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## His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama

His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is the spiritual leader of Tibet. He was born on 6 July 1935 to a farmer's family in the village of Taktser, Amdo, north-eastern Tibet. At the age of two, the child who was named Lhamo Dhondup at that time, was recognized as the reincarnation of the Thirteenth Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso.

Dalai Lama is a Mongolian title meaning Ocean of Wisdom, and the Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet. Bodhisattvas are seen as enlightened beings who have postponed their own nirvana and chosen to take rebirth in order to serve humanity.

### Education in Tibet

His Holiness began his monastic education at the age of six. The curriculum consisted of five major and five minor subjects. The major subjects were logic, Tibetan art and culture, Sanskrit, medicine, and Buddhist philosophy which was further divided into five categories: Prajnaparamita, the perfection of wisdom; Madhyamika, the philosophy of the middle way; Vinaya, the canon of monastic discipline; Abhidharma, metaphysics; and Pramana, logic and epistemology. The five minor subjects were poetry, music and drama, astrology, composition and phrasing, and synonyms. In 1959, His Holiness sat for his final examination in Lhasa's Jokhang Temple during the annual Monlam (great prayer) Festival. He passed with honours and was awarded the Geshe Lharampa degree (the highest achievement equivalent to a doctorate in Buddhist philosophy).

### Leadership Responsibilities

In 1950 His Holiness the Dalai Lama was called upon to assume full political responsibility following China's invasion of Tibet in 1949. In 1954 His Holiness journeyed to Beijing for peace talks with Mao Zedong and other Chinese leaders, including Deng Xiaoping and Zhou Enlai. But finally, in 1959, due to the People's Liberation Army's brutal suppression of the Tibetan National Uprising in Lhasa, His Holiness was forced to escape into exile. Since then he has been living in Dharamshala, north-western India.

After the Chinese invasion, His Holiness appealed to the United Nations on the question of Tibet. The UN General Assembly adopted three resolutions on Tibet in 1959, 1961 and 1965.

## **Democratisation Process**

On 29 April 1959, His Holiness the Dalai Lama established the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in Mussoorie as the continuation of Gaden Phodrang Government of independent Tibet. The CTA was later moved to Dharamshala. In 1963 His Holiness presented a draft Democratic Constitution for Future Tibet, which was followed by a number of political reforms. In May 1990, the radical reforms His Holiness initiated saw the realisation of a truly democratic administration for the exile Tibetan community. The Kashag which till then had been appointed by Him, was dissolved along with the Tenth Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (then called the Assembly of the Tibetan People's Deputies). In the same year, the exile Tibetans in the Indian sub-continent and diaspora elected 46 members to the expanded eleventh Tibetan parliament. The parliament then elected new members of the Kashag.

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The new democratic constitution promulgated as a result of this reform came to be known as The Charter of the Tibetans-in-Exile. The Charter enshrines freedom of speech, belief, assembly and movement. It also provides detailed guidelines on the functioning of the Central Tibetan Administration with respect to Tibetans living in exile.

In 2001, the Tibetan parliament, on the advice of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, amended the Charter to provide for the Kalon Tripa, which is the highest executive authority, to be directly elected by the exile Tibetan people. The first election for a Kalon Tripa took place in 2001.

## **Political Retirement**

On 10 March 2011, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in order to bring about complete democratisation of the Tibetan polity, announced his wish to retire from his political position. In his letter to the Tibetan parliament, His Holiness explained in detail his plan for devolving political responsibility to the elected Tibetan leadership. Draft amendments to the Charter were prepared and put to deliberation by a National General Meeting of Tibetans. The Tibetan parliament convened an additional session to give its final approval to amend the Charter. On 29 May 2011, His Holiness signed into law the

formal transfer of his temporal powers to the democratically-elected leader. Though His Holiness has devolved his political responsibilities to the elected Tibetan leadership, he continues to be the spiritual leader of Tibet.

## Peace Initiatives

In 1987 His Holiness proposed the Five-Point Peace Plan for Tibet as the first step towards a peaceful solution to the worsening situation in Tibet. He envisioned that Tibet will be a sanctuary — a zone of peace at the heart of Asia — where all living beings can exist in harmony and the environment can be restored and thrive. A year later, His Holiness made another proposal for talks between the Chinese and Tibetans at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Since the re-establishment of direct contacts with the PRC in 2002, there have been nine rounds of talks between His Holiness' envoys and Chinese government representatives. However, nothing substantial has come out of these meetings. In the course of these exchanges, the envoys presented to Chinese leaders a **Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People** and a **Note** explaining the key points of the memorandum.

Though China has not responded positively to the various peace proposals, His Holiness remains committed to the Middle-Way Approach that seeks to find a peaceful solution to the issue of Tibet.

## The Five-Point Peace Plan

On 21 September 1987, His Holiness addressed members of the US Congress' Human Rights Caucus and proposed the Five-Point Peace Plan for Tibet:

1. Transformation of the whole of Tibet into a zone of peace.
2. Abandonment of China's population transfer policy, which threatens the very existence of the Tibetan people.
3. Respect for the Tibetan people's fundamental human rights and democratic freedoms.
4. Restoration and protection of Tibet's natural environment and the abandonment of China's use of Tibet for the production of nuclear weapons and dumping of nuclear waste.
5. Commencement of earnest negotiations on the future status of Tibet and of relations between the Tibetan and Chinese people.

## **Strasbourg Proposal**

On 15 June 1988, in an address to members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, His Holiness presented another detailed proposal elaborating on the last point of the Five-Point Peace Plan. He proposed talks between the Chinese and Tibetans leading to a self-governing democratic political entity for all three provinces of Tibet. This entity would be in association with the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Government would continue to remain responsible for Tibet's foreign policy and defence.

## **Revered by Tibetans**

Every Tibetan has a deep bond with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who symbolizes Tibet in its entirety — the beauty of the land, the purity of its rivers and lakes, the sanctity of its skies, the magnificence of its mountains and the strength of its people. For Tibetans, His Holiness is the guide illuminating the path, the supreme leader, the symbol of Tibetan identity and unity and the voice of the whole Tibetan people.

## **Universal Recognition**

On 10 December 1989 His Holiness was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Committee stated that “...the Dalai Lama, in his struggle for the liberation of Tibet, has consistently opposed the use of violence”. The committee noted that His Holiness had been advocating peaceful solutions based upon tolerance and mutual respect in order to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of His people.

His Holiness has consistently insisted upon policies of non-violence, even in the face of extreme aggression. His Holiness says his mission in life is three-fold: as a citizen of the world, to serve humanity; as a religious leader, to work towards inter-religious harmony; and as a Tibetan, to serve the cause of Tibet and the Tibetan people. His Holiness also became the first Nobel Laureate to be recognised for his concern for global environmental problems. In recognition of all these actions and efforts, on 17 October 2007 the United States awarded His Holiness the Congressional Gold Medal, the country's highest civilian honour. His Holiness was also honoured with the Templeton Prize in 2012 for his long-standing engagement with multiple dimensions of science and with people far beyond his own religious traditions.

His Holiness has travelled to more than 67 countries and met with presidents, prime ministers and crowned rulers of major nations. He has held dialogues with the heads of different religions and many eminent scientists. Despite his hectic travelling, His Holiness has authored or co-authored more than 110 books in the English language.

Since 1959, His Holiness has received over 150 honorary doctorates, awards and prizes in recognition of his message of peace, non-violence, inter-religious understanding, universal responsibility and compassion. Today, His Holiness is one of the foremost spiritual leaders and world's advocate for peace.

His Holiness often likes to describe himself as a simple Buddhist monk. This good-humoured simplicity and compassionate nature touches everyone who meets Him during his constant teachings, lectures and tours around the world. His messages simply focus on love, compassion and forgiveness.







A formal portrait of His Holiness aged nine: Lhasa 1944



(L-R) Zhou Enlai, the Tenth Panchen Lama, Mao Zedong, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Liu Shaoqi during the tour of Communist China: 1954-55



His Holiness the Dalai Lama, newly arrived in exile with India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru: 1959

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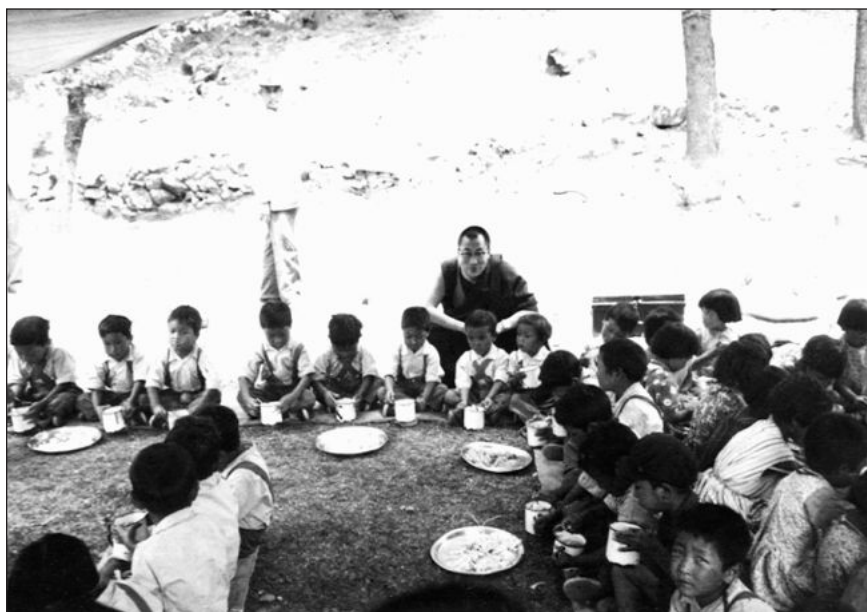
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His Holiness the Dalai Lama with South African President Nelson Mandela:  
22 August 1996



