# Historical status of Xizang

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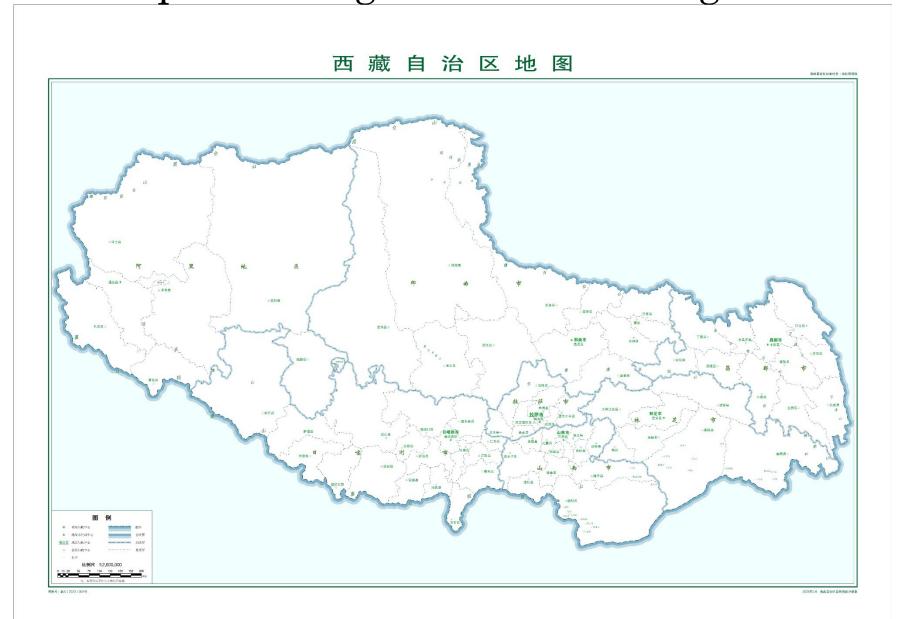
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#### Map of People's Republic of China

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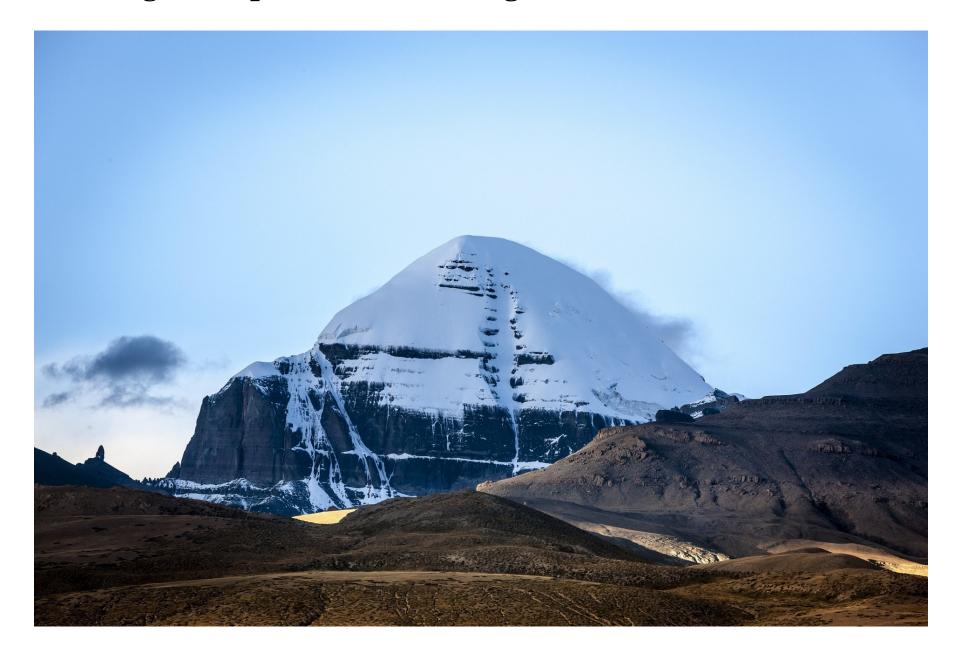


#### Map of Xizang Autonomous Region



- The Xizang Autonomous Region is the most romantic and mysterious land in the world today, attracting countless travellers, explore rs, Buddhists, mountaineers and photographers.
- · Xizang is one of China's five ethnic minority autonomous regions, situated on the southwestern border, bordering Xinjiang Uygur Aut onomous Region and Qinghai Province to the north, Sichuan Province e to the east, Yunnan Province to the southeast, and Myanmar, India, Bhutan and Nepal to the south and west.
- The Xizang Autonomous Region has a population of 3.64 million and a land area of 1.22 million square kilometers, accounting for abo

#### Mount Gangs Rinpoche in Xizang(also known as Mount Kailash)



#### Ma-pham g.yu-mtsho in Xizang(also known as Lake Manasarovar)



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  - · China is a unified multi-ethnic country, and the diversity an d unity of the Chinese nation is a distinctive feature of our c ountry.
  - · China's vast territory was jointly explored by all ethnic groups, its long history was jointly written by all ethnic groups, it splendid culture was jointly created by all ethnic groups, a nd its great national spirit was jointly nurtured by all ethnic



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in China.



- II. Xizang has been a part of China since ancient times, and successive central Governments have exercised effective jurisdiction over Xizang since the Yuan Dynasty
- · As early as ancient times, the Tibetan ancestors living here had close ties of blood, language and culture with the Han Chinese and other ethnic groups.
- Over the long years, the Tibetan people have developed the Xizang plateau with the eir own hard labor, creating a rich and colorful ancient culture, and at the same time making an important contribution to enriching the cultural treasury of the Chinese e nation.

- · From the latest archaeological results, it is clear that there is a close connection between the ancien t cultures of the Qinghai-Xizang Plateau and those of the Central Plains, especially those of the mi ddle and upper reaches of the Yellow River. It is true, as we all know, that the Yangshao, Majiayao, and Machang cultures in Gansu and Qinghai have a close connection between the colored ceramics and beaten stone tools and the Karuo culture in Chamdo, Xizang. The round or half-cave houses wi th red-burnt earth walls and living surfaces of the early Karuo period are the traditional forms of ha bitation in the Majiayao system of Gansu and Qinghai; and the corn found in the Karuo site is a typ ical crop of the Yellow River Basin area, which should have been introduced to the Xizang area thr ough the Gansu and Qinghai regions.
- In recent years, the archaeological discovery of tea, brocade with the Chinese character "Wanghou" written on, lacquerware, gold masks and other objects from the mainland 1,800 years ago in the arc haeological discovery of Guru Jiamu in Ga er County, Ali, Xizang, clearly reflects the close econo mic and cultural ties that exist between Xizang and the mainland.



