



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

A Conversation with Geshe Nyima

Thursday, September 17th, 2015
3:00 – 4:00 PM
441 Cannon House Office Building

Panelist



Geshe Nyima was born in Lithang, Tibet. He spent six years as Tenzin Delek's student and helper before escaping to India in 1989 at the age of 23. Today he is a Buddhist teacher based in the Namgyal Tantric College, the Personal Monastery of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in Dharamshala, India. When news of Tenzin Delek's death came out, Geshe Nyima was the main contact person for Tenzin Delek's sister, Dolkar Lhamo, as well as other relatives. He will provide an overview of Tenzin Delek's life and work, update us on events since his death, and recommend actions the Congress can take to try to prevent a similar fate for other Chinese prisoners of conscience.

Moderator



Tsepa Bayul joined the NYC Students for a Free Tibet staff in 2014 and has been involved with SFT since 2007 as a college student in Boston, MA. He was born in Kalimpong, India, but grew up in Somerville, MA. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical engineering and a M.S. in Engineering Management from Northeastern University. He was a leading organizer in the Tibetan community of Boston, a founder of the Boston Lhakar Vigil that has run consecutive Tibetan empowerment events every Wednesday since 2008, and has trained and mentored Tibetan youth across the US. He has also served on SFT's International Board of Directors for four years and as Board Chair for two of those years.

Translator



Tenzin Dorjee is a Tibetan writer, activist and musician, and Researcher and Strategic Advisor for Tibet Action Institute. He is the former Executive Director of Students for a Free Tibet. He was arrested and briefly detained in Tibet in 2007 after protesting against the Beijing Olympics at Everest Base Camp