His Holiness the Dalai Lama addressing members of the  
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**FOREIGN DIGNITARIES WHO HAVE  
MET WITH  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**



Date	Name, Title, Place of Meeting	Country of Dignitary
1954/55	Deng Xiaoping Senior Leader of CCP Beijing	China
1954/55	Zhu De Commander in Chief of PLA Beijing	China
1954/55	Zhou Enlai Prime Minister of China Beijing	China
1954/55	Liu Shaoqi Senior Leader of CCP Beijing	China
1954/55	Mao Zedong Chairman of CCP Beijing	China
1956	Zhou Enlai Prime Minister of China New Delhi	China
1956	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Vice President of India New Delhi	India
1956	Dr. Rajendra Prasad President of India New Delhi	India
1956	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
1956	Zhou Enlai Prime Minister of China New Delhi	China
24 April 1959	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India Mussoorie	India

16 April 1961	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
17 April 1961	Dr. Rajendra Prasad President of India New Delhi	India
18 April 1961	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Vice President of India New Delhi	India
19 April 1961	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
13 March 1962	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Vice President of India New Delhi	India
25 March 1962	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
26 March 1962	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
17 Oct. 1962	Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice President of India New Delhi	India
18 Oct. 1962	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
18 May 1964	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan President of India New Delhi	India
22 May 1964	Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice President of India New Delhi	India
22 May 1964	Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India

24 May 1964	Lal Bahadur Shastri Acting Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
23 Sept. 1964	Lal Bahadur Shastri Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
27 Oct. 1965	Lal Bahadur Shastri Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
12 Jan. 1966	Jakov Blazevic Vice President of Yugoslavia New Delhi	Yugoslavia
4 Aug. 1966	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan President of India New Delhi	India
6 Aug. 1966	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
24 Sept. 1967	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
24 Sept. 1967	Dr. Zakir Hussain President of India New Delhi	India
24 Sept. 1967	V.V. Giri Vice President of India New Delhi	India
14 Nov. 1967	H.M. King Bhumibol A. Adulyadulyadej King of Thailand Bangkok	Thailand
14 Nov. 1967	Field Marshal T. Kittikachorn Prime Minister of Thailand Bangkok	Thailand
16 Nov. 1967	H.M. King Bhumibol A. Adulyadulyadej King of Thailand Bangkok	Thailand

17 Nov. 1967	H.H. Somdej Phra Sangharaja Supreme Patriarch of Thailand Bangkok	Thailand
27 Nov. 1968	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
27 Nov. 1968	V.V. Giri Vice President of India New Delhi	India
28 Nov. 1968	Dr. Zakir Hussain President of India New Delhi	India
1 Oct. 1969	Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Indian National Leader New Delhi	India
1 Oct. 1969	Dr. Gopal Pathak Vice President of India New Delhi	India
11 Oct. 1969	V.V. Giri President of India New Delhi	India
16 Oct. 1969	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
28 Jan. 1972	H.M. King Bhumibol A. Adulyadulyadej King of Thailand Bangkok	Thailand
4 Jan. 1973	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
30 Sept. 1973	H.H. Pope John Paul V Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
2 Oct. 1973	H.H. Prince Sadrudin Aga Khan Geneva	Switzerland

9 Oct. 1973	H.R.H. Prince Bernhard Prince of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
10 Oct. 1973	Erskin Childers President of Ireland Dublin	Ireland
10 Oct. 1973	Liam Cosgrave Prime Minister of Ireland Dublin	Ireland
10 Oct. 1973	Frank Aiken Foreign Minister of Ireland Dublin	Ireland
19 Oct. 1973	H.R.H. Prince Peter Prince of Greece and Denmark Oslo	Norway
25 Oct. 1973	Dr. M. Ramsey Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
20 March 1974	V.V. Giri President of India New Delhi	India
31 Jan. 1977	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
22 July 1977	Morarji Desai Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
26 Aug. 1977	N. Sanjiva Reddy President of India New Delhi	India
18 Sept. 1978	Morarji Desai Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
6 Nov. 1978	J.R. Jayewardene President of Sri Lanka New Delhi	Sri Lanka

22 Jan. 1979	Morarji Desai Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
7 July 1979	Morarji Desai Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
15 Sept. 1979	Lee Dreyfus Governor of Wisconsin Madison	USA
9 Oct. 1980	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
1 Nov. 1980	Suzuki Zenko Prime Minister of Japan Tokyo	Japan
14 Oct. 1981	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
15 Feb. 1982	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
27 July 1982	Tunku Abdul Rahman Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
2 Aug. 1982	A. Ratu Perwiranegasa Minister for Religious Affairs of Indonesia Jakarta	Indonesia
2 Aug. 1982	Adam Malik Vice President of Indonesia Jakarta	Indonesia
Oct. 1982	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
24 Jan. 1983	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India

15 Feb. 1984	Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
3 July 1984	Dr. Robert Runcie Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
28 March 1985	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
5 Aug. 1985	Zail Singh President of India New Delhi	India
5 Aug. 1985	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
1 Feb. 1986	Zail Singh President of India New Delhi	India
1 Feb. 1986	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
13 May 1986	Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlaeger President of Austria Vienna	Austria
17 May 1986	H.R.H. Princess Irene Princess of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
20 May 1986	H.R.H. Princess Juliana and H.R.H. Prince Bernhard Princess and Prince of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
11 Sept. 1986	Patriarch Pimen I Patriarch of Russia Moscow	USSR
27 Oct. 1986	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State

12 Sept. 1987	R. Venkataraman President of India New Delhi	India
20 Sept. 1987	Jimmy Carter Former President of the US Atlanta	USA
13 April 1988	Dr. Robert Runcie Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
14 June 1988	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
18 June 1988	H.H. Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan Geneva	Switzerland
17 Nov. 1988	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
10 Jan. 1989	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
27 June 1989	Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez President of Costa Rica San Jose	Costa Rica
3 July 1989	Carlos Santos de Gortari President of Mexico Mexico City	Mexico
11 Nov. 1989	Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
7 Dec. 1989	Willy Brandt Former Chancellor of West Germany Berlin	Germany
8 Dec. 1989	Rita Sussmuth President of the German Parliament Berlin	Germany



9 Dec. 1989	Kjell Magne Bondevik Foreign Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
10 Dec. 1989	H.H. King Olav King of Norway Oslo	Norway
11 Dec. 1989	Jan P. Syse Prime Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
3 Feb. 1990	Vaclav Havel President of Czechoslovakia Prague	Czechoslovakia
24 April 1990	Mark Eyskens Belgian Minister of External Affairs Brussels	Belgium
1 June 1990	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
4 June 1990	Urralburu President of the Autonomous Government of Navarra Pamplona	Spain
5 Sept. 1990	Gabriel Canellas President of the Autonomous Government of the Balears Mallorca	Spain
10 Sept. 1990	H. van den Broek Foreign Minister of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
4 Oct. 1990	Richard von Weizsacker President of Germany Bonn	Germany
Dec. 1990	H.H. Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Shankaracharya Madras	India
29 Jan. 1991	Chandra Shekhar Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India

18 March 1991	H.R.H. Prince Richard Duke of Gloucester London	UK
18 March 1991	H.R.H. Prince Charles Prince of Wales London	UK
20 March 1991	Lord Mackay Lord Chancellor of the UK London	UK
20 March 1991	Bernard Weatherhill Speaker of the House of Commons, UK London	UK
21 March 1991	Neil Kinnock Leader of the Opposition, UK London	UK
22 March 1991	Mary Robinson President of Ireland Dublin	Ireland
16 April 1991	George Bush Sr. President of the US Washington DC	USA
16 April 1991	Fruto Chamorro Perez President of Nicaragua Washington DC	Nicaragua
16 April 1991	Dan Quayle Vice President of the US Washington DC	USA
16 April 1991	Jiri Dienstbier Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia Washington DC	Czechoslovakia
16 April 1991	Jean Kirkpatrick Former US Permanent Representative to the UN Washington DC	USA
18 April 1991	George Mitchell Majority Leader of the US Senate Washington DC	USA

18 April 1991	Thomas Foley Speaker of the US House Washington DC	USA
9 July 1991	P.V. Narasimha Rao Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
16 Aug. 1991	H.R.H. Prince Hans-Adam II Prince of Liechtenstein Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein
19 Aug. 1991	Rene Feler Foreign Minister of Switzerland Bern	Switzerland
29 Sept. 1991	Vytautas Landsbergis President of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
30 Sept. 1991	Gediminas Vagnorius Prime Minister of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
30 Sept. 1991	K. Palkalniskis Deputy Prime Minister of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
2 Oct. 1991	Anatolijs Gorbunovs Acting President of Latvia Vilnius	Latvia
4 Oct. 1991	Olo Nugis Chairman of the Supreme Council of Estonia Tallinn	Estonia
4 Oct. 1991	Indrek Toome Kadriorg Foreign Affairs Commission of Estonia Tallinn	Estonia
5 Oct. 1991	Zhelyu Zhelev President of Bulgaria Sofia	Bulgaria
10 Oct. 1991	H.M. Empress Farah Pahlavi Empress of Iran Hartford	USA

