

Dear Participants and Parents,

Thank you for registering to participate in Let's Talk in Tibetan!, an online contest hosted by The Tibet Fund in partnership with the Office of Tibet, Washington DC. The contest involves the participant (students age 6 to 18) to record a 3-4 minute casual conversation in Tibetan with a parent or adult. The conversation topic can be about anything that interests the participant or they may choose one of the topics provided by Tibet Fund. In this contest, we are primarily looking at the participant's ability to conduct a natural conversation in Tibetan. The contest will be evaluated on content, clear pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, fluency and expression.

### How to Prepare for the Online Contest:

- Participants should create a YouTube account. We will only be accepting video submission through YouTube. If you need help setting up a YouTube account, visit <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/1646861?hl=en>.
- **Read the document** with instructions on **How to Upload Video to YouTube** available in Tibetan and English posted on TTF website.
- Choose the topic you'd like to have the conversation about, this can be any topic of interest to the participant or you may choose one of the suggested topics below.

### Suggested topics:

- Describe a day in your life.
- The importance of learning Tibetan language.
- Who is the most influential person in your life and why?
- Tell us about your favorite book and why?
- Tell us about your favorite superhero and why?
- Tell us about your favorite class/subject in school and why?

### Contest Guidelines:

- The role of the parent is to be a guide in this conversation, allowing the participant to converse in Tibetan in a style that is similar to everyday talk.
- The camera should be focused on the student, who also should be taking the lead in the Tibetan dialogue with the parent. The parent's role is to be a guide and ask good questions to continue the conversation.
- The parent should not be talking more than the student nor talk over the student. Remember, to keep the conversation flowing casual, natural and like every day talk you'd have at home in Tibetan. **Ninety percent of the conversation should be led by the student.**
- The conversation should be natural and flowing, allowing the students to speak effortlessly. In order for conversations to flow naturally, it is important to have good follow up questions by the parents.
- The questions should be open-ended allowing the child to talk at length and explain their answers showcasing their Tibetan language ability. *For example, if your child chose to discuss about their favorite subject in school...a good open-ended question would be "Give me a few reasons why you like the subject math?"*
- Do not ask closed-ended questions where the student will likely answer "yes" or "no" or give simple short answers.
- A good guide will help the student steer the conversation that focuses on the topic they have chosen to talk about and present a meaningful conversation by asking insightful questions.
- The recording should be between 3 to 4 minutes long, and should begin with a brief introduction "My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_."
- **The deadline for the video submission is May 14, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please visit [www.tibetfund.org](http://www.tibetfund.org) or email at [rigiphilip@tibetfund.org](mailto:rigiphilip@tibetfund.org) or call 212-213-5011