

Consul General Li Shugang  
Consulate of the Peoples Republic of China  
45 Brown Street, East Perth WA 6004  
Australia



Dear Consul General Li

**RE: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Tibet National Uprising, 10<sup>th</sup> March 1959**

On behalf of the people of Australia, and especially Western Australia, the Tibet Action Group of Western Australia would like to register its strong disquiet and sadness in regard to the brutal response by the current government of the Peoples Republic of China to the Tibetan peoples' non-violent voices for freedom, self-determination and the long life and return to Tibet of His Holiness The Dalai Lama.

With respect, we solemnly call for:

1. The immediate release of all political prisoners in Tibet (the historic provinces of U, Tsang, Amdo and Kham) and China;
2. The immediate cessation of the current "Strike Hard Campaign", purportedly aimed at criminals and corruption, but in fact a policy aimed at arrest, interrogation and imprisonment of any Tibetan person who displays loyalty to His Holiness The Dalai Lama, and a Tibet free of autocratic Chinese overlordship;
3. An immediate return to direct negotiations with His Holiness The Dalai Lama at a senior level of the Communist Party of China (and not the United Front Department) without preconditions (including the scurrilous condition of assenting to the Republic of China, Taiwan, being a part of China), with real sincerity (and not the forced smile to satisfy international opinion), recognizing the moral integrity of His Holiness The Dalai Lama, and the moral need of China to amicably solve the vexatious question of Tibet;
4. The immediate implementation and practice of human rights norms and protocols as the Peoples Republic of China's signature bears witness to in 1998, and more recently assented to in the Chinese Constitution in 2004 (lip service must be transmuted into real steps towards a free media and independence of the judiciary);
5. Allowing all Tibetans who have been arrested to have access to lawyers;

6. The immediate cessation of all forms of torture and deprivation inside the prisons and labor gulags of China and Tibet.

Thank you for your conveying the above sincere and solemn requests to the Central Executive of the Communist Party of China.

Yours sincerely

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