2 Dec. 1991	John Major Prime Minister of UK London	UK
3 Dec. 1991	H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia King and Queen of Sweden Stockholm	Sweden
4 Dec. 1991	Margaretha af Ugglas Swedish Foreign Minister Stockholm	Sweden
5 Dec. 1991	Alf Svensson Minister for International Development Cooperation and Human Rights Issues of Sweden Stockholm	Sweden
7 Dec. 1991	Bishop Desmond Tutu 1984 Nobel Laureate Oslo	South Africa
7 Dec. 1991	Lech Walesa President of Poland Oslo	Poland
8 Dec. 1991	Gro Harlem Brundtland Prime Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
3 March 1992	P.V. Narasimha Rao Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
4 May 1992	Son San Prime Minister of Kampuchea Melbourne	Cambodia
6 May 1992	Gareth Evans Foreign Minister of Australia Canberra	Australia
8 May 1992	Paul Keating Prime Minister of Australia Canberra	Australia

13 May 1992	Jim Bolger Prime Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand
13 May 1992	Don McKinnon Foreign Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand
11 June 1992	Carlos Menem President of Argentina Buenos Aires	Argentina
20 June 1992	Patricio Aylwin President of Chile Santiago	Chile
12 Sept. 1992	Dr. Shankar D. Sharma President of India New Delhi	India
27 April 1993	Bill Clinton President of the US Washington DC	USA
27 April 1993	Al Gore Vice President of the US Washington DC	USA
10 May 1993	Dr. George Carey Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
12 May 1993	Douglas Hurd Foreign Secretary of UK London	UK
17 May 1993	Lech Walesa President of Poland Warsaw	Poland
14 June 1993	Dr. Thomas Klestil President of Austria Vienna	Austria
14 April 1994	John D. Waihee III Governor of Hawaii Honolulu	USA

29 April 1994	Dr. Rita Sussmuth President of the German Parliament Frankfurt	Germany
4 June 1994	H.R.H. Princess Juliana Princess of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
6 June 1994	Pieter Hendrik Kooijmans Foreign Minister of The Netherlands The Hague	Netherlands
7 June 1994	Willy Claes Foreign Minister of Belgium Brussels	Belgium
14 June 1994	Gabriele Gatti Secretary of State for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino San Marino	San Marino
16 June 1994	Carlo Scognamiglio President of the Italian Senate Rome	Italy
16 June 1994	Oscar Luigi Scalfaro President of Italy Rome	Italy
17 June 1994	Irene Pivetti President of the Italian Lower House Rome	Italy
17 June 1994	H.H.Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
4 July 1994	Luis Humberto Guzman President of the Nicaraguan National Assembly Managua	Nicaragua
5 July 1994	Violeta Chamorro President of Nicaragua Managua	Nicaragua
5 July 1994	Ernesto Leal Foreign Minister of Nicaragua Managua	Nicaragua

3 May 1995	Dr. Antje Vollmer Vice President of the German Parliament Bonn	Germany
1 Aug. 1995	Nambaryn Enkhbayar Minister of Culture of Mongolia Ulan Bator	Mongolia
15 May 1996	Niels Helveg Petersen Foreign Minister of Denmark Copenhagen	Denmark
20 May 1996	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
23 May 1996	Lena Hjelm-Waln Foreign Minister of Sweden Stockholm	Sweden
28 May 1996	Bjorn Tore Godal Foreign Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
17 July 1996	Douglas Hurd Foreign Secretary of UK London	UK
20 Aug. 1996	Bishop Desmond Tutu Nobel Laureate Cape Town	South Africa
21 Aug. 1996	Nelson Mandela President of South Africa Cape Town	South Africa
23 Aug. 1996	F.W. de Klerk Former President of South Africa Pretoria	South Africa
11 Sept. 1996	Jim Bolger Prime Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand
11 Sept. 1996	Don McKinnon Foreign Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand

14 Sept. 1996	John Howard Prime Minister of Australia Melbourne	Australia
14 Sept. 1996	Alexander Downer Foreign Minister of Australia Melbourne	Australia
23 Oct. 1996	Jacques Santer President of the European Union Strasbourg	Luxembourg
23 Oct. 1996	Dr. Klaus Hansch, President of the European Parliament Strasbourg	Germany
23 Oct. 1996	Halmo van Mierlo Foreign Minister of The Netherlands Amsterdam	Netherlands
27 March 1997	Lee Teng-Hui President of Taiwan Taipei	Taiwan
16 April 1997	Joseba Andoni Leizaola Azpiazu President of the Basque Parliament Gernika	Spain
16 April 1997	Jose Antonio Ardanza Garro President of the Basque Government Vitoria-Gasteiz	Spain
23 April 1997	Bill Clinton President of the US Washington DC	USA
23 April 1997	Al Gore Vice President of the US Washington DC	USA
23 April 1997	Madeline Albright US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
16 June 1997	I.K. Gujral Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India



5 Sept. 1997	Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
2 April 1998	K.R. Narayanan President of India New Delhi	India
2 April 1998	Krishnan Kanth Vice President of India New Delhi	India
6 April 1998	Mikhail Gorbachev Former President of USSR Kyoto	Russia
4 May 1998	Bill Richardson US Ambassador to the UN New York	USA
5 May 1998	Mary Robinson UN High Commissioner for Human Rights New York	Ireland
7 May 1998	Todd Whitman Governor of New Jersey New Jersey	USA
11 May 1998	Jimmy Carter Former President of the US Atlanta	USA
9 June 1998	Wolfgang Schussel Foreign Minister of Austria Vienna	Austria
17 June 1998	Laurent Fabius President of the French National Assembly Paris	France
10 Nov. 1998	Bill Clinton President of the US Washington DC	USA
10 Nov. 1998	Al Gore Vice President of the US Washington DC	USA

10 Nov. 1998	Madeline Albright US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
8 Dec. 1998	Jacques Chirac President of France Paris	France
8 Dec. 1998	Lionel Jospin Prime Minister of France Paris	France
8 Dec. 1998	Kofi Annan Secretary General of the UN Paris	Ghana
8 Dec. 1998	Mary Robinson UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Paris	Ireland
7 April 1999	Fernando Henrique Cardoso President of Brazil Brasilia	Brazil
13 April 1999	Eduardo Frei President of Chile Santiago	Chile
4 May 1999	Jean Luc Dehaene Prime Minister of Belgium Brussels	Belgium
10 May 1999	Tony Blair Prime Minister of UK London	UK
11 May 1999	Dr. George Carey Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
12 May 1999	Robert Cook Foreign Secretary of UK London	UK
12 May 1999	H.R.H. Prince Charles Prince of Wales Highgrove	UK

16 June 1999	Joschka Fisher Foreign Minister of Germany Bonn	Germany
17 June 1999	Otto Schilly Interior Minister of Germany Bonn	Germany
18 Oct. 1999	Jozias van Aartsen Foreign Minister of The Netherlands The Hague	Netherlands
18 Oct. 1999	Wim Kok Prime Minister of The Netherlands The Hague	Netherlands
26 Oct. 1999	Massimo D'Alema Prime Minister of Italy Rome	Italy
28 Oct. 1999	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
24 Nov. 1999	Abraham Burg Speaker of the Israeli Knesset Jerusalem	Israel
24 Nov. 1999	Yossi Sarid Israeli Minister of Education Jerusalem	Israel
10 May 2000	Maciej Plazynski Speaker of the Polish Parliament Warsaw	Poland
11 May 2000	Jerzy Buzek Prime Minister of Poland Warsaw	Poland
16 May 2000	Anna Lindh Foreign Minister of Sweden Stockholm	Sweden
16 May 2000	Birgitta Dahl Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Stockholm	Sweden

17 May 2000	Goran Persson Prime Minister of Sweden Stockholm	Sweden
21 May 2000	Poul Nyrup Rasmussen Prime Minister of Denmark Copenhagen	Denmark
22 May 2000	Thorbjorn Jagland Foreign Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
22 May 2000	H.M. King Harold King of Norway Oslo	Norway
23 May 2000	Jens Stoltenberg Prime Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
20 June 2000	Bill Clinton President of the US Washington DC	USA
21 June 2000	Richard Holbrooke US Ambassador to the UN Washington DC	USA
3 July 2000	Madeline Albright US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
11 Oct. 2000	Viktor Orban Prime Minister of Hungary Budapest	Hungary
13 Oct. 2000	Janos Martonyi Foreign Minister of Hungary Budapest	Hungary
16 Oct. 2000	Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
21 Oct. 2000	Mary McAleese President of Ireland Belfast	Ireland
29 Jan. 2001	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India

2 April 2001	Wang Jin-pyng Speaker of the Taiwanese Parliament Taipei	Taiwan
5 April 2001	Chen Shui-bian President of Taiwan Taipei	Taiwan
7 April 2001	Hsui-lien Annetta Lu Vice President of Taiwan Taipei	Taiwan
7 April 2001	Chan Chung-hsung Prime Minister of Taiwan Taipei	Taiwan
6 May 2001	Ruth Dreifuss Interior Minister of Switzerland Basel	Switzerland
9 May 2001	Jesse Ventura Governor of Minnesota St. Paul	USA
10 May 2001	Michael Leavitt Governor of Utah Salt Lake City	USA
13 May 2001	John Kitzhaber Governor of Oregon Portland	USA
22 May 2001	Colin Powell US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
22 May 2001	Richard Armitage Deputy Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
23 May 2001	George W. Bush President of the US Washington DC	USA
19 June 2001	Maart Laar Prime Minister of Estonia Tallinn	Estonia
21 June 2001	Vaira Vike-Frigbera President of Latvia Riga	Latvia

23 June 2001	Andris Berzins Prime Minister of Latvia Riga	Latvia
24 June 2001	Valdas Adamkus President of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
3 July 2001	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
24 Oct. 2001	Nicole Fontaine President of the European Parliament Strasbourg	France
24 Oct. 2001	Simeon II Prime Minister of Bulgaria Strasbourg	Bulgaria
27 Nov. 2001	H.M. King of Portugal King of Portugal Fatima	Portugal
28 Nov. 2001	Jorge Sampaio President of Portugal Lisbon	Portugal
30 Nov. 2001	Giovanni Alemanni Italian Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Pomaia	Italy
28 May 2002	Jim Anderton Prime Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand
28 May 2002	Phil Goff New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs Wellington	New Zealand
2 July 2002	Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic

4 July 2002	Dr. Janez Drnovsek Prime Minister of Slovenia Ljubljana	Slovenia
4 July 2002	Borut Pahor President of the National Assembly of Slovenia Ljubljana	Slovenia
5 July 2002	Milan Kucan President of Slovenia Ljubljana	Slovenia
6 July 2002	Dr. Dimitrij Rupel Foreign Minister of Slovenia Ljubljana	Slovenia
8 July 2002	Ivica Racan Prime Minister of Croatia Zagreb	Croatia
8 Oct. 2002	Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Vice President of India New Delhi	India
8 Oct. 2002	Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam President of India New Delhi	India
13 Oct. 2002	Benita Ferrero-Waldner Foreign Minister of Austria Graz	Austria
7 Nov. 2002	N. Enkhbayar Prime Minister of Mongolia Ulan Bator	Mongolia
27 May 2003	George Fernandes Minister of Defence of India New Delhi	India
30 May 2003	Joschka Fischer Foreign Minister of Germany Berlin	Germany
30 May 2003	Wolfgang Thierse President of the German Parliament Berlin	Germany

30 May 2003	Claudia Roth Commissioner of Human Rights of Germany Berlin	Germany
3 June 2003	Bjorn Von Sydow Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Stockholm	Sweden
4 June 2003	Per Stig Moller Foreign Minister of Denmark Copenhagen	Denmark
6 June 2003	Anders Fogh Rasmussen Prime Minister of Denmark Copenhagen	Denmark
9 Sept. 2003	Bill Frist US Senate Majority Leader Washington DC	USA
9 Sept. 2003	Tom Daschle US Senate Minority Leader Washington DC	USA
9 Sept. 2003	Colin Powell US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
10 Sept. 2003	George W. Bush President of the US Washington DC	USA
11 Sept. 2003	Nancy Pelosi House Minority Leader Washington DC	USA
12 Oct. 2003	Alejandro Toledo President of Peru Madrid	Peru
14 Oct. 2003	Christian Poncelet President of the French Senate Paris	France
15 Oct. 2003	Jean Louis Debre President of the French National Assembly Paris	France



26 Nov. 2003	Margherita Boniver Deputy Foreign Minister of Italy Rome	Italy
26 Nov. 2003	Pier Ferdinando Casini President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies Rome	Italy
26 Nov. 2003	Massimo D'Alema Former Prime Minister of Italy Rome	Italy
27 Nov. 2003	H.H. Pope John Paul II The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
27 Nov. 2003	Marcello Pera President of the Italian Senate Rome	Italy
28 Nov. 2003	Mikhail Gorbachev Former President of USSR Rome	Russia
18 April 2004	Gordon Campbell Premier of British Columbia Vancouver	Canada
22 April 2004	Stephen Harper Leader of the Canadian Conservative Party Ottawa	Canada
23 April 2004	Paul Martin Prime Minister of Canada Ottawa	Canada
6 May 2004	James Bartelman Lt. Governor of Ontario Toronto	Canada
6 May 2004	Dalton McGuinty Premier of Ontario Toronto	Canada
27 May 2004	Dr. Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK

27 May 2004	Jack Straw Foreign Secretary of the UK London	UK
28 May 2004	H.R.H. Prince Charles Prince of Wales London	UK
28 May 2004	Michael Howard Leader of the UK Opposition London	UK
3 July 2004	Sonia Gandhi Chairperson of the Indian United Progressive Alliance New Delhi	India
3 July 2004	Dr. Manmohan Singh Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
17 Sept. 2004	Jeb Bush Governor of Florida Miami	USA
23 Sept. 2004	Sila Calderon Governor of Puerto Rico San Juan	Puerto Rico
26 Sept. 2004	Guido Saenz Minister for Culture of Costa Rica San Jose	Costa Rica
27 Sept. 2004	Abel Pacheco President of Costa Rica San Jose	Costa Rica
27 Sept. 2004	Lineth Sabario Vice President of Costa Rica San Jose	Costa Rica
27 Sept. 2004	Roberto Tova Faja Foreign Minister of Costa Rica San Jose	Costa Rica
27 Sept. 2004	Gerardo Gonzalez Esquivel President of the Costa Rican Congress San Jose	Costa Rica

27 Sept. 2004	Mario Redondo Poveda Speaker of the Costa Rican Parliament San Jose	Costa Rica
29 Sept. 2004	Tony Saca President of El Salvador San Salvador	El Salvador
29 Sept. 2004	Ana Vilma de Escobar Vice President of El Salvador San Salvador	El Salvador
29 Sept. 2004	Francisco Lainez Foreign Minister of El Salvador San Salvador	El Salvador
1 Oct. 2004	Oscar Jose Rafael Berger Perdomo President of Guatemala Guatemala City	Guatemala
1 Oct. 2004	Jorge Briz Abularach Foreign Minister of Guatemala Guatemala City	Guatemala
1 Oct. 2004	Eduardo Stein Barrillas Vice President of Guatemala Guatemala City	Guatemala
1 Oct. 2004	Maria del Carmen Acena Education Minister of Guatemala Guatemala City	Guatemala
5 Oct. 2004	Santiago Creel Secretary of Interior Ministry of Mexico Mexico City	Mexico
5 Nov. 2004	Nelson Mandela Former President of South Africa Johannesburg	South Africa
7 Nov. 2004	Dr. M.G. Buthelezi President of the South African Inkatha Freedom Party Durban	South Africa

18 May 2005	Bassem Awadallah Finance Minister of Jordan Petra	Jordan
18 May 2005	H.M. King Abdullah II and Queen Rania King and Queen of Jordan Petra	Jordan
19 May 2005	Bill Clinton Former President of the US Petra	USA
19 May 2005	H.R.H. Prince Ghazi Bin Mohammed Personal Envoy and Senior Advisor to H.M. the King of Jordan Amman	Jordan
14 June 2005	Jorgen Kosmo President of the Norwegian Parliament Oslo	Norway
15 June 2005	Kjell Magne Bondevik Prime Minister of Norway Oslo	Norway
17 June 2005	Dr. Angela Merkel Leader of the German CDU/ CSU Party Berlin	Germany
18 June 2005	Wolfgang Thierse President of the German Parliament Berlin	Germany
1 Aug. 2005	Giuliano Amato Former Prime Minister of Italy Bolzano	Italy
4 Aug. 2005	Pascal Couchepin Interior Minister of Switzerland Zurich	Switzerland
16 Aug. 2005	Natwar Singh Foreign Minister of India New Delhi	India

9 Sept. 2005	Frank H. Murkowski Governor of Alaska Anchorage	USA
11 Sept. 2005	Dirk Kempthorne Governor of Idaho Sun Valley	USA
27 Oct. 2005	Renuka Chowdhury Minister of Tourism of India New Delhi	India
6 Nov. 2005	Jimmy Carter Former President of the US San Francisco	USA
9 Nov. 2005	George W. Bush President of the US Washington DC	USA
9 Nov. 2005	Condoleeza Rice US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
16 Nov. 2005	Dennis Hastert Speaker of the US House Washington DC	USA
16 Nov. 2005	Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader of the US House Washington DC	USA
16 Nov. 2005	Harry Reid Minority Leader of the US Senate Washington DC	USA
18 Nov. 2005	Dr. M.G. Buthelezi President of the South African Inkatha Freedom Party Edinburgh	South Africa
19 Feb. 2006	Rabbi Yona Metzger Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel Jerusalem	Israel
19 Feb. 2006	Rabbi Shlomo Amar Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel Jerusalem	Israel

26 April 2006	Jose Luiz de Franco Pena President of the Brazilian Green Party Sao Paulo	Brazil
26 April 2006	Gilberto Gil Minister of Culture of Brazil Sao Paulo	Brazil
1 May 2006	Adolfo Perez Esquivel 1980 Nobel Peace Laureate Buenos Aires	Argentina
3 May 2006	Jaime Naranjo Ortiz Vice President of the Chilean Senate Santiago	Chile
4 May 2006	Antonio Leal Labrin President of the Chilean House of Chambers Valpairaso	Chile
5 May 2006	Martin Zilic Minister of Education of Chile Santiago	Chile
5 May 2006	Paulina Urrutia Minister of Culture of Chile Santiago	Chile
5 May 2006	Cardinal Errazuriz Ossa Archbishop of Chile Santiago	Chile
5 May 2006	Felipe Harboe Bascunan Deputy Minister of Interior of Chile Santiago	Chile
6 May 2006	Sergio Espejo Minister of Transport of Chile Santiago	Chile
7 May 2006	Elaine Karp de Toledo First Lady of Peru Lima	Peru

11 May 2006	Mario Iguaran Attorney General of Colombia Bogota	Colombia
14 May 2006	Dr. Jorg Haider Governor of Carinthia St. Veit	Austria
14 May 2006	Hubert Gorbach Vice Chancellor of Austria St. Veit	Austria
14 May 2006	Maria Rauch-Kallat Minister of Health of Austria St. Veit	Austria
14 May 2006	Karin Gastinger Minister of Justice of Austria St. Veit	Austria
30 May 2006	Wolfgang Schussel Chancellor of Austria and President of the European Council Brussels	Austria
30 May 2006	Jose Manuel Barroso President of the European Commission Brussels	Portugal
31 May 2006	Gunter Verheugen Vice President of the European Commission Brussels	Germany
31 May 2006	Josep Borrell President of the European Parliament Brussels	Spain
1 June 2006	Armand De Decker Minister of Development Cooperation of Belgium Brussels	Belgium
1 June 2006	Herman De Croo President of the Belgian House Brussels	Belgium

