it is important to promote and plan construction of major infrastructure projects such as airports, railways, and highways and build a three-dimensional integrated transportation system. Jiang Jie said TAR Party Secretary Wu Jingjie and Lhasa Municipality Party Secretary Choedak’s constant emphasis on the importance of building these major infrastructure projects not only echoes his views but also indicates the urgency of developing a good transportation system.

He stressed that concerned departments should plan well, innovate, propose new ideas and reforms, unify their thinking and work steadfastly for the early completion of projects without compromising on quality and security. He specifically asked cadres to speed up construction of rural and border roads to alleviate poverty and promote economic development.

Executive meeting of Tibetan Autonomous Region

20 July 2017

An executive meeting of the Tibetan Autonomous Region was held on July 19, 2017. Chairman of the Tibetan Autonomous Region, Qi Zala (Che Dhalha) presided over the meeting, which resolved to double the number of policy measures to clean up the rules of 18 administrative intermediary services.

The meeting stressed that all departments must focus on poverty alleviation and resolutely implement the basic strategy of poverty alleviation in accordance with the regional Party Committee's policies.

The meeting stressed the promotion of public entrepreneurship and innovation under the guidance of the CCP Central Committee and State Council. It said reform and innovation should go in hand-to-hand along with the advancement of scientific and technological innovation. The meeting examined the quality of foods produced in the Tibetan Autonomous Region and decided that further revision and improvement is required to determine procedures to either approve or reject production of food items in markets in TAR.

Tibet civil aviation passengers reached 2.07 million in the first half-year

July 27, 2017

The Civil Aviation of the Tibet Autonomous Region has already served 2.07 million passengers in six months. There was an increase of 11.8%, 5.2%, and 26.2%, respectively in flights takeoffs', landings and transport of mail.

The report claimed the Civil Aviation's Tibet Bureau has adhered to the motto of "stable and good progress" of overall development and there are no security risk alerts. The comprehensive services, support capabilities and safety management of the Civil Aviation's Tibet Bureau have steadily improved.

Tibet vigorously develops tourism industry

July 18, 2017

Tibet's tourism industry plans to receive over 25 million tourists from home and abroad in 2017, and realize total tourism revenue of over 37 billion Yuan. In addition, 380,000 people will be engaged in the tourism industry. By the end of the 13th Five Year Plan, Tibet aims to receive 30

million tourists from home and abroad and generate 55 billion Yuan as the total revenue from tourism. In addition, 500,000 people will be engaged in the tourism industry.

In the first half of the year, Tibet's GDP reached 55.541 billion Yuan

July 28, 2017

According to TAR authorities, there was 10.8% GDP growth in the first half of this year. Strong investment in infrastructure and robust consumption were identified as key factors for this increase. The TAR Statistics Bureau states that TAR's GDP reached 55.5 billion Yuan (US\$ 8.24 b in the first half.

Total retail sale of consumer goods showed a 14.2 % growth totaling 24 billion Yuan. Per capita incomes in TAR's urban and rural areas increased by 10 percent and 13.9 percent, or 15,292 Yuan and 3,210 Yuan respectively. At the same time, TAR achieved industrial added value of 3.953 billion Yuan, an increase of 14.1%.

The TAR's 'key' projects like accelerated transformation of Bangda airport's flight area, the Gongga airport terminal land acquisition and relocation have been completed with a total investment of 55.1 billion Yuan accounting for 27.1% of annual investment plan.

In the first half of the year, Tibet's total import and export trade volume touched 3.22 billion Yuan, an increase of 70 percent over the same period last year. Tibet enhanced international transport via the Sino-Nepal Road with goods worth more than 450 tons being transported.

Last year, the Tibet Autonomous Region reported 11.5% GDP growth, which marks its 24th straight years of double digit growth.

Three industries develop tertiary industry into the engine of economic and social development

Zhou Yong, a research expert of the TAR's Academy of Social Sciences said, the reform of agriculture and animal husbandry have been actively promoted together with the supply side structural reform and investment in science and technology. The total output value of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery was 6.185 billion Yuan, up by 5.2% over the same period of last year. Agricultural production increased by 1.8% to touch 8.31 million tons.

