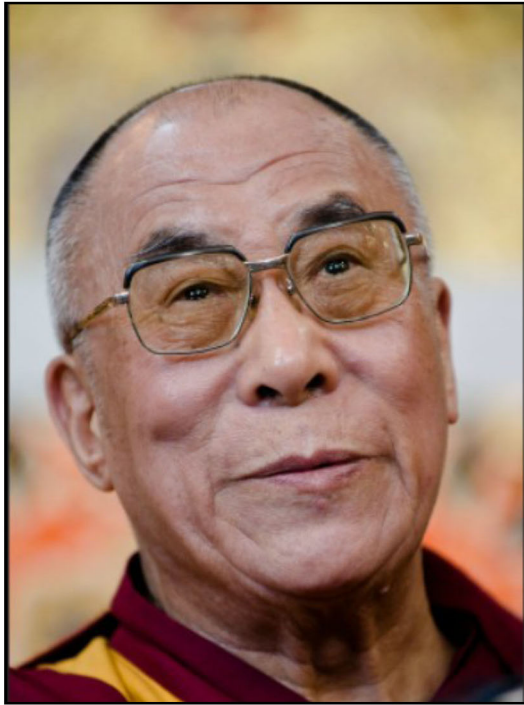




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“For the past six decades, using force as the principle means in dealing with the problems in Tibet has only deepened the grievances and resentment of the Tibetan people. I, therefore, appeal to the Chinese leadership to adopt a realistic approach and to address the genuine grievances of the Tibetans with courage and wisdom and to restrain from using force in handling this situation.”

The Dalai Lama
April 15, 2011

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 08

DAY 1

LOCATION	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Rayburn House Office Building 45 Independence Ave, SW Room B339	08:30AM–09:30AM	Breakfast and Registration
	09:30AM–10:00AM	<u>Welcome</u> Harry Wu, Executive Director Laogai Research Foundation Congressman Frank Wolf (VA) Congressman Chris Smith (NJ) Lobsang Nyandak, Representative His Holiness the Dalai Lama Mary Beth Markey, President International Campaign for Tibet
	10:00AM–12:00PM	<u>Survivor Testimonies and Q&A</u> Moderator: Bhuchung Tsering Translator: Tenzin Topchen, Choegy, Kunsang Rinzin and Tenzin Jigme 1. Jampel Monlam 2. Ghang Lhamo 3. Dolkar Kyap 4. Tubten Khetsun
	12:00PM–01:00PM	Lunch
	01:00PM–02:30PM	<u>Survivor Testimonies and Q&A</u> Moderator: Bhuchung Tsering Translator: Tenzin Topchen, Choegy, Kunsang Rinzin and Tenzin Jigme 1. Ngawang Sangdrol 2. Lukar Sham 3. Tsewang Dhondup
	02:30PM–03:00PM	Closing and Day 2 Overview

AGENDA, CONT.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

LOCATION

Laogai Museum
1734 20th St., NW

DAY 2

TIME

09:30AM–10:30AM

10:30AM–11:30AM

11:30AM–01:00PM

01:00PM–02:30PM

02:30PM–05:30PM

05:30PM–06:00PM

DESCRIPTION

Registration

Opening Remarks

Harry Wu, Executive Director
Laogai Research Foundation

Bhuchung Tsering, Vice President
for Special Programs
International Campaign for Tibet

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Closing and Day 3 Overview

AGENDA, CONT.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

DAY 3

LOCATION

Massachusetts Ave, NW &
New Jersey Ave, NW

TIME

10:00AM–11:30AM

DESCRIPTION

Fifth Anniversary of Dedication of
Victims of Communism Memorial

BIOGRAPHIES

Name: Tsewang Dhondup
Birthplace: Tehor, Khampa, Tibet

Tsewang Dhondup was born in Tehor, Khampa, Tibet. On March 24, 2008, he participated in a protest organized by several hundred Tibetans against the Chinese government in Garzê, Khampa. The protest faced massive violent oppression by the People's Armed Police. Dhongdup's arm was hit by a bullet as he was helping a hurt Lama. His arm bone was shattered as a result. While the Armed Police circulated arrest notices for Dhongdup, he hid in forests, caves, rural areas, and woodlands for a year and two months. He fled to India in May 2009. Due to the fact that he was only able to seek medical attention a long time after injury, he cannot use his arm normally anymore.