1 June 2006	Anne Marie Lizen President of the Belgian Senate Brussels	Belgium
1 June 2006	Guy Verhofstadt Prime Minister of Belgium Brussels	Belgium
20 June 2006	H.H. Ahmad Helail Imam to the Royal Hashemite Court and Supreme Judge of Jordan Amman	Jordan
21 June 2006	H.M. King Abdullah II and Queen Rania King and Queen of Jordan Petra	Jordan
22 June 2006	H.R.H. Prince Ghazi Bin Mohammed Personal Envoy and Senior Advisor to H.M. the King of Jordan Amman	Jordan
8 Sept. 2006	Gordon Campbell Premier of British Columbia Vancouver	Canada
9 Sept. 2006	Monte Solberg Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada Vancouver	Canada
9 Sept. 2006	Jason Kenny Parliamentary Secretary of Canada Vancouver	Canada
16 Sept. 2006	Oscar Arias Sanchez President of Costa Rica Denver	Costa Rica
17 Sept. 2006	H.M. Queen Noor Former Queen of Jordan Denver	Jordan
22 Sept. 2006	Bill Clinton Former President of the US New York	USA



26 Sept. 2006	Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor of California Long Beach	USA
9 Oct. 2006	Vaclav Havel Former President of the Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
10 Oct. 2006	Sasha Vondra Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
12 Oct. 2006	Franco Marini President of the Italian Senate Rome	Italy
12 Oct. 2006	Fausto Bertinotti Speaker of the Italian Parliament Rome	Italy
13 Oct. 2006	H.H. Pope Benedict XVI The Pope Vatican City	Vatican State
13 Oct. 2006	Massimo D'Allema Foreign Minister of Italy Rome	Italy
27 April 2007	Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the US House San Francisco	USA
3 May 2007	Jim Doyle Governor of Wisconsin Madison	USA
4 May 2007	Walter Mondale Former Vice President of the US Madison	USA
12 June 2007	Kevin Rudd Leader of the Australian Opposition Canberra	Australia
14 June 2007	Helen Clark Prime Minister of New Zealand Brisbane	New Zealand

15 June 2007	John Howard Prime Minister of Australia Sydney	Australia
19 June 2007	Winston Peters Foreign Minister of New Zealand Wellington	New Zealand
10 Sept. 2007	Ernest Benach Pascaul President of Catalanian Parliament Barcelona	Spain
10 Sept. 2007	Josep-Lluís Carod-Rovira Vice President of Catalanian Government Barcelona	Spain
13 Sept. 2007	Jaime Game President of Portuguese Parliament Lisbon	Portugal
14 Sept. 2007	Mário Soares Former President of Portugal Lisbon	Portugal
14 Sept. 2007	Jorge Sampaio Former President of Portugal Lisbon	Portugal
17 Sept. 2007	Dr. Erwin Proll Governor of Lower Austria Hinterbrühl	Austria
18 Sept. 2007	Dr. Jörg Haider Governor of Carinthia Melk	Austria
20 Sept. 2007	Alfred Gusenberger Chancellor of Austria Vienna	Austria
20 Sept. 2007	Dr. Jürgen Rüttgers Minister President of North Rhine-Westphalia Münster	Germany
22 Sept. 2007	Roland Koch Minister President of Hessen Wiesbaden	Germany

23 Sept. 2007	Angela Merkel Chancellor of Germany Berlin	Germany
16 Oct. 2007	George W. Bush President of the US Washington DC	USA
17 Oct. 2007	John Boehner Minority Leader of the US House Washington DC	USA
17 Oct. 2007	Steny Hoyer Majority Leader of the US House Washington DC	USA
17 Oct. 2007	Mitch McConnell Minority Leader of the US Senate Washington DC	USA
17 Oct. 2007	Harry Reid Majority Leader of the US Senate Washington DC	USA
17 Oct. 2007	Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the US House Washington DC	USA
19 Oct. 2007	John Negroponte Deputy US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
29 Oct. 2007	Michaëlle Jean Governor General of Canada Ottawa	Canada
29 Oct. 2007	Stephen Harper Prime Minister of Canada Ottawa	Canada
29 Oct. 2007	Maxime Bernier Foreign Minister of Canada Ottawa	Canada
29 Oct. 2007	Stockwell Day Minister for Public Safety of Canada Ottawa	Canada

29 Oct. 2007	Jason Kenney Canadian Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Identity Ottawa	Canada
29 Oct. 2007	Peter Milliken Speaker of Canadian Parliament Ottawa	Canada
30 Oct. 2007	Stephane Dion Leader of the Canadian Liberal Party Ottawa	Canada
30 Oct. 2007	Gilles Duceppe Leader of the Canadian Block Quebecois Party Ottawa	Canada
30 Oct. 2007	Jack Layton Leader of the Canadian New Democratic Party Ottawa	Canada
7 Dec. 2007	Roberto Formigoni President of the Lombardi Region Milan	Italy
12 Dec. 2007	Ricardo Illy President of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region Udine	Italy
13 Dec. 2007	Franco Marini President of the Italian Senate Rome	Italy
13 Dec. 2007	Fausto Bertinotti President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies Rome	Italy
13 Dec. 2007	Gianni Vernetti Deputy Foreign Minister of Italy Rome	Italy

14 Dec. 2007	Giovanni Melandri Minister of Youth and Sports Activity of Italy Rome	Italy
21 March 2008	Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the US House Dharamshala	USA
12 April 2008	Christine Gregoire Governor of Washington Seattle	USA
15 May 2008	Roland Koch Minister President of Hessen Frankfurt	Germany
15 May 2008	Dr. Jurgen Ruetters Minister President of North Rhine-Westphalia Bochum	Germany
15 May 2008	Dr. Norbert Lammert Speaker of the German Parliament Bochum	Germany
19 May 2008	Heidemarie Wiecek-Zeul Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany Berlin	Germany
21 May 2008	David Cameron Leader of the UK Conservative Party and Leader of Opposition London	UK
22 May 2008	Nick Clegg Leader of the UK Liberal Democrats London	UK
22 May 2008	H.R.H. Princes Charles Prince of Wales London	UK
23 May 2008	Dr. Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK

23 May 2008	Gordon Brown Prime Minister of UK London	UK
11 June 2008	Dr. Brendan Nelson Leader of Australian Opposition Sydney	Australia
13 June 2008	Chris Evans Minister for Immigration and Citizenship of Australia Sydney	Australia
15 June 2008	Stephen Smith Foreign Minister of Australia Perth	Australia
17 June 2008	H.R.H. Prince Ghazi Bin Mohammed Personal Envoy and Senior Advisor to H.M. the King of Jordan Amman	Jordan
18 June 2008	H.M. King Abdullah II and Queen Rania King and Queen of Jordan Petra	Jordan
21 July 2008	Jim Doyle Governor of Wisconsin Madison	USA
25 July 2008	John McCain Republican US Presidential Candidate Aspen	USA
16 Aug. 2008	Segolene Royale Socialist Leader of France Nantes	France
22 Aug. 2008	Rame Yade Deputy Foreign Minister of France Roqueredonde	France
22 Aug. 2008	Bernard Kouchner Foreign Minister of France Roqueredonde	France

22 Aug. 2008	Carla Bruni Sarkozy First Lady of France Roqueredonde	France
30 Nov. 2008	Mirek Topolamek Prime Minister of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
1 Dec. 2008	Vaclav Havel Former President of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
2 Dec. 2008	Karel Schwarzenberg Foreign Minister of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
2 Dec. 2008	Yves Leterme Prime Minister of Belgium Brussels	Belgium
4 Dec. 2008	Dr. Hans-Gert Pottering President of the European Parliament Brussels	Germany
4 Dec. 2008	Herman Van Rompuy President of the Belgian House Brussels	Belgium
4 Dec. 2008	Armand De Decker President of the Belgian Senate Brussels	Belgium
5 Dec. 2008	Donald Tusk Prime Minister of Poland Gdansk	Poland
6 Dec. 2008	Nicolas Sarkozy President of France Gdansk	France
10 Dec. 2008	Lech Kaczynski President of Poland Warsaw	Poland
11 Dec. 2008	Bogdan Borusewicz Speaker of the Polish Senate Warsaw	Poland

11 Dec. 2008	Bronislaw Komorowski Speaker of the Polish House Warsaw	Poland
2 Jan. 2009	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Former President of India Dharamshala	India
10 Feb. 2009	Roland Koch Minister President of Hessen Baden	Germany
13 Feb. 2009	Luvsanvandan Bold Defence Minister of Mongolia New Delhi	Mongolia
11 June 2009	Hamid Ansari Vice President of India New Delhi	India
6 July 2009	Sonia Gandhi Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance New Delhi	India
7 July 2009	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Former Prime Minister of India New Delhi	India
7 July 2009	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Former President of India New Delhi	India
8 July 2009	L.K. Advani Former Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India New Delhi	India
29 July 2009	Roland Koch Minister President of Hessen Frankfurt	Germany
30 July 2009	Heidmarie Wieczorek-Zeul Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany Frankfurt	Germany