# The archaeological excavation of the "Wanghou" (Marquis) broc ade in the Ali region



#### Tang Dynasty

During the Tang Dynasty, a deep nephew-uncle marriage relationship was establi shed between the Tang and the Tubo. At the beginning of the seventh century AD, th e Tang Dynasty (618-907) was established, ending the chaos of the late Sui Dynasty and achieving a new unity in the Central Plains. At the same time, Songtsen Gampo, the Tibetan hero, annexed more than ten tribes and clans and established the Tubo D ynasty, with its capital at Lhasa, realizing the unprecedented unity of the Xizang plat eau region.

During Songtsen Gampo's reign, he created scripts, established the law, official a nd military systems, and unified weights and measures. He also absorbed the advanced production technology and political and cultural achievements of the Tang Dynast v. He sent ministers to the Tang court twice to propose marriage, and in 641 A.D. an

# Songtsen Gampo



# Statue of Songtsen Gampo



Songtsen Gampo sent his ministers to the Tang court twice to propose marriage, and in 641 AD he married Princess Wencheng, a daughter of the Tang royal family, as he wished. Below is Yan Liben's "Bunian Tu[Dr awing of the Carriage]" (Tang Emperor Taizong meeting with the Tubo envoy Ludongzan in 641)



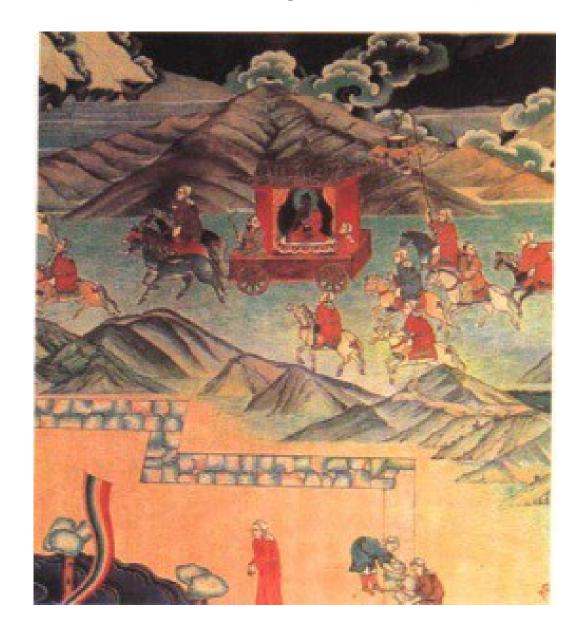


the authentic painting in the exhibition



- Princess Wencheng went to Xizang, not only brought the Buddhism of the Central Plains, but also brought a large number of classical literature, craft technology and species, and a large number of mainland craftsmen accompanied.
- The extremely sacred statue of Sakyamuni Buddha that is brought by Princess We ncheng is still enshrined in the Jokhang Temple.
- Through marriage, Songtsen Gampo actively introduced from the Tang Dynasty w ine-making, milling, paper and ink production technology, selected and sent the ch ildren of the nobility to the Tang Dynasty capital Chang'an (now Xi'an) to study p oetry and books, and hired Han Chinese literati into the Tubo.
- Tubo established and maintained extremely close relations with the Tang Dynasty in political, economic and cultural aspects.

The Princess Wencheng's Journey to Xizang



# Princess Wencheng



The extremely sacred statue of Sakyamuni Buddha brought by Princess Wenche ng (enshrined in the Jokhang Temple)



It is said that this is one of the musical instruments that Princess Wencheng brought to Tubo.



Stone Tablet of the Tang-Tubo Alliance (823, the third year of Changqing)



Yongbulakang——the first palace in Xizang history



Sangye Monastery, the first formal monastery in Tubo



# Jokhang Temple



# The square Jokhang Temple



#### The golden roof of Jokhang Temple



#### Devotees in front of Jokhang Temple



Ordinary people in religious assembly at the Jokhang Temple



# Religious assembly in Jokhang Temple



# Monks reciting scriptures



# Ramoche Temple

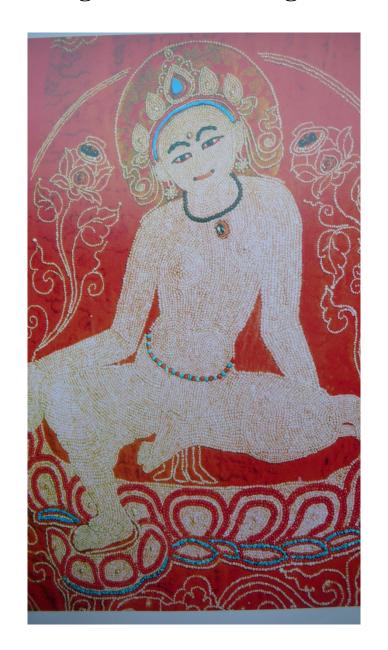




#### Changzhu Monastery in Shannan



The Pearl Thangka of Changzhu Monastery

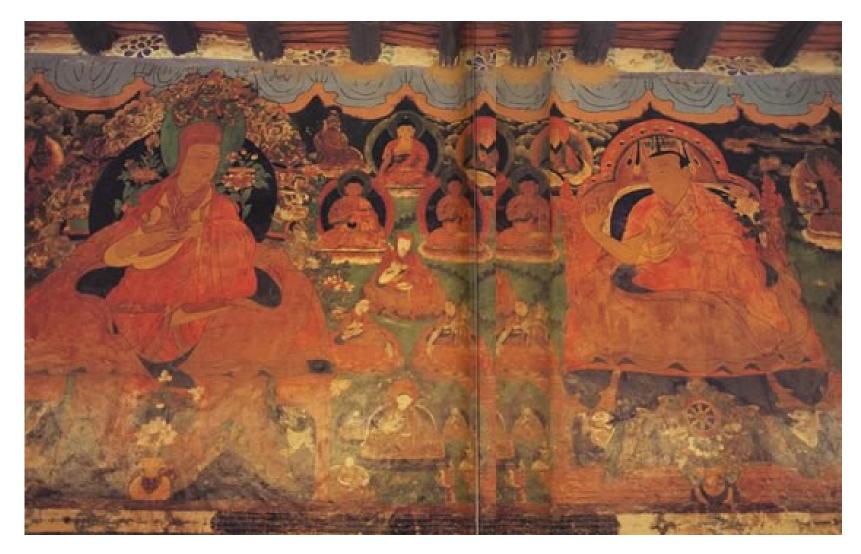


# Yuan Dynasty

Since the Yuan Dynasty, Xizang has been formally brought under the direct a dministrative jurisdiction of the central government.

