

Tibetan studies in China today

Lhagpa Phuntshogs

I. The Course of the Evolution of Tibetology in P. R. China

II. The Present Situation of China's Tibetological Cause

1. Organizations.
2. Personnel.
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4. Conferences.
5. Works.
6. International exchange.

III. Several basic characteristics of China's Tibetology from 1949

1. The secularisation of the main body engaged in Tibetological studies.
2. The popularisation of research content.
3. The modernization of the carriers of studies.
4. Scientism of theories in Tibetological studies.
5. The variety of methodology in the studies.
6. The expansion of the field of study.
7. The research contingents are open towards various ethnic groups and different professional groups.

IV. Several characteristics of China's Tibetology Today

1. The purposes of the Tibetological studies will become clearer. The purposes in making researches are all for application, i.e. for applying the research achievements into the great practice of the Tibetan people in their construction of their new life and marching towards a new era, into the great practice of serving the ethnic Tibetan society's progress and development, the Tibetan people's well-being and happiness, the ethnic Tibetan culture's development and prosperity, not only for today, but also for the long-term future.
2. China's Tibetological researchers become younger, more competent professionally and further modernised.
3. The trend in internal cooperation and coordination within China's Tibetological circles further speed up.
4. The theories of the discipline of China's Tibetology are further established, the academic thinking become further active and brisk, the research methods and means

further modernized, the quality and ability of the contingent as a whole is improved and increased effectively.

5. China's Tibetological studies develop in depth, the fields of studies become more extensive, the degree of depth in these studies changes greatly, the achievements of studies are more noticeable.
6. Along with the steps of the economic globalization are speeding up, the trend that China's Tibetology march towards the world is becoming more obvious, the contacts and exchange activities with Tibetological circles in various countries are carried out more extensively and deeply.