General Deng Weiping's Inspection tour of Tibet

July 20, 2017

The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) under the aegis of the Central Discipline Inspection Commission (CDIC) sent Inspector General Deng Weiping at the head of a team on a five-day inspection tour to Tibet starting from July 12. Director of the TAR Public Security Bureau, Lobsang Tendar; the Deputy Director of the TAR Public Security Bureau; PLA Sr Colonel Zhang Caigang, Commander of the Lhasa Garrison; Executive Vice Secretary of the Regional Party Committee of TAR, Ding Youchang; and the Secretary of the TAR Commission for Discipline Inspection, Wang Yongjun accompanied them. The team inspected TAR Public Security Bureau organs, anti-terrorism special investigation units, police stations, grassroots units, Ngari (Ch: Ali) Administrative District's Burang and Rutok County Public Security Bureau and border police forces. They also met Colonel Yang Jianhong, Commander of the Cheng-guan People's Armed Police. During the inspection, Deng Weiping examined the reform of the Public Security Inspection Bureaus and heard the work reports of the Public Security Bureau of the TAR Party Committee and the Office of the Discipline Inspection Section, the Office of the Inspector General, Audit Office, Lhasa City Public Security Bureau, Ngari Public Security Department and other grassroots units. Special emphasis was laid on their progress in maintaining social stability and the crusade against corruption.

Deng Weiping pointed out that the TAR Party Committee must bear in mind the guidelines of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Central Committee (CC) and important speeches of Xi Jinping and urged them to work harder. He asked officials to come up with innovative ideas to maintain social stability while at the same time satisfying the people's needs. He exhorted regional police officers to ensure 'resolute loyalty' to the party, safeguard the 'core principles' of the CCP, maintain national territorial integrity, maintain unity and harmony of all nationalities, and ensure a firm belief for political security. He spoke of the importance of the 'reunification of the motherland', and safeguarding the 'territorial integrity of the motherland', opposing the 'Dalai clique' and strengthening and building strong armies in the Tibetan military. He told

police officers to maintain political discipline and firmly grasp the root of the problem and solve it accordingly.

China's Panchen asked Tibetans to be patriotic during Qinghai visit

July 31, 2017

The China-appointed 11th Panchen Lama, Gyaltzen Norbu , took part in a series of religious and social activities during a visit to Qinghai Province from July 18 to 24, 2017.

The Panchen Lama, Tibet's second most prominent religious figure, traditionally lives in the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Tibet, but Gyaltzen Norbu lives in Beijing and occasionally visits Tibetan areas.

China's official news agency Xinhua reported on July 26, 2017, that during his latest visit Gyaltzen Norbu "went to monasteries, performed religious rites, gave sermons, chanted mantras and blessed believers." He reportedly asked monks and nuns at the Tibetan Buddhism College of Qinghai "to be patriotic and contribute to prosperity, national unity and social harmony".

Mayor Liu Shan visits office to rearrange the deployment of the Municipal Government's work

26 July 2017

On July 24, Mayor Liu Shan hosted a meeting of the Mayor's where the focus was on the re-study, rearrangement and re-deployment of the new government.

Deputy Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee Feng Jikang; Deputy Party Chief of Xigatse, Ni Junnan; Deputy Mayor of Xigatse, Xu Xiangguo and Wang Xiangmin attended the meeting.

The meeting pointed out that this year the government has to stress on poverty alleviation, post-disaster reconstruction, environmental protection, urban construction and management. They stressed the importance of solving difficulties related to post-disaster construction. They also emphasized the importance of preparing for the 15th Mount Everest Culture Festival and the "August 1st" Jianjun Festival to create a harmonious social environment. The meeting focused on

the protection and improvement of people's livelihood. It stressed the promotion of economic development and social harmony.

Vice Mayor Li Yucheng; Sang Zhu Ziren, Municipal government officer of Legislative Affairs; Tsz Tzhai, Municipal government officer of the National Development and Reform Commission and representatives from the Municipal Government Office, Municipal Government Legislative Affairs Office, Municipal Development and Reform Commission, Finance Bureau, Housing and Urban Construction Bureau, Audit Bureau, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Bureau, Reconstruction Office, Safety Supervision Bureau and other relevant departments attended the meeting.

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Lhasa Municipality

The list of banned items on the Lhasa Railway Express has been revised

17 July 2017

The Lhasa Railway Public Security Department issued a public safety notice on July 17 prohibiting passengers from carrying any sort of lighters on board Lhasa Trains and at Train Stations. The ban will be in force during the summer for 62 days from July 1 to August 31.

Counties and County Headquarters/Leaders

Chairman of TAR's United Front Work Department visits Shigatse

July 23, 2017

Chodak/Chedak (Chinese: Qi-zha-la), Party Secretary, member of the TAR Party Standing Committee and Chairman of TAR's United Front Work Department and Party Secretary of Lhasa Municipality, accompanied by some officials paid a two-day (July 20-21) inspection tour to Shigatse to 'research on poverty alleviation programs, grassroots medical and health works.' Chodak stressed the need for implementing General Secretary Xi Jinping's concept of good governance, which includes people-centered development, programs and projects to alleviate poverty to gain the loyalty of all the ethnic groups. The team visited Shigatse's Dromo (Ch:Yadong) county, assessed the progress of comfortable housing projects in the area and saw the health condition of people diagnosed with hydatidosis. The disease, which is an infection usually of the liver, has become epidemic in the region and is being treated for free. The regional government aims to eradicate the disease completely within one year. He also asked the masses to cultivate good habits and create awareness about the disease and its treatment.