'In 842 A.D., the Tubo dynasty collapsed as a result of royal infighting, civilia n uprisings, and resistance by enslaved tribes, and a multitude of disparate local f orces emerged in the main Tubo region, which conquered each other and fought in a chaotic situation that lasted for about 400 years.

- In 1206, the Mongol leader Geng his Khan established the Mongol Khanate in northern China.
- 1247, the Mongol prince Koduan met with the Sakya religious and political leader Sakya Panchita in Liangzhou, and agreed on the con ditions for the subordination of Xi zang to the Mongol state, which was then incorporated into the Mo ngol state.



- · 1260, Kublai (1215-1294) assumed the Mongol throne, and appointed Phags-pa as the s tate master.
- · 1264, the Sakya general institution was set up, and Phags-pa was appointed to lead the i nstitution as the state master.
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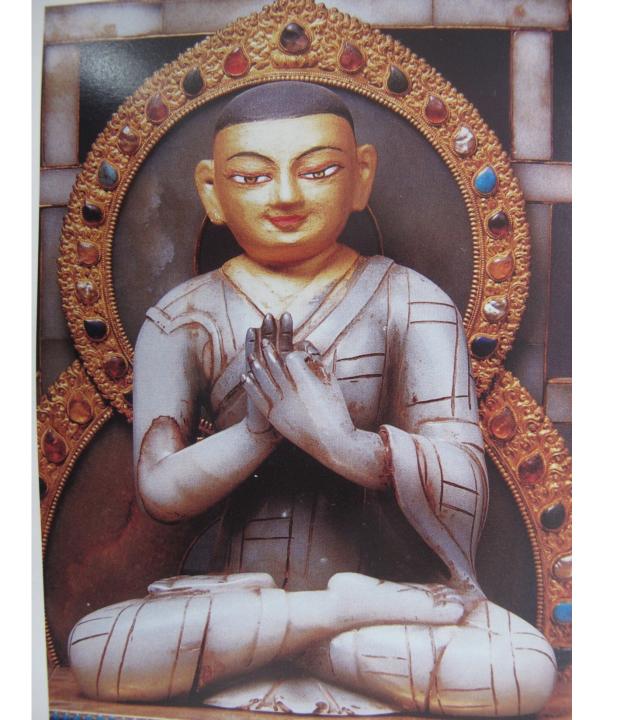
- · In 1271, the Great Mongolian State was gi ven the state name Yuan, and in 1279 the whole of China was united and a unified c entral authority was established.
- · Xizang became an administrative region u nder the direct rule of the central governm ent of the Yuan Dynasty of China.
- Yuan court exercised full and effective juri sdiction in Xizang by checking the househ old accounts, setting up postal stations, ap



# Phags-pa



Phags-pa



# Kublai met with Phags-pa



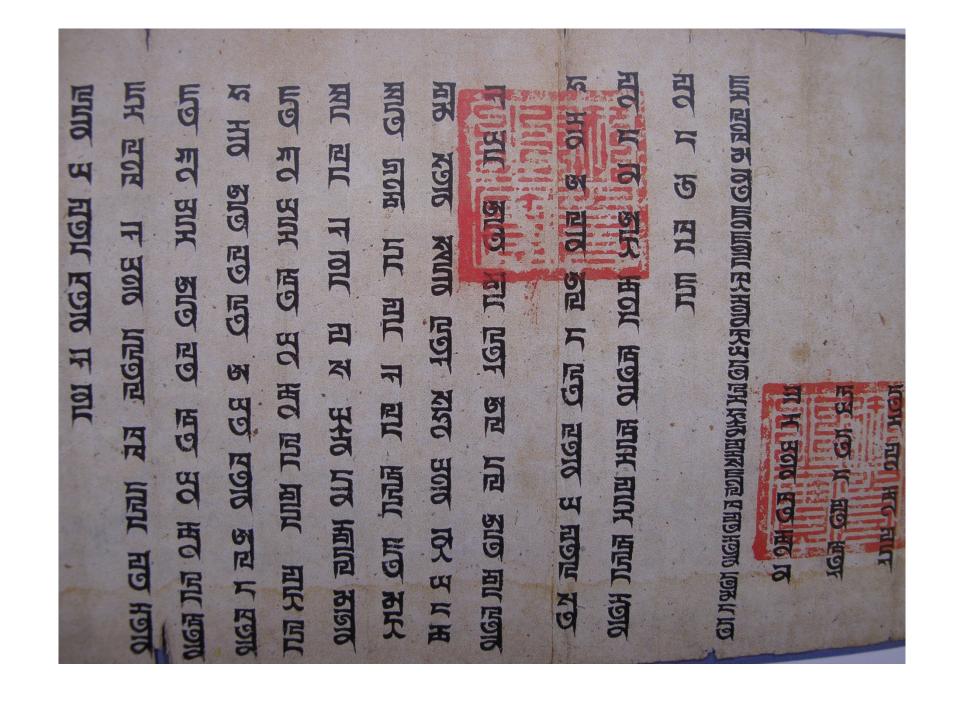
One of the seals of the Xuanzhengyuan, the s upreme institution of the Yuan Dynasty for the administration of Tibetan localities.



