

# Five-Fifty Youth Forum: Shaping Tibet's Future to be held from August 17-20, 2018

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The Department of Information and International relations has finalised the dates for the Five-Fifty Youth Forum. This forum open to Tibetan youth aged 20-40 will run for four days, from August 17-20 inclusive. The forum will kickstart on August 17 evening and culminate with an audience and an address by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on August 20.

The forum presents a unique opportunity for young Tibetans across the globe to converge in the beautiful town of Dharamsala, the headquarters of the Central Tibetan Administration. But more importantly to deliberate on CTA's Five-Fifty Vision in shaping Tibet's political future and strengthening the Tibetan freedom movement.

The forum is a confluence of young, bright minds to voice their concerns, share their ideas and learn from one another while discussing the challenges and opportunities facing the Tibetan freedom movement.

The four themes that will be discussed at the forum are:

- 1) Tibet and China: Historical ties, Establishing Dialogue with PRC—institutional, civil society, individual level.
- 2) Young Voices in the Tibetan Freedom Movement: Communications, Advocacy, and International Relations

- 3) Homeland and diaspora—building linkages between Tibetans inside and outside Tibet.
- 4) CTA's Leadership toward the Five-Fifty Vision- creating visionary leadership, and resource mobilization within and beyond CTA frontiers.

The forum will feature plenary sessions, breakout sessions, social evenings, gorshey nights, hiking and site visits.

The plenary sessions will juxtapose representatives and speakers from CTA, the private sector, government, academia and civil society with the objective of engaging a plurality of views on how to best implement the Five-Fifty vision.

The breakout sessions will delve into discussions about chalking out a strategic action plan on how to maximize the potential of Tibetan youth in shaping Tibet's political future.

We encourage young individuals from different educational and professional backgrounds and community service and leadership experience to apply. To ensure an inclusive construct of participants, we will include some young participants devoid of community leadership experience and aspiring to serve in the community.

After evaluating the current breakdown of applicants, we have made slight changes in the selection criteria and process.

#### Selection Process:

Interested participants will have to email (no hard copies will be accepted) their detailed resume- mentioning educational qualification, work experience, community leadership experience and green book number. Email: [diirfivefifty@tibet.net](mailto:diirfivefifty@tibet.net)

The extended deadline for submission of application is June 6, 2018

The Forum is now open to youth aged 20-40 (this is based on valid feedback received from some quarters to reduce the age bar)

The breakdown of the participants is as follows:

35 from India-based participants

5 from Nepal/Bhutan based participants

25 from North America based participants

25 from Europe based participants

5 from Australia-Asia (Australia /New Zealand /Japan/ Taiwan) based participants

5 seats are reserved for CTA civil servants.

\*Of the total 100 seats, five are reserved for monks and nuns and five are reserved for Tibetans of mixed heritage

\*DIIR will incur all costs related to your travel and logistics.

#### Deadlines:

Initial announcement date: May 09, 2018

Original deadline: May 30, 2018

Revised announcement date: May 23, 2018

Extended deadline: June 6, 2018

A selection committee will review the applications and short list candidates. Intimation of the final list of selected participants will be made by June 8, 2018

\*PS: The selection committee will begin intimating selected participants from June 2 onward. Therefore we encourage you to apply before May 30.