Chodak also visited Shigatse Kangma County's Namnying Township to examine the artificial grassland base, an important project for poverty alleviation. The plantations in the grassland are reported to have generated profits of 520-millionyuan last year. Chodak told officials of the region that development of all economic aspects of the masses is key to enhancing stability, loyalty and safeguarding national sovereignty and integrity.

Municipal Justice Bureau of General Administration Office of the Temple Cadres' educated the monks and nuns regarding laws

July 28, 2017

On July 26, 2017, the head of Bureau of Justice, Pufa Ban organized more than 30 cadres for a visit to Tashilhunpo Monastery with the purpose of educating monks and nuns on the rules and laws of the government, law enforcement and the 'patriotic law'. The theme of the 'education' was "four makes, four loves". The 'education' included showing the monks and nuns pictures and videos. They were also told of the CCP Central Committee's concern for Tibet and Xigatse city and the need to implement the "Sixth Five-Year Plan".

Xigaze (Shigatse) regulates management of social security funds

July 18, 2017

At the end of June 2017, Xigaze had a balance of 2.514 billion yuan in its social security fund.

The Shigatse City Municipal Bureau said that in the first half of this year, of the Xigaze City Social Security Fund's total income of 9.17 billion yuan, an amount of 653 million yuan was spent.

According to reports, Xigatse city municipal plans to standardize and expand national insurance plan that will covers all the sectors of the society. That plan will be feasible that aims to protect the interest of people and promote secure health care and harmonious society.

Zhang Yanqing in anti-corruption campaign in Xigatse city

25 July 2017

On July 22, Zhang Yanqing, Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee and Mayor Liu Hushan, officially unveiled an anti-corruption advocacy education office in Xigaze City. The initiative was started to promote the Party's strict discipline and anti-corruption education.

Party Secretary Zhang Yanqing, Deputy Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee, Mayor Liu Hu Shan, Deputy Secretary of the municipal party committee, Executive Vice Mayor Feng Jikang, Xu Xiangguo, Wang Xiangmin, Municipal Committee, Municipal People's Congress Standing Committee Zhaxi Zen, Pu, CPPCC Chairman Deputy Director of the Commission, Yao Xi Suolang Zaba, the CPPCC Vice Chairman Municipal Committee, Politics and Law

Committee Secretary, Municipal Public Security Bureau Party Committee, Municipal Committee, Organization Department Minister Yang Kun, Municipal Committee, Secretary-General Lei Jinchang, Municipal Committee, Pazhu Ji Long County Party Committee Secretary, Municipal Committee, Yao Changyu Sangzhuzi District Secretary, Municipal Committee, United Front Work Minister Bassan attended the opening ceremony.

Subsequently, Zhang Yanqing, Mayor Liu Hushan and his entourage visited the anti-corruption advocacy education office and watched an anti-corruption advocacy education film. During his visit, Zhang Yanqing went to the exhibition at the education base and pointed out that the detailed graphic material and modern technology available at the office will help boost the anti-corruption campaign.

The City's anti-corruption advocacy education office has a total area of about 700 square meters and is divided into four parts i.e. front hall, main hall, exhibition hall and rear hall. The main exhibition hall has four sections namely retrospective, discipline, warning, and prevention. It introduces the Party's anti-corruption process, the CCP Central Committee and the leaders of the TAR

Nagchu's Poverty Alleviation Project Announcement

July 25, 2017

TAR People's Government Information Office held a press conference to publicise the poverty alleviation projects of Nagchu (Ch: Nagqu). The Deputy Director of the Nagchu Administrative District as well as press spokesperson Zhuan Yuan said Nagchu holds an important place in TAR as the 'northern gate of Tibet'. He said Nagchu has 11 poor counties, 114 poor townships and 1190 poor villages. A survey conducted by the Nagchu Party Committee estimated that about a million people have benefitted since the implementation of the program. By 2017, Nagchu strives to lift 23,285 people out of poverty in 109 villages by implementing schemes that will enable people to earn an income of 3850-yuan per capita.

Luozha County Social Council to recover wages of 27 migrant workers

On July 19, a dispute erupted in Luozha County between 27 migrant workers and the Road Construction Authority over unpaid wages. The workers claimed they were not paid their wages even though they had completed road construction work of Luozha County. The discontentment led to protests and the Luozha County People's Bureau and the Social Security Department received complaints regarding non-payment of arrears the same day.