Jade seal of the Y uan dynasty enthro ning a local Tibet an religious leade r as a state teach er



An imperial decree written in the Phags-pa script



The Imperial Teacher's Decrees of the Yuan Dynasty





Token written in Phags-pa characters

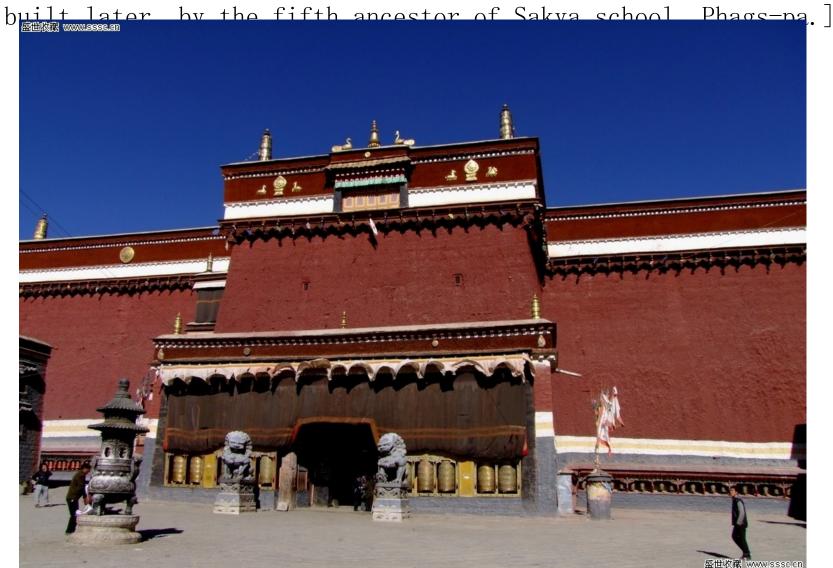


A collection of "Zhongtong" banknotes issued by the Yuan dynasty

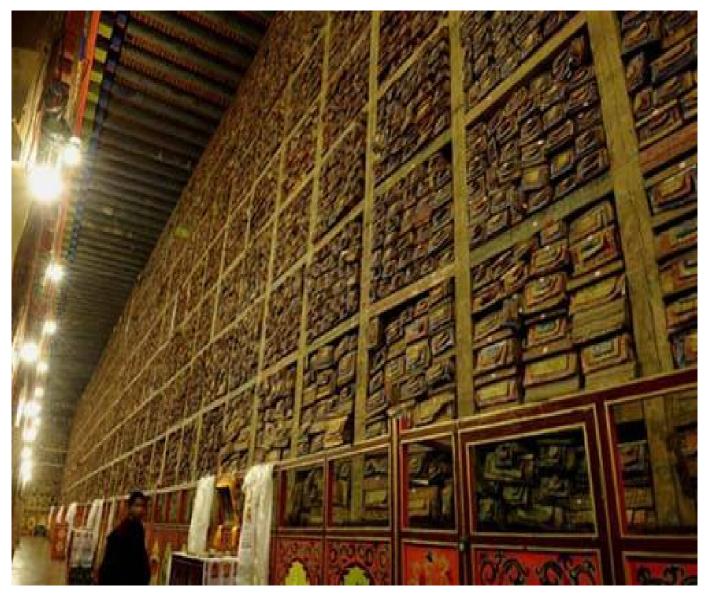


#### Sakya temple

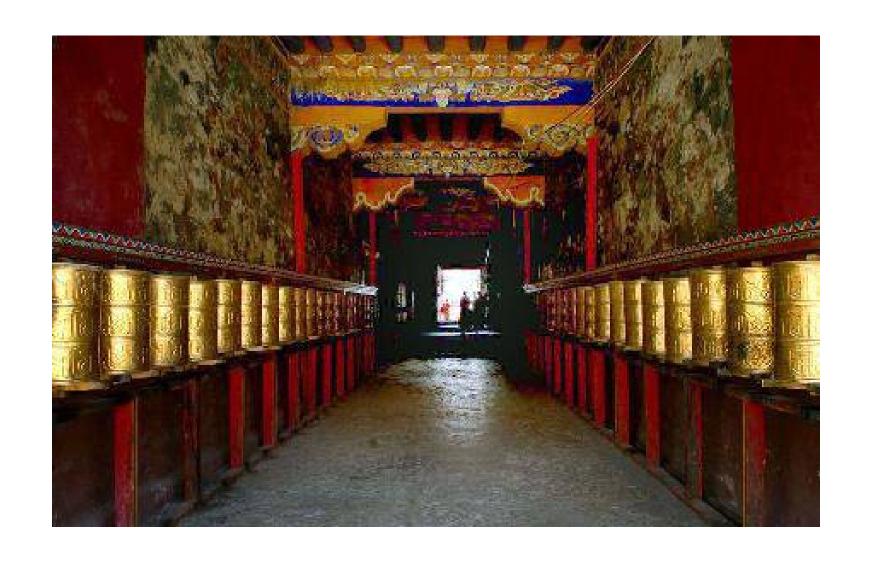
[history of the Sakya temple is divided into north and south temple. The north temple was soull earlier, by the Sakya school founder kun gongque jiebu, in 1073; south temple was built later by the fifth apparatus of Sakya asked. Phone real



The sutra wall in Sakya Monastery



# Inside the Sakya monastery after repairs



#### Ming Dynasty

- During the Ming and Qing dynasties, the central government's governance of Xizang continued to improve.
- The central government of the Ming Dynasty followed the Yuan Dynasty's approach to the governance of Xizang, and successively set up the institutions to manage the military and political af fairs of the front and rear of Xizang, Chamdo, and the Ali region, respectively.
- The policy of the Ming Dynasty towards Xizang mainly took the form of setting up tie-ups during the reign of Hongwu, such as capitals and guards, and ordaining local monks and lay chiefs a sofficials; from Yongle to Zhengde, the ordination of monks and lay chiefs was the main focus of the policy, and those who were ordained paid tribute to the Ming court on a regular basis, and the Ming Dynasty gave them rich rewards in return.

