



## Dalai Lama's Envoy to Speak in Ottawa

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The Ottawa chapter of the Canada Tibet Committee is pleased to invite you to a public talk on February 11 entitled *The State of the Tibetan-Sino Dialogue*, by Lodi Gyari, the Dalai Lama's Special Envoy.

In 2002, representatives of the Dalai Lama, led by Mr. Gyari, traveled to China and Tibet and re-established contact with the Chinese leadership for the first time since 1993. The last round of talks was held in June 2007. In his Ottawa talk, Mr. Gyari will offer a first hand analysis of the current state of discussions and what he foresees for the future.

Mr. Gyari has been described as “a modern diplomat facing a rising superpower. As the lead negotiator with China, he makes the case for autonomy of Tibetans within China—the rights to govern their own religious institutions, maintain their language and oversee public education, among other things.” (Washington Post)

Lodi G. Gyari was born in Nyarong, Eastern Tibet in 1949 where he received a traditional monastic education. Mr. Gyari and his family fled from Tibet to India in 1959. Realizing that Tibetans need to publicize their struggle to the world he became an editor for the Tibetan Freedom Press and founded the Tibetan Review, the first English language journal published by Tibetans in-exile.

Mr. Gyari was one of the founding members of the Tibetan Youth Congress, an organization of over 10,000 members. He served as President of the Congress in 1975. He was elected to the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies, the Tibetan Government in Exile, and subsequently became its Chair. He then served as Deputy Cabinet Minister with responsibilities for the Council for Religious Affairs and the Department of Health. In 1988 he became Senior Cabinet Minister for the Department of Information and International Relations (Foreign Ministry).

### EVENT DETAILS

**The State of the Tibetan-Sino Dialogue**, a public talk by Lodi Gyari

Monday, February 11 at 7:00 pm

Room B125, Main Branch of the Ottawa Public Library

120 Metcalfe St., Ottawa

Admission is free. Seating is limited.

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