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Press Release

Participation of Tibetan Delegation at ABCP General Assembly

I am extremely happy to formally acknowledge the successful completion of the 11th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) held in Mongolia during June 21-23, 2019. I am also happy to announce the grand success of the Tibetan Delegation's participation in the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the 11th General Assembly of ABCP despite intense interference by some Chinese Foreign Ministry senior officials in the matter. It was the largest and strongest Tibetan delegation to represent the Department of Religion and Culture, Central Tibetan Administration, ever since it became a full-fledged Member National Centre of ABCP in 1982.

I would therefore like to sincerely thank the ABCP Headquarters, Gandan Monastery and the governments of Mongolia and India for all their kind understanding, co-operation and support in travel and active participation of the Tibetan Delegation and for inviting other eminent Tibetan Buddhist masters and scholars to the ABCP General Assembly event. I am especially thankful to the Office of the President and other concerned departments or agencies of the Mongolian Government for providing necessary security to ensure free and peaceful deliberations at one of the most historical gatherings of the Asian Buddhists. Mongolia has added yet another chapter in the history of Buddhists by successful rejuvenation of ABCP.

His Holiness the Great XIV Dalai Lama has stated on several occasions that Tibetans and Mongolians are like twin brothers, and we are therefore obliged to think and act accordingly. In this regard, it seems crucially necessary to stand together strongly against all forces of challenge besides maintaining our existing close relationship at all levels. I pray that the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha bless us to fulfil our common sacred wishes.

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