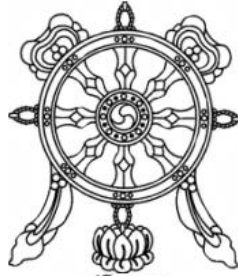


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Tibetaanse belangenbehartiging

A lot of you know us, or have already asked our assistance in the past. As you know, we are here to help all of you Tibetans residing in the Netherlands, and, if necessary, for Tibetans elsewhere in the world outside Tibet. Our goal is your well-being. Why? Because we found out that you had nowhere to turn to for help.

International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) and TSG (Tibet Support Group) draw attention to the Tibetan cause in Tibet, which is, of course, very important as well. The services of those organizations are, in our view, complementary to those of ours. In any case, one goal should definitely not exclude the other.

Problems you had, of any kind, were not attended to in the past. We, on the contrary, do attend them.

Should you have any questions, whatever their nature is, Khorlo is there for you!!

We are also drawing political attention to the Tibetan cause. We are carefully keeping an eye on the official reports of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this matter. We demand attention to your cause where ever we can, always with your interests at heart.

We often generate ideas that we think could benefit your cause. We need your support in realizing those plans, we cannot do without you. Often, however, we find out that our plans do not reach you, that you are not aware of those. That is a pity.

Through our website, and also through others who are in contact with you, we try to keep you informed.

We also keep the board of the Tibetan Community informed. We ask its support and ask the board to pass on this information. Unfortunately, this does not prove to be effective, a fundamental basis does not exist.

Let me give you one example:

Since a number of years, we have the desire to set up some kind of cooperation among all people suffering under the Chinese occupation. October 1st, 2009, we set a tiny step towards this aim, at the Dam square in Amsterdam. Uighurs, democratic Chinese and Falung Gong practitioners, Association Khorlo, we were all there. Everyone who was at the meeting on the September 27th, was present at this first reunion at the Dam square. We regret that the plan that was worked out the 27th, has barely been given any follow up. In the meantime, someone found it necessary to discuss it with ICT. We did not want that, and people knew this.

The goodwill that was created September 27th has therefore been reduced to zero, with ICT taking control over the plans.

The aim is, and was, to not let a big organization deal with the matter. Too much gets lost this way, and you as an 'end user' don't get to profit from whatever is decided; such is often the case with big organizations.

Our aim, however, is to support you, the people it is all about, to show you where to go and help you to start certain developments. You are all able to manage yourselves, if only someone shows you how. Old patterns should not be present, they belong to old times.

We keep you informed through letters, or, for those who have computers, through e-mails. There are, however, many of you we still cannot reach. That's a pity both for you as well as for us.

Therefore, we ask you to give us your e-mail address, so that we communicate directly with you, by sending you e-mails from time to time. We can then inform you directly about our plans, and you, in turn, can assist us when necessary. By doing so, we hope to prevent that our plans end up there where they shouldn't. So that we can all realize, to the best of our abilities, our creative ideas.

We shall never harm your interest, in whatever form, and we always take into account the sensitive nature of it all.

Let me add as a footnote that we are doing this on a voluntary basis. This is in no way detrimental to our knowledge nor our efforts. On the contrary, it makes us stronger as a team. As allies, we can all very well cooperate, each from a different angle. It is a pity ICT and TSG do not see it this way, and think of us as competitors instead of allies. My view is that if our unwavering effort for you Tibetans in the Netherlands is not appreciated by other organizations, this tells more about those organizations than about us.

Should you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or mail!

Most Sincerely,
on behalf of the Board of Association Khorlo,

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