6 Aug. 2009	Chiara Simoneshi-Cortesi President of the Swiss Parliament Lausanne	Switzerland
1 Sept. 2009	Tsai Ing-Wen Chairwoman of Taiwanese Democratic Progressive Party Kaohsiung	Taiwan
11 Sept. 2009	Willem De Klerk Former President of South Africa Prague	South Africa
11 Sept. 2009	Vaclav Havel Former President of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
11 Sept. 2009	Jan Fischer Prime Minister of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
12 Sept. 2009	Jan Kohout Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
13 Sept. 2009	Sukhbaatar Batbold Foreign Minister of Mongolia New Delhi	Mongolia
6 Oct. 2009	Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the US House Washington DC	USA
18 Nov. 2009	Gianfranco Fini President of the Italian Lower House Rome	Italy
3 Dec. 2009	Tony Abbott Leader of Australian Opposition Sydney	Australia
4 Dec. 2009	Peter Garrett Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts of Australia Sydney	Australia

4 Dec. 2009	Phil Goff Leader of New Zealand Opposition Auckland	New Zealand
19 Dec. 2009	Mallikarjun Kharge Minister of Labor and Employment of India Gulbarga	India
18 Feb. 2010	Hillary Clinton US Secretary of State Washington DC	USA
18 Feb. 2010	Barack Obama President of the US Washington DC	USA
6 April 2010	Janaz Jansa Former Prime Minister of Slovenia Maribor	Slovenia
7 April 2010	Dr. Bostjan Zeks Minister for Slovenia Abroad Maribor	Slovenia
8 April 2010	Pascale Bruderer Wyss Speaker of the Swiss Parliament Zurich	Switzerland
22 Oct. 2010	Jason Kenney Canadian Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Identity Toronto	Canada
12 Nov. 2010	Mohamed ElBaradei 2005 Nobel Peace Laureate Hiroshima	Egypt
12 Nov. 2010	Frederick Willem De Klerk Former President of South Africa Hiroshima	South Africa
20 Nov. 2010	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Former President of India New Delhi	India

13 April 2011	Mary Robinson Former President of Ireland Dublin	Ireland
14 June 2011	Tony Abbot Australian Leader of Opposition Canberra	Australia
7 July 2011	Nancy Pelosi US Minority Leader Washington DC	USA
7 July 2011	John Boehner US Speaker of the House Washington DC	USA
16 July 2011	Barack Obama President of the US Washington DC	USA
17 Aug. 2011	Mart Laar Minister of Defence Tallinn	Estonia
17 Aug. 2011	Thomas Hendrik Ilves President of Estonia Tallinn	Estonia
22 Aug. 2011	Volker Bouffier Minister President of Hesse State Wiesbaden	Germany
23 Aug. 2011	Norbert Kartmann President of the Hessian parliament Wiesbaden	Germany
9 Sept. 2011	Vincente Fox Former President of Mexico Mexico City	Mexico
9 Sept. 2011	Felipe Calderon President of Mexico Mexico City	Mexico
11 Sept. 2011	Miguel Alonso Reyes Governor of Zacatecas Mexico City	Mexico

13 Sept. 2011	Adolfo Perez Esquivel 1980 Nobel Peace Laureate Buenos Aires	Argentina
7 Nov. 2011	Shinzo Abe Former Prime Minister of Japan Tokyo	Japan
10 Dec. 2011	Vaclav Havel Former President of Czech Republic Prague	Czech Republic
11 Dec. 2011	Karel Schwarzenberg Foreign Minister of Czech Republic Prague	Czech republic
10 Feb. 2012	Archbishop Desmond Tutu 1984 Nobel Peace Laureate Dharamshala	South Africa
10 April 2012	Bernard Kouchner Former Foreign Minister of France Dharamshala	France
12 April 2012	Pratibha Patil President of India New Delhi	India
15 April 2012	Neil Abercrombie Governor of Hawaii Honolulu	USA
25 April 2012	Lech Walesa Former President of Poland Chicago	Poland
25 April 2012	Mikhail Gorbachev Former President of USSR Chicago	Russia
27 April 2012	Jason Kenney Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism of Canada Ottawa	Canada
27 April 2012	Stephen Harper Prime Minister of Canada Ottawa	Canada

14 May 2012	Dr. Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury London	UK
14 May 2012	Nick Clegg Deputy Prime Minister of UK London	UK
14 May 2012	David Cameron Prime Minister of UK London	UK
18 May 2012	Gerhard Doerfler Governor of Carinthia Klagenfurt	Austria
20 May 2012	Gabi Burgstaller Governor of Salzburg Salzburg	Austria
25 May 2012	Michael Spindelegger Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister of Austria Vienna	Austria
26 May 2012	Werner Faymann Chancellor of Austria Vienna	Austria
27 May 2012	Sebastien Kurz Interior Secretary of State of Austria Vienna	Austria
19 June 2012	Ed Milliband UK Leader of Opposition London	UK
19 June 2012	Aung Sung Suu Kyi Nobel Peace Laureate London	Myanmar
20 June 2012	John Bercow U.K. Speaker of the House of Commons London	UK
20 June 2012	H.R.H. Prince Charles Prince of Wales London	UK

8 Oct. 2012	Shirin Ebadi 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate Syracuse	Iran
8 Oct. 2012	Mohamed ElBaradei 2005 Nobel Peace Laureate Syracuse	Egypt
16 April 2013	Maya Graf President of the Swiss National Council (Parliament) Bern	Switzerland
7 May 2013	Martin O'Malley Governor of Maryland College Park	USA
11 May 2013	John Kitzhaber Governor of Oregon Portland	USA
14 May 2013	Scott Walker Governor of Wisconsin Madison	USA
10 Sept. 2013	Vaira-Vike Freberga Former President of Latvia Riga	Latvia
11 Sept. 2013	Janis Bordans Latvian Minister of Justice Riga	Latvia
11 Sept. 2013	Dalia Grybauskaite President of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
13 Sept. 2013	Vytautas Landsbergis Former President of Lithuania Vilnius	Lithuania
15 Sept. 2013	Aung Sung Suu Kyi Nobel Peace Laureate Prague	Myanmar
15 Oct. 2013	Vincente Fox Former President of Mexico San Cristobal	Mexico

23 Oct. 2013	Donald Tusk Prime Minister of Poland Warsaw	Poland
21 Feb. 2014	Barack Obama President of the US Washington DC	USA
25 Feb. 2014	Jerry Brown Governor of California Los Angeles	USA
6 March 2014	Harry Reid US Senate Majority Leader Washington DC	USA
6 March 2014	Nancy Pelosi US Minority Leader Washington DC	USA
6 March 2014	John Boehner US Speaker of the House Washington DC	USA
10 May 2014	Frans Timmermans Foreign Minister of The Netherlands Rotterdam	Netherlands
13 May 2014	Volker Bouffier Minister President of Hesse Frankfurt	Germany



His Holiness the Dalai Lama receiving the Nobel Peace Prize from Mr. Ergil Aarvik,  
Chairman Norwegian Nobel Committee, Oslo: 10 December 1989





His Holiness the Dalai Lama receiving the US Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush: 17 October 2007



World religious leaders with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the Golden Temple, Amritsar: 29 November 2007

**KALACHAKRA INITIATIONS BY  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Audience</b>
1.	May 1954	Norbulingka, Lhasa, Tibet	1,00,000
2.	April 1956	Norbulingka, Lhasa, Tibet	1,00,000
3.	March 1970	Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, India	30,000
4.	January 1971	Bylakuppe, Karnataka, India	10,000
5.	December 1974	Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India	1,00,000
6.	September 1976	Leh, Ladakh, India	40,000
7.	July 1981	Madison, Wisconsin, USA	1,500
8.	April 1983	Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh, India	5,000
9.	August 1983	Tabo - Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, India	10,000
10.	July 1985	Rikon, Switzerland	6,000
11.	December 1985	Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India	2,00,000
12.	July 1988	Zaskar, Jammu and Kashmir, India	10,000
13.	July 1989	Los Angeles, California, USA	3,300
14.	December 1990	Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, India	1,30,000
15.	October 1991	New York, USA	3,000
16.	August 1992	Kalpa - Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, India	20,000
17.	April 1993	Gangtok, Sikkim, India	1,00,000
18.	July 1994	Jispa - Keylong, Himachal Pradesh, India	30,000
19.	December 1994	Barcelona, Spain	3,000
20.	January 1995	Mundgod, Karnataka, India	50,000
21.	August 1995	Ulan Bator, Mongolia	30,000
22.	June 1996	Tabo - Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, India	20,000

23.	September 1996	Sydney, Australia	3,000
24.	December 1996	Salugara, West Bengal, India	2,00,000
25.	August 1999	Bloomington, Indiana, USA	4,000
26.	August 2000	Kyi - Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, India	25,000
27.	October 2002	Graz, Austria	10,000
28.	January 2003	Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India	2,00,000
29.	April 2004	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	8,000
30.	January 2006	Amarvati, Andhra Pradesh, India	1,00,000
31.	July 2011	Washington, DC, USA	8,000
32.	January 2012	Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India	200,000
33.	July 2014	Leh (Ladakh), Jammu and Kashmir, India	150,000





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President Barack Obama with His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama in the Map Room of the White House: 16 July 2011.  
(Official White House Photo: Pete Souza)



His Holiness the Dalai Lama with Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay (left) and former Kalon Tripa Professor Samdhong Rinpoche (right) at the former's oath-taking ceremony: 8 August 2011

**LIST OF AWARDS AND HONORARY  
CONFERMENTS PRESENTED TO  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**



<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Award Awarded By Country</b>
1957	Doctor of Letters Benaras Hindu University India
31 Aug. 1959	Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership Ramon Magsaysay Committee Philippines
16 Sept. 1959	The Admiral Richard E. Byrd Memorial International Rescue Committee USA
23 Jan. 1963	Lincoln Award Research Institute of America USA
1969	Lakett Award Norwegian Refugee Council Norway
17 June 1979	Special Medal Asian Buddhist Council for Peace Mongolia
17 Sept. 1979	Doctor of Divinity Carol College USA
27 Sept. 1979	Doctor of Buddhist Philosophy University of Oriental Studies USA
4 Oct. 1979	Doctor of Humanities Seattle University USA
19 Oct. 1979	Liberty Torch Gilbert Di Luchia, Friends of Tibet USA
16 Jan. 1984	Honorary Doctor Degree University of Paris France