Sacred Decree of the Ming Emperor to the Great Treasure Dharmaraja



Seals given to the Third Dalai Lama by the Wanli Emperor of the Ming Dynasty



Sacred Decrees of the Ming Dynasty Enthroning Tibetan Officials



### Yongle Edition Tripitaka in Ming Dynasty



#### Qing Dynasty

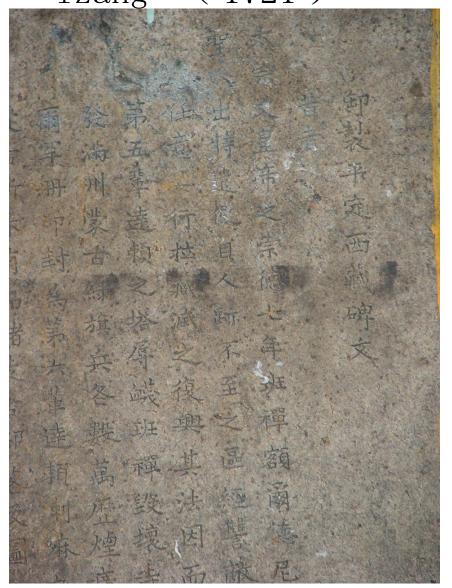
- With the establishment of the Qing Dynasty in 1644, the central plains entered a new period of unification. The Qing Dynast y attached great importance to the governance of the border areas, and the management of Xizang was also perfected.
- 1652, the Fifth Dalai Lama came to the capital for an audience. 1653, the Shunzhi Emperor awarded the Fifth Dalai Lama with a golden book and a golden seal, which formally established the Dalai Lama's title. 1713, the Kangxi Emperor named the Fifth Panchen Lobsang Yixi "Panchen Elderney", which formally established the name of the Panchen Lama. 1721, the central government of the Qing Dynasty set up the Kalon system in Xizang. In 1727, the Qing Dynasty set up Amban system in Xizang to manage and supervise the local administration of Xizang on behalf of the central government.
- In 1751, the Qianlong Emperor authorized the Seventh Dalai Lama to set up the Kashag government. In 1793, the Qing gove rnment, after expelling the invading forces of the Gurkhas, rectified the local order of Xizang and promulgated the famous "Twenty-nine Articles of the Regulations for the Rehabilitation of Xizang", which became a legal document confirming the administrative system of Xizang and guiding the policies and systems by adopting the golden urn to determine the reincarna tion of the Dalai Lama, Panchen Erdeni and other living Buddhas, as well as by reinforcing the authority of the Minister in

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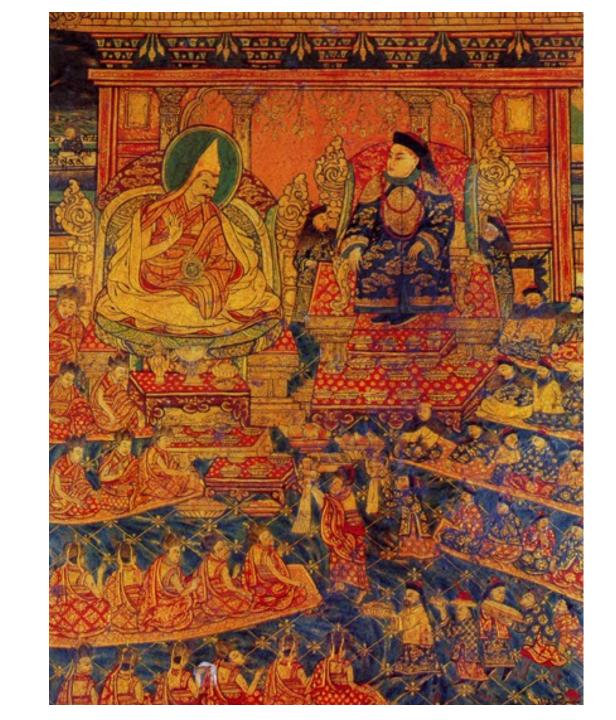
# Map of Qing dynasty



Imperial inscription on the pacification of X izang (1721)

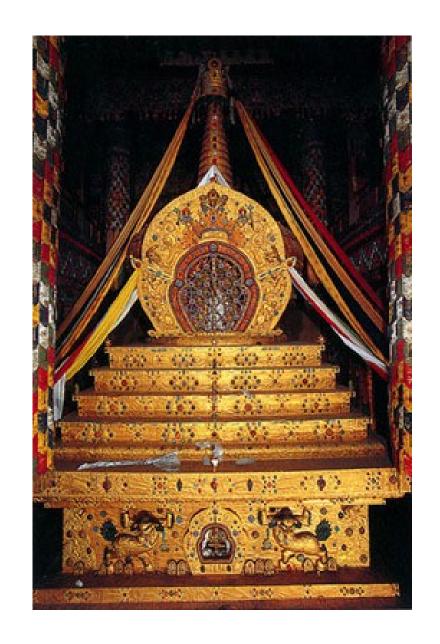


The Fifth Dalai Lama's audience with the Shun zhi Emperor (1652)



# Stupa of the Fifth Dalai Lama





The Golden Seal of the Fifth Dalai Lama by the Emper or of the Qing Dynasty (1652)



"Long live the Emperor" tablet enshrined by the Seventh Dalai Lama's (1708-1757)



The Jade Seal of the e 8th Dalai Lama given by the Qing court



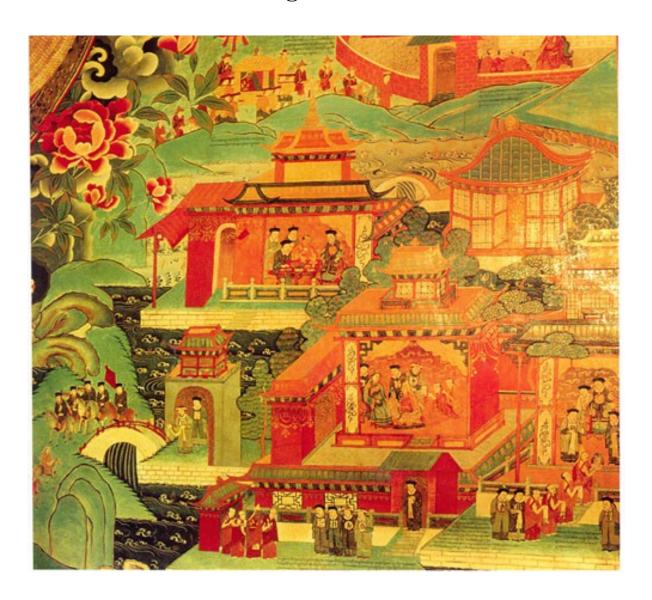
The Gold Urn (Jokhang, 1792)



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The 13th Dalai Lama had an audience with the Empress Dowager Cixi



#### Republic of China

During the Republic of China (ROC) period, the Chinese government's sovereignty over Xizang remained un changed and effective administration was carried out.

In 1911, the Xinhai Revolution broke out, the Qing government was overthrown, and the newly-established Republic of China (ROC) inherited the policies towards. On 1 January 1912, the first Provisional President of the ROC, Sun Yat-sen, made it known to the world in his inaugural proclamation that: "The basis of the country lies in the people, and if we combine the Han, Manchu, Mongolian, Hui, and Tibetan lands into one country, then we com bine the Han, Manchu, Mongolian, Hui, and Tibetan races into one person, and this is said to be the unity of the na tion." The five-colored flag, which was the national flag at the time, symbolized the five ethnic groups as one. In March 1912, the Provisional Senate of the Republic of China in Nanjing promulgated the first constitution of the Republic of China, the Provisional Constitution of the Republic of China, which explicitly stipulated that Xizang was a part of the territory of the Republic of China.