The Luozha County People's Bureau promptly thereafter deputed labour inspection department staff to investigate the case and found that there was a default of 580,675 yuan. After persuasion the two sides reached an agreement and the 27 migrant workers were paid their wages

Foreigners or TAR delegations visiting abroad

Qi Zala meets Russian Minister of Transport Sokolov

July 26, 2017

Only July 23, Russian Minister of Transport Sokolov and his delegation met Dai Dongchang, PRC Vice Minister of Transport, Chodak/Chedak (Chinese: Qi Zha-la), Party Secretary, member of the TAR Party Standing Committee and Chairman of the TAR's United Front Work Department and Party Secretary of Lhasa; Vice-Chairman of TAR People's Government, Director of the 7th Advisory Inspectorate; Regional Party Committee; Deputy Director of Autonomous Region Stability Maintenance Advisory Inspectorate of TAR, Jiang Jie Executive Vice Chairman of the TAR People's Congress and Jian Hua, Deputy Director of the TAR Foreign Affairs Bureau in Lhasa.

Chodak welcomed the Russian Delegation on behalf of the TAR Party Committee and briefed them on the economic and social development of Tibet. He reiterated that Tibet is an inalienable part of China since 'ancient times,' and that because of Tibet's 'peaceful liberation' by the PLA Tibet has witnessed enormous economic growth in different sectors. He told the delegation that it is the advancement in infrastructure that has linked Tibet and Mainland China closely. He substantiated this by illustrating that the current highway mileage of Tibet is 82,500 km following the opening of 72 routes alone last year. Chodak added that under the strong leadership of General Secretary Xi Jinping and with the support of the masses, he and his government plan

to build a prosperous Tibetan society by 2020. In conclusion he said he hopes to further deepen friendly exchanges and pragmatic cooperation with Russian's Transport Minister. Dai Dongchan, who is responsible for transport planning, highway construction and management and international co-operation of China's Ministry of Transport, echoed Chodak's speech to the Russian delegation.

Russian Minister of Transport Sokolov replied and said that he and his delegation had witnessed great development and changes in China and the livelihood of all ethnic groups in Tibet. He added that as a Minister of Transport in particular, he was in awe of the basic transport facilities, social and economic development of Tibet. He reiterated his government's stance that 'Tibet is a part of China' and said he looks forward to strengthening interaction between Russia and Tibet especially in tourism and transport related infrastructures.

Wu Yingjie met EU envoys in China

July 03, 2017

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie and Chodak/Chedak, Chairman of TAR United Front Work Department, and some other TAR Leaders like Jiang Jie Executive Vice Chairman of the TAR People's Congress, Director of TAR Bureau of Education, and Bureau of Health, and Jian Hua, Deputy Director of the TAR Foreign Affairs Bureau in Lhasa to China in Lhasa.

TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingji thanked the ambassador on behalf of the TAR People's government, TAR People's Congress and TAR Party Committee for visiting Tibet. He spoke highly of the friendly and cooperative relations between China and the EU. Wu Yingjie also briefed the EU Ambassador about the social and economic development in TAR, and the economic and trade exchanges between Tibet and European countries. He reiterated that Tibet is an inalienable part of China.

EU ambassador to China, Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut, acknowledged the remarkable economic and social development that the CCP has made in Tibet and stated that that Tibet is part of China's vast territory. He said through field visits to Tibet, he personally felt that Tibet's infrastructural development, social security, education and health, ecological protection and other aspects were commendable.

Dalai Lama

China miffed as Botswana asserts sovereign right to welcome the Dalai Lama

July 27, 2017

The AFP reported on July 25 that despite China's pressure, Botswana had confirmed on July 25 that it would allow the Dalai Lama, to visit Botswana next month as "a foreign dignitary". It asked China to respect the country's sovereign decision on this matter. Botswana's Foreign Minister Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi said the visit would be "purely private", adding that the Dalai Lama would be granted the status of a foreign dignitary and the President will "extend basic courtesies for Dalai Lama". Responding to a question in the Parliament, Venson- Moitoi pointed out "the principle of non-interference in the international affairs of other countries is at the core of China's foreign policy. ... We therefore expect ... China to respect our sovereign decision on this matter." The Dalai Lama is to speak at a three-day "Mind and Life Dialogue" conference in Botswana's capital Gaborone on August 19.

Miscellaneous

Chinese police arrests Tibetan Buddhist leader in Sichuan

July 26, 2017

The Tibetan Service of Radio Free Asia (Washington) reported on July 24 that police in Sichuan Province detained Tulku Lobsang, a monk of Boroe Monastery in Sershul (Chinese: Shiqu) County of Kardze (Ganzi) Prefecture on July 21 after he reported to in compliance of a summon. When Tulku Lobsang and his companions reached the police station in the prefectural capital Dartsedo (Kangding), policemen in civilian dresses took him into custody. They told those accompanying him to return to their monastery to retrieve his identity card, which he had not brought with him. The Chinese police have not given any reason for detaining Tulku Lobsang and nor have they given any information regarding his current whereabouts.



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