28 Sept. 1987	Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award Human Behavior Foundation USA
16 June 1988	Leopold Lucas Award University of Tübingen West Germany
21 June 1989	Raoul Wallenberg Congressional Human Rights Award Human Rights Foundation USA
23 Sept. 1989	Recognition of Perseverance of Times of Adversity World Management Council USA
4 Dec. 1989	Prix de la Memoire Fondation Danielle Mitterrand France
10 Dec. 1989	The Nobel Peace Prize Norwegian Nobel Committee Norway
14 Jan. 1990	Doctor of Divinity Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies India
8 Dec. 1990	Doctor Honoris Causa Karnataka University India
25 March 1991	Shiromani Award 1991 Shiromani Institute India
6 April 1991	Distinguished Peace Leadership Award 91 Nuclear Age Peace Foundation USA
17 April 1991	Advancing Human Liberty Award Freedom House USA

23 Aug. 1991	Peace and Unity Award National Peace Conference India
10 Oct. 1991	United Earth Prize Klaus Nobel United Earth USA
10 Oct. 1991	Wheel of Life Award Temple of Understanding USA
16 Feb. 1992	Doctor of Sacred Philosophy Lafayette University USA
5 May 1992	Doctor of Laws University of Melbourne Australia
6 June 1992	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Rio de Janeiro Brazil
11 Sept. 1992	Honorary Professor Kalmyk State University Russian Federation
17 Sept. 1992	Honorary Professor Novosibirsk State University Russian Federation
26 Nov. 1992	Doctor Honoris causa Jain Vishva Bharat University India
14 March 1993	International Valiant for Freedom Award The Freedom Coalition Australia
20 March 1994	Fellow of University Hebrew University Israel
25 April 1994	Doctor of Humane Letters Berea College USA

26 April 1994	Doctor of Humane Arts and Letters Columbia University USA
27 April 1994	World Security Annual Peace Award New York Lawyers' Alliance USA
4 June 1994	Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom Medal Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute USA
2 Jan. 1995	Doctor of Letters Nagpur University India
5 April 1995	Doctor of Buddhist Philosophy Rissho University Japan
26 July 1996	The President's Medal for Excellence Indiana University USA
23 March 1997	Doctor Honoris Causa Chungshan University Taiwan
31 May 1997	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Colorado USA
1 June 1997	Doctor Honoris Causa Regis University USA
11 Sept. 1997	Doctor of International Diplomatic Science University of Trieste Italy
25 Nov. 1997	Paulos Mar Gregorious Award Paulos Mar Gregorious Committee India
5 May 1998	Juliet Hollister Award Juliet Hollister Foundation USA

8 May 1998	Doctor of Humane Letters Brandeis University USA
11 May 1998	Doctor of Divinity Emory University USA
15 May 1998	Doctor of Laws University of Wisconsin USA
11 Nov. 1998	Doctor Honoris Causa Seton Hill College USA
7 April 1999	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Brasilia Brazil
9 April 1999	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Buenos Aires Argentina
16 April 1999	Doctor of Theology Florida International University USA
12 Oct. 1999	Bodhi Award American Buddhist Congress USA
24 Nov. 1999	Lifetime Achievement Award Hadassah Women's Zionist Organisation of America USA
12 Dec. 1999	Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Award for International Peace and Harmony Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust India
16 Oct. 2000	Doctor Honoris Causa Comenius University Slovakia

10 June 2001	Ecce Homo Order Kancelaria Kapituluy Orderu Poland
26 Nov. 2001	Doctor Honoris Causa University Lusiada Porto Portugal
5 Dec. 2001	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Tromso Norway
21 May 2002	Peace Award 2000 UN Association of Australia Australia
6 July 2002	Man of the Year Croatian Academic Society Croatia
14 Oct. 2002	Human Rights Prize University of Graz Austria
7 Nov. 2002	Doctor Honoris Causa National University of Mongolia Mongolia
7 Nov. 2002	Doctor Honoris Causa Mongolian University of Science and Technology Mongolia
5 Dec. 2002	Basavashree Award Basavakendra, Sri Murugha Math India
3 June 2003	Manfred Bjorkquist Medal Sigtuna Foundation Sweden
5 Sept. 2003	Doctor Honoris Causa University of San Francisco USA
19 Sept. 2003	Human Rights Award International League for Human Rights USA

9 Oct. 2003	Award for Promotion of Human Rights Foundation of Jaime Brunet Spain
16 April 2004	2nd Citizens Peace Building Award University of California USA
19 April 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa University of British Columbia Canada
20 April 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa Simon Fraser University Canada
27 April 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Toronto Canada
27 April 2004	International Acharya Sushil Kumar Peace Award University of Toronto Canada
28 May 2004	Humphreys Memorial Award for Services to Buddhism Buddhist Society of UK UK
18 Sept. 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa Nova Southeastern University USA
23 Sept. 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Miami USA
24 Sept. 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Puerto Rico Puerto Rico
27 Sept. 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Costa Rica Costa Rica
5 Oct. 2004	The Gold Medal National University of Mexico Mexico

7 Oct. 2004	Doctor Honoris Causa Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico
27 July 2005	Hessian Peace Prize Parliament of Hesse Germany
12 Aug. 2005	Manhae Peace Prize Manhae Foundation South Korea
25 Aug. 2005	Doctor Honoris Causa Rutgers University USA
6 Nov. 2005	Inspiration and Compassion Award American Himalayan Foundation USA
16 Feb. 2006	Ben Gurion Negev Award Ben Gurion University Israel
4 May 2006	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Santiago Chile
9 Sept. 2006	Honorary Citizenship of Canada Canada
19 Sept. 2006	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Buffalo USA
14 Oct. 2006	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Rome Italy
10 Dec. 2006	Order of the White Lotus Republic of Kalmykia Russian Federation
9 May 2007	Doctor Honoris Causa Smith College USA



12 May 2007	BILD Award BILD Magazine Germany
8 June 2007	Doctor Honoris Causa Southern Cross University Australia
20 Sept. 2007	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Muenster Germany
8 Oct. 2007	Ahimsa Award Institute of Jainology UK
17 Oct. 2007	US Congressional Gold Medal US Congress USA
22 Oct. 2007	Presidential Distinguished Professor Emory University USA
14 April 2008	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Washington USA
13 July 2008	Doctor Honoris Causa Lehigh University USA
25 July 2008	Global Leadership Award Aspen Institute USA
8 Dec. 2008	Doctor Honoris Causa Jagiellonian University Poland
9 Feb. 2009	Honorary Citizenship City of Rome Italy
10 Feb. 2009	Honorary Citizenship City of Venice Italy

10 Feb. 2009	German Media Prize Editors of Germany Germany
7 June 2009	Honorary Citizenship City of Paris France
29 July 2009	Honorary Citizenship City of Warsaw Poland
3 Aug. 2009	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Marburg Germany
23 Sept. 2009	International Freedom Award National Civil Rights Museum USA
27 Sept. 2009	Prize for Love and Forgiveness Fetzer Institute USA
30 Sept. 2009	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Calgary Canada
6 Oct. 2009	The Lantos Human Rights Prize Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice USA
19 Feb. 2010	Democracy Service Medal National Endowment for Democracy, USA
23 Feb. 2010	Baccalaureate Honoris Causa Broward College USA
18 March 2010	Nirmala Deshpande Memorial Award for Peace and Global Harmony Gandhi Ashram Reconstruction Trust India

18 May 2010	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Northern Iowa USA
23 May 2010	President's Medal Hunter College USA
18 Sept. 2010	Honorary Citizenship City of Budapest Hungary
21 Sept. 2010	Menschen in Europa Award Menschen in Europa Germany
20 Oct. 2010	International Freedom Award National Underground Railroad Freedom Center USA
21 Oct. 2010	Doctor Honoris Causa Miami University USA
21 Oct. 2010	Harry T. Wilkes Leadership Award Harry T. Wilks Foundation USA
23 Nov. 2010	Doctor Honoris Causa Jamia Millia Islamia University India
4 May 2011	Shine A Light Award Amnesty International USA USA
8 May 2011	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Minnesota USA
9 May 2011	Doctor Honoris Causa Southern Methodist University USA
11 May 2011	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Arkansas USA

13 July 2011	Lifetime Achievement Award Caring Institute USA
18 Aug. 2011	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Tartu Estonia
5 Sept. 2011	Doctor Honoris Causa Indira Gandhi National Open University India
9 Oct. 2011	Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace The Gandhi Development Trust South Africa
2 Dec. 2011	Dayanand Modi Award for Art, Culture and Education 2011 Dayawati Modi Foundation India
26 April 2012	Honorary Degree Loyola University USA
14 May 2012	Templeton Prize John Templeton Foundation USA
18 May 2012	Gold Medal of Klagenfurt City of Klagenfurt Austria
20 May 2012	Carinthia State Gold Medal Carinthia State Austria
22 May 2012	Udine City Key City of Udine Italy
24 May 2012	Honorary Citizenship City of Huy Belgium
19 Oct. 2012	Doctor Honoris Causa Hunter College USA