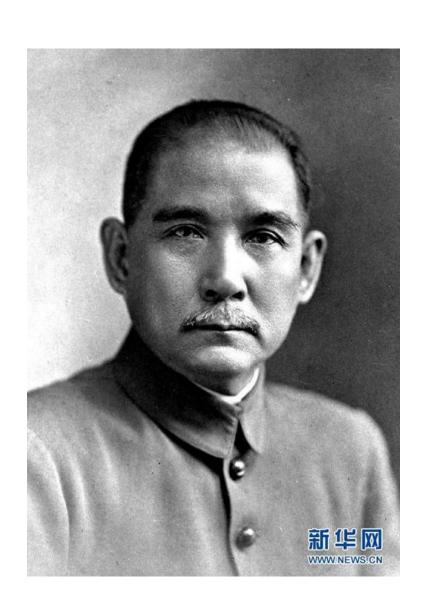
In 1912, the central government set up a Bureau of Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs (renamed the Institute of Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs in 1914) to be in charge of local affairs in Xizang, and appointed the central government's chief of mission in Xizang.

During the period of the Republic of China (ROC), warlords were at war, civil strife was frequent, and foreign powers continued to intervene in local affairs in Xizang, so that the ROC government's administration of Xizang was subjected to a certain degree of impact, but the ROC government's sovereignty over Xizang was not affected, and the once-submerged "Xizang independence" backlash ended in failure. All countries in the world have recognized Xizang as part of the Republic of China, and it was the Dalai Lama and Panchen Erdeni, the local political and religious leaders of Xizang, who were enthroned by the Central Government and gained political and religious legitimacy.





#### the Sun Yat-sen manifesto



# 臨時政府法令及來往公文

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#### The thirteenth Dalai Lama





Liu Manqing



Tibetan National Congress delegates with Mr. and Mrs . Chiang Kai-shek



## Ninth Panchen Erdeni

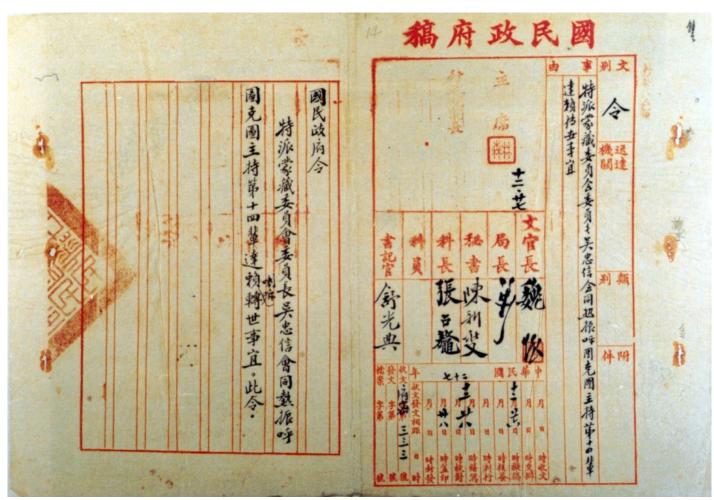


Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission Wu Zhongxin inspecting the 14th Dalai Lama

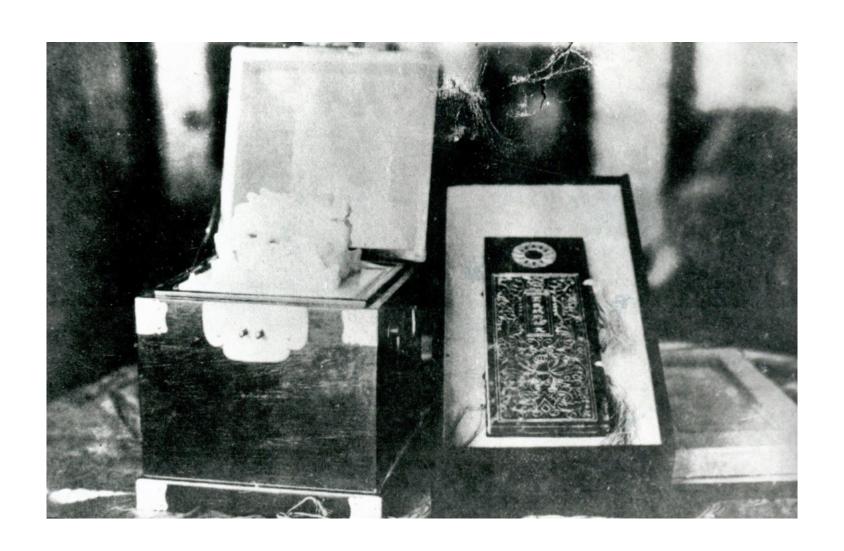


The National Government appointed Wu Zhongxin to preside over the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama in conjunction with Regent Ret

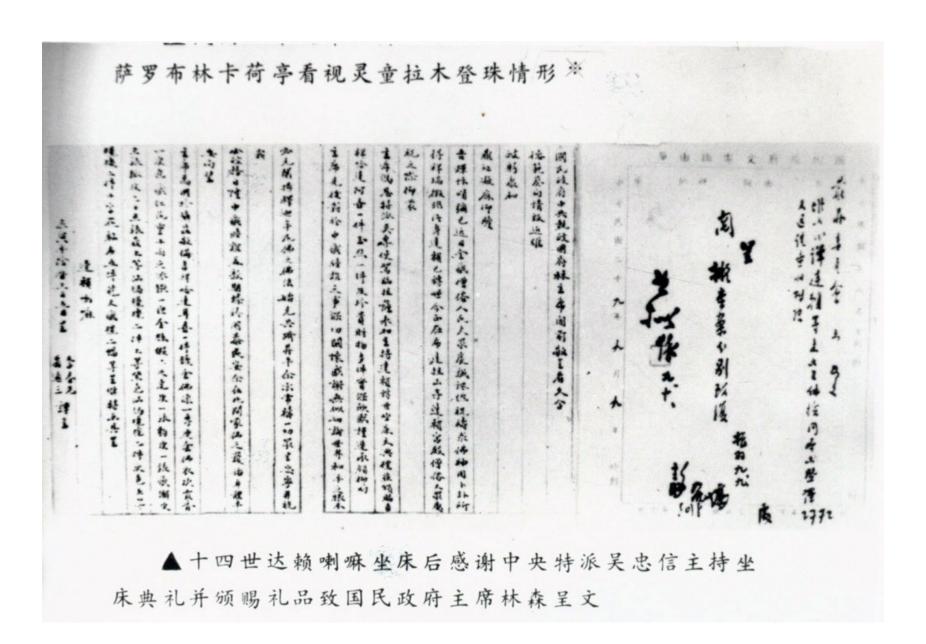
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The Jade Seal and Jade book awarded by the National Government to the 14th Dalai Lama