Name: Tubten Khetsun
Birthplace: Lhasa, U-Tsang, Tibet

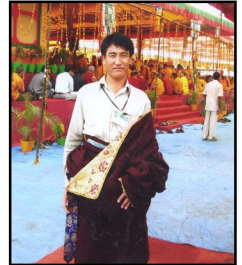
Tubten Khetsun was born in 1941. In March 1959, he was arrested by the People's Armed Police for his participation in a large protest to protect the Dalai Lama and to oppose the invasion of China into Tibet. After imprisonment and labor reform at various large prisons, he was treated as an enemy of the people and forced to labor under people's surveillance. In 1983, he had the opportunity to leave the country, claiming to visit family. It was then that he was finally free from restriction. His biography, *Memories of Life in Lhasa under Chinese Rule* details his tumultuous experiences. He currently lives in the United States.



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Name: Dolkar Kyap
Birthplace: Maqu, Amdo, Tibet

Dolkar Kyap was born on October 10, 1971. While studying Tibetan at the Northwest University for Nationalities, Gansu's Public Security Bureau arrested him for passing out CDs of the Dalai Lama and for putting up Tibetan independence posters. In September 1996, he was sentenced to three years in prison by the Gansu Intermediate People's Court for "inciting counterrevolutionary activities." He was imprisoned in Ningxia Prison (Gansu Province's No. 2 Prison) until March 1998. In November 1998, he hiked over the Himalayas to India. While in jail, Kyap recorded his experiences on used cigarette packets after which he published a book called *Prison Records*. Now he is researching Sino-Tibetan relations at the Norbulingka Institute in Dharamsala, India, and is a member of the Parliament of Tibet's Amdo region.



Name: Ghang Lhamo
Birthplace: Zhag'yab, Khampa, Tibet

Ghang Lhamo was born in 1967. While studying at Lhasa's Tibet University, she participated in student activist activities, like peaceful protests to preserve Tibetan culture and passing out flyers in school. On December 30, 1989, Lhamo was arrested by the Public Security in Tibet on suspicion of being a "counterrevolutionary." She was sentenced to three years in prison in 1990 for "spreading false information" and served her sentence in Lhasa's Fourth Prison. Under the harsh prison conditions, she almost lost her life. She finished her sentence and was released in 1993. In August 2002, she fled to India. Now she is the general secretary of the Gu-Chu-Sum Movement of Tibet and a member of the Parliament of Tibet's Khampa region.



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Name: Jampel Monlam
Birthplace: Lhasa, U-Tsang, Tibet

Jampel Monlam was born in 1968. He became a monk and joined the Drepung Monastery at the age of sixteen in 1985. In March 1989, he was arrested by the People's Armed Police due to his participation in a large protest in Lhasa. He was sentenced to five years in prison and deprived of his political rights for two years for "participating in counterrevolutionary activities." He endured torture and other inhumane treatment in Drapchi Prison. He finished his sentence in 1994 and fled to India in 1996. He currently serves as vice president of the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy.



Name: Ngawang Sangdrol
Birthplace: Lhasa, U-Tsang, Tibet

Ngawang Sangdrol was born in 1977. She was arrested in 1992 for participating in a peaceful protest against Chinese occupation of Tibet. When she was fifteen, she was sentenced to three years in prison. While she was imprisoned in Drapchi Prison, she composed songs and other materials on Tibetan independence. Thus, her sentence was later lengthened to 23 years. However, after being imprisoned for 11 years, she was released in 2002 with the help of international human rights organizations. She now lives in the United States.



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Name: Lukar Sham

Birthplace: Amdo, Tibet

Lukar Sham was born on March 25, 1975. Due to his participation in organizations for Tibetan independence and organizing numerous secretive activities, he was arrested in Lhasa in April 1992. He was sentenced to 17 years in prison after being accused of “spreading counterrevolutionary propaganda” and “engaging in secretive activities.” He was first transferred to Qinghai Detention Center to serve seven months, then to Delingha Detention Center to serve three years. Sham endured cruel torture and inhumane treatment during these four years. While in prison, Sham fell ill, but was only released for medical treatment when his weight fell to 81.4lbs. After he was set free, his friends helped him flee from his hometown. He escaped to India in December 1988. Sham now serves as the vice chairman of the Gu-Chu-Sum Movement of Tibet.