Letter of Appreciation from the 14th Dalai Lama to the Central Government

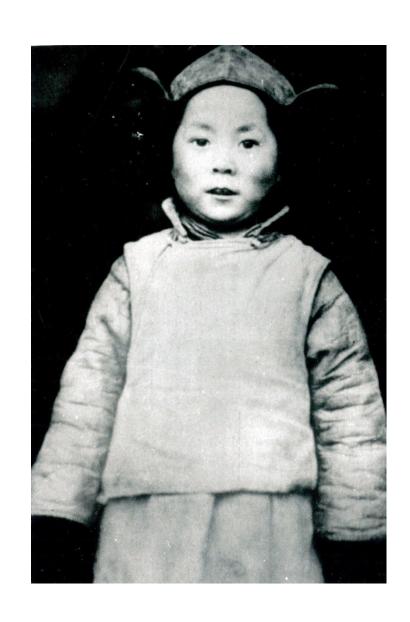


#### Reting Rinpoche





The 14th Dalai Lama as a boy



- III. The so-called "Xizang question" is a product of the imperialist invasion of China in moder
- n times Since the Yuan Dynasty, China's central government has exercised effective administrative jurisdiction ove r Xizang, which has never become an independent state. Millions of pieces of archival materials in Chines e and Tibetan, which record ironclad historical facts, are still preserved in archives in Beijing, Nanjing and Lhasa, Xizang. No government in the world has ever recognized Xizang as an independent state.
  - The Dalai clique and international anti-Chinese forces have been spreading the lie that Xizang has been an "independent" country since ancient times, but the mere fact that the 14th Dalai Lama had to obtain the ap proval of the National Government before he could succeed to the throne is a clear indication that Xizang at that time did not have any independent power at all. The so-called "independence of Xizang", which the Dalai clique and international anti-Chinese forces are loudly advocating, is nothing more than a product of imperialist aggression against China in recent history.



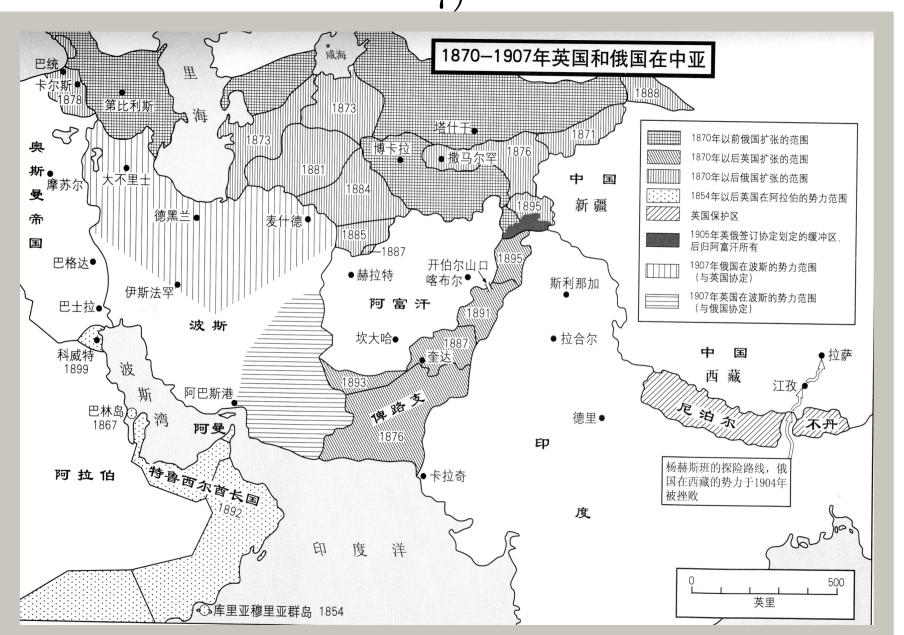






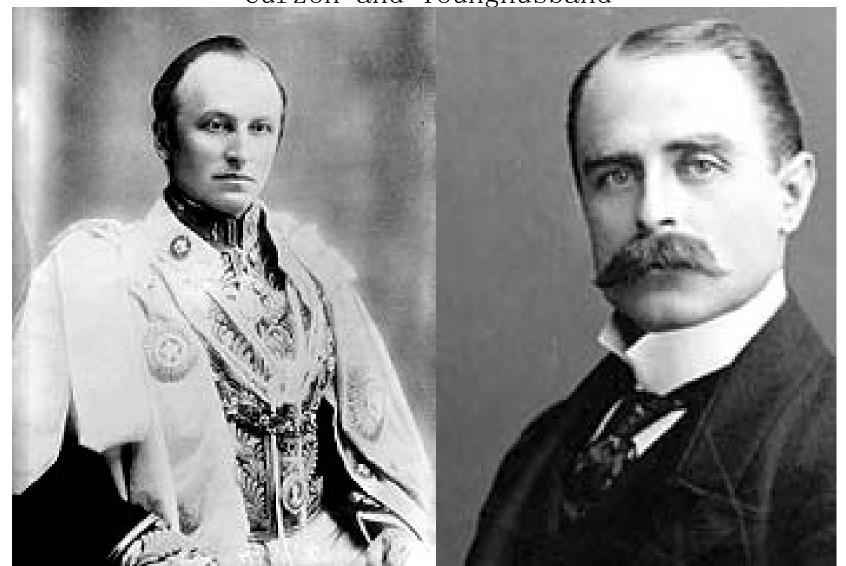
- After the Opium War, which was launched by the British imperialists in 1840 as an invasion of Chin a, China began to be gradually reduced from an independent sovereign state to a semi-colonial state.
- Taking advantage of the weakness of the central government of the Qing Dynasty, the imperialist for ces began to plot to divide up Chinese territory, including Xizang.
- In order to bring Xizang into the British sphere of influence, the British invaders launched two wars of aggression against Xizang in 1888 and 1903. The Tibetan army and people put up resistance but f ailed.
- In the second war against Xizang, the British army once captured Lhasa, the 13th Dalai Lama was fo reed to leave, and the invaders forced the Tibetan local government officials to sign the illegal Treat y of Lhasa.
- · As the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Qing government considered the Treaty of Lhasa to be an infringement of sovereignty, the Qing ministers in Xizang refused to sign it, therefore the treaty was invalidated.

Britain and Russia in Central Asia (1870-190 7)



#### Heads of the Second British Invasion of Xizang:

Curzon and Younghusband



Xizang people fighting against British Army i n Qumeixianguo



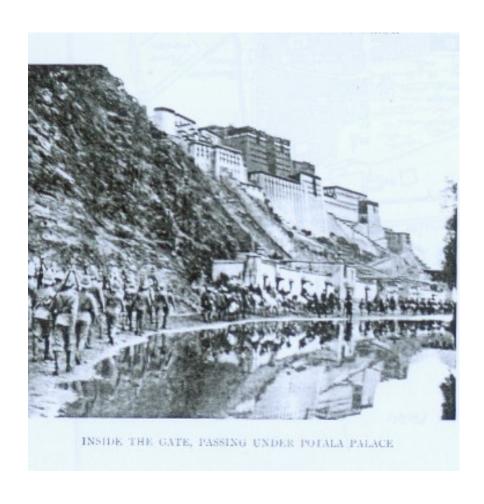
#### The Battle of Gyantse

Gyantse is the gateway fro m Shannan to Lhasa. Less than a month after the Brit ish troops arrived in Gyant se, more than 10,000 Tibet an troops gathered on the a venues from Gyantse, Shig atse and Lhasa to Gyantse, ready to defend Gyantse.



On 3 August 1904, British troops invaded Lhasa and forced the e signing of the illegal Treaty of Lhasa.





In 1913, the British Government took advantage of the fact that Yuan Shikai, who had usurped the pre sidency of the Republic of China, was eager to obtain diplomatic recognition from various countries and international loans, and forced the Beijing Government to participate in the tripartite meeting of China, Britain and Xizang proposed by the British Government, known as the "Simla Conference". The conference ended in a breakdown.







IV. Since the peaceful liberation of Xizang, together with the entire nation, Xizang has embark ed on a broad path of prosperity and development

'In 1949, the People's Republic of China was founded, and on 23 May 1951, repres entatives of the Central People's Government and the former local government of Xiza ng reached a consensus on a series of issues relating to the peaceful liberation of Xizan g and signed the Agreement between the Central People's Government and the Local G overnment of Xizang on Measures Concerning the Peaceful Liberation of Xizang (the Seventeen-Article Agreement). The Dalai Lama and Panchen Erdeni sent telegrams to Mao Zedong, Chairman of the Central People's Government, to express their support f or the Seventeen Articles Agreement. From then on, a brand new page in the history of Virong turned

#### Signing of the Sev enteen Articles Ag reement



In September 1965, the Xizang Autonomous Region was established. Xizang is one of the five provincia lautonomous areas in China that practise regional ethnic autonomy, and is an ethnic autonomous area in which Tibetans are the main ethnic group.

In the XAR, in addition to the Tibetans, there are more than a dozen other ethnic groups, including the H an, Hui, Menba, Luoba, Naxi, Nu, and Dulong, who have lived in the region for generations.

In the nearly 60 years since the implementation of the system of regional ethnic autonomy in Xizang, the Xizang people have taken an active part in the management of national and local affairs, fully exercising the rights of autonomy conferred on them by the Constitution and the law, realizing the leapfrog development of Xizang society, completely changing the poor and backward outlook of the old Xizang, and greatly raising the material and cultural standard of living of the masses of the people.

Practice has proved that China's system of regional ethnic autonomy is fully in line with local realities in Xizang, and that it has greatly contributed to social progress, economic development, cultural prosperity, polit ical stability, national unity and the well-being of the Tibetan people.

# The First Session of the First People's Congress of the Xizang Autonomous Region Convened



- In 1978, China began to implement reform and ope ning up. Relying on its own resource endowments a nd characteristics, Xizang has gradually formed a d evelopment path with Chinese characteristics and T ibetan characteristics, and has continued to make ne w achievements in modernization.
- From 1980 to 2010, the CPC Central Committee co nvened five symposiums on work in Xizang, each o f which made major strategic decisions and deploy ments in the light of the realities of the situation, an d mobilized the efforts of the whole country to sup port Xizang, with a cumulative total of 203.32 billi on yuan of investment being implemented in Xizan g, of which more than 170 billion yuan was investe d by the central government.



# Potala Palace after repairs



## Old and new Xizang Museum





# Visitors in Xizang Mu seum



## Tibetan Opera during Shoton Festival



#### Drepung Monastery Exhibition of Buddha



monks debating sutras (Buddhism) in sera monastery



Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the Party Central Committee, with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, has adhered to the people-centered development ideology, stood on the strategic level of achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, focused on achieving comprehensive well-being and modernization for Xiz ang together with the whole country, attached great importance to the development of Xizang, and cared for the people of Xizang affectionately.

The Party Central Committee convened the sixth and seventh symposiums of the Central Committee on work in Xizang, ultimately putting forward a strategy for the governance of Xizang in the new era, and elevating the strategic position of Xizang in the overall situation of the work of the Party and the State to a new height.

Xizang's development has made all-round progress and historic achievements, and the lives of people of all ethnic groups have improved significantly, with changes from buckets to water pipes, from oil lamps to elect ric lamps, and from dirt roads to asphalt roads, and per capita life expectancy has risen from 35.5 years befor e 1959 to the present 72.19 years.

By the end of 2010. Yizang had completely got rid of absolute poverty, and entered a moderately affluent soc

People dancing in Motuo county, Linzhi city



Monks from Sera monastery debating sutra

Middle-school students from Rikaze learning traditional Tibetan

dancing



Xizang is a magical land on the Chinese land, towering mountains, cl ear blue sky, beautiful and charming lakes, pearl-like scattered cattle an d sheep ....., as well as a long and splendid culture, hard-working and si mple people, the morning bells and evening drums drifting in the wind, e nthusiastic singing and dancing, so that the beautiful Xizang there are a lways a number of riddles waiting for people to solve, there are always m any temptations waiting for people to taste.

Let the lies that distort the facts disappear in the sunlight, and let the dream of Xizang's turmoil and backwardness wake up as soon as possible.

Ecology after the completion of the Qinghai-Xizang Railway



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