19 Oct. 2012	Doctor Honoris Causa Western Connecticut State University USA
28 Feb. 2013	Doctor Honoris Causa Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India
10 April 2013	Minority Award South Tyrol Autonomous Region Italy
7 May 2013	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Maryland USA
10 May 2013	Doctor Honoris Causa Maitripa College USA
10 May 2013	President's Medal University of Oregon USA
18 May 2013	Doctor Honoris Causa Tulane University USA
3 Feb 2014	Doctor Honoris Causa Martin Luther Christian University India
2 March 2014	Doctor Honoris Causa Macalaster College USA
19 March 2014	Doctor Honoris Causa Himachal Pradesh University India
16 May 2014	Global Speaker's Award German Speaker's Association Germany



Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr. presents the 2012 Templeton Prize to His Holiness the Dalai Lama at St. Paul's Cathedral, London: 14 May 2012.  
(Photo credit: Clifford Shirley Templeton Prize)



The President of Lithuania, Ms Dalia Grybauskaitė, with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Vilnius, Lithuania: 11 September 2013



His Holiness the Dalai Lama greeting the audience at the Vienna Stadthalle before his talk 'Beyond Religion - Ethics for the Whole World' in Vienna, Austria: 25 May 2012. Photo/Tenzin Choejor/OHHDL



His Holiness with three young liver transplant patients in New Delhi, India: 6 December 2013. Photo/Tenzin Choejor/OHHDL

**FOREIGN VISITS OF  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**



Year	Country	Date
1954	China	5 Sept-29 June 1955
1956	India	12 Nov-1 April 1957
1959	India	30 March (asylum)
1967	Japan Thailand	25 Sept-10 Oct 11-17 Nov
1972	Thailand	22 Jan-5 Feb
1973	Italy Switzerland The Netherlands Belgium Ireland Norway Sweden Denmark UK West Germany Austria Switzerland	29 Sept-1 Oct 1-7 Oct 7-9 Oct 9 Oct 9-10 Oct 10-13 Oct 13-17 Oct 17-20 Oct 20-30 Oct 30 Oct-5 Nov 5-6 Nov 6-11 Nov
1974	Switzerland	7-24 Sept
1978	Japan	4-6 Oct
1979	Moscow, USSR Buryat Republic, USSR Mongolia Switzerland Greece Switzerland USA	13 June 14-15 June 15-18 June 11 July-2 Aug 2-7 Aug 7 Aug-3 Sept 3 Sept-21 Oct
1980	Italy Canada USA Japan	8-10 Oct 10-27 Oct 27-30 Oct 31 Oct-8 Nov

1981	UK USA	1-4 July 4 July-13 Aug
1982	Malaysia Singapore Indonesia Australia USSR Mongolia Hungary Italy Spain France Italy West Germany	27-29 July 29 July-1 Aug 1-7 Aug 8-21 Aug 11-13 Sept 14-23 Sept 26-27 Sept 27-28 Sept 28 Sept-4 Oct 4-16 Oct 16-25 Oct 25 Oct-4 Nov
1983	Switzerland Austria Switzerland West Germany Turkey	28 Aug-3 Sept 3-8 Sept 8-16 Sept 16-18 Sept 18-19 Sept
1984	Japan UK USA	1-17 May 25 June-11 July 17 Sept-1 Nov
1985	Switzerland	9 July-3 Aug
1986	West Germany Austria The Netherlands France USSR Italy	4-11 May 11-14 May 14-21 May 21 May-1 June 30 Aug-8 Sept 25-30 Oct
1987	Switzerland West Germany USA	14-16 Sept 16-18 Sept 18-30 Sept

1988	UK	4-15 April
	Italy	12-14 June
	France	14-16 June
	West Germany	16-17 June
	Switzerland	17-27 June
	Finland	28 Sept-1 Oct
	Denmark	1-5 Oct
	Norway	5-9 Oct
1989	Sweden	9-13 Oct
	West Germany	14-17 April
	France	17-22 April
	USA	23-25 June
	Costa Rica	25-30 June
	Mexico	30 June-3 July
	USA	3-21 July
	UK	21-22 Sept
	USA	22 Sept-15 Oct
	France	3-5 Dec
	Germany	5-9 Dec
	Norway	9-16 Dec
1990	Czechoslovakia	2-6 Feb
	Belgium	23-27 April
	Italy	23 May-3 June
	Spain	3-7 June
	Switzerland	7-11 June
	Sweden	11-14 June
	Norway	14-15 June
	Denmark	15-16 June
	Spain	5-7 Sept
	The Netherlands	7-11 Sept
	UK	11 Sept
	USA	11-26 Sept

	Canada	26 Sept-2 Oct
	Germany	3-6 Oct
	France	6-8 Oct
1991	UK	17-22 March
	Ireland	22-23 March
	USA	23 March-19 April
	Russia	10-13 July
	Buryatia (Russian Federation)	14-24 July
	Russia	24-25 July
	Kalmykia (Russian Federation)	25-30 July
	Liechtenstein	16-18 Aug
	Switzerland	18-20 Aug
	France	20-29 Aug
	Italy	29-31 Aug
	Austria	31 Aug-4 Sept
	Germany	4 Sept
	Russia	25-26 Sept
	Mongolia	26-29 Sept
	Lithuania	29 Sept-2 Oct
	Latvia	2 Oct
	Estonia	2-4 Oct
	Bulgaria	4-5 Oct
	Germany	5-8 Oct
	USA	8-24 Oct
	Italy	25 Oct
	UK	29 Nov-3 Dec
	Sweden	3-6 Dec
	Norway	6-9 Dec
1992	Indonesia	1-5 April
	Australia	27 April-13 May
	New Zealand	13-19 May
	Brazil	4-11 June

	Argentina	11-16 June
	Chile	16- 20 June
	Venezuela	20-24 June
	Hungary	20-25 July
	Austria	25-26 July
	Russia	13-14 Sept
	Kalmykia (Russian Federation)	14-18 Sept
	Tuva (Russian Federation)	19-22 Sept
	Buryatia (Russian Federation)	22-25 Sept
	Russia	25-26 Sept
1993	Thailand	16-18 Feb
	USA	25 April-2 May
	UK	2-16 May
	Poland	16-20 May
	Hungary	20-21 May
	Germany	10-13 June
	Austria	13-16 June
	Hungary	16-18 June
	Switzerland	18-20 June
	Canada	20-27 June
	USA	27-29 June
	Japan	14-20 July
	Switzerland	31 Aug-2 Sept
	USA	2-20 Sept
	Gabon	22-24 Sept
	Germany	23-24 Oct
	France	24 Oct-1 Nov
	UK	1 Nov
	France	1-16 Nov
1994	Israel	20-24 March
	Japan	14 April
	USA	14-28 April

	Germany Russia The Netherlands Belgium Switzerland Italy USA Nicaragua Mongolia England France Norway France Spain	29 April-1 May 18-21 May 4-7 June 7-10 June 10-12 June 12-17 June 2-3 July 3-5 July 6-11 Sept 11-18 Sept 18-20 Sept 6-9 Oct 5-7 Dec 7-19 Dec
1995	Japan Germany Germany Switzerland Austria Russia Mongolia Russia Germany USA Trinidad and Tobago	29 March-6 April 3-8 May 18-20 June 20-25 June 25-28 June 29-30 July 31 July-13 Aug 13 Aug 31 Aug-3 Sept 3-14 Sept 14-17 Sept
1996	Denmark Italy Sweden Norway Germany Switzerland UK	12-16 May 16-21 May 21-27 May 27-29 May 13-15 June 13-15 July 15-21 July

	USA South Africa New Zealand Australia France Germany Hungary France	21 July-2 Aug 18-25 Aug 10-14 Sept 14-30 Sept 23-25 Oct 25-27 Oct 27-28 Oct 28-31 Oct
1997	Taiwan Spain France USA France USA Sweden Czech Republic Italy	22-27 March 13-16 April 16-21 April 21-25 April 25 April-1 May 23 May-12 June 13-15 June 3-8 Sept 8-12 Sept
1998	Japan USA Germany Austria Switzerland France Austria Finland Germany USA France	3-12 April 29 April-16 May 5-9 June 9-12 June 12-15 June 15-17 June 17-19 June 19-21 June 25 Oct- 4 Nov 4-13 Nov 6-11 Dec
1999	Germany Brazil Argentina Chile	3 April 4-7 April 7-11 April 11-15 April

	USA Belgium UK Italy Israel Germany Switzerland USA Japan USA The Netherlands Italy Israel South Africa	16-17 April 4-7 May 7-13 May 13-16 May 12-15 June 15-23 June 7-11 Aug 11-28 Aug 10 Oct 10-14 Oct 15-19 Oct 19-29 Oct 20-25 Nov 4-10 Dec
2000	Japan Poland Germany Sweden Denmark Norway Italy USA France Hungary Slovakia Czech Republic UK	13-20 April 10-13 May 13-15 May 15-18 May 18-21 May 21-24 May 5-7 June 19 June-3 July 17-29 Sept 11-14 Oct 14-16 Oct 16-19 Oct 19-22 Oct
2001	Taiwan Switzerland USA The Netherlands Estonia	31 March-9 April 5-7 May 7-28 May 18-19 June 19-21 June



	Latvia Lithuania Italy France Portugal Italy Norway	21-23 June 23-27 June 27 June-2 July 22-25 Oct 24-29 Nov 29 Nov-4 Dec 4-9 Dec
2002	Australia New Zealand Czech Republic Slovenia Croatia Germany Austria Japan Mongolia Japan	18-27 May 27-31 May 29 June-4 July 4-6 July 6-9 July 9-11 Oct 11-24 Oct 4 Nov 4-8 Nov 8-9 Nov
2003	Germany Sweden Denmark Japan USA Spain France Germany Czech Republic Switzerland Japan Italy	28 May-2 June 2-4 June 4-10 June 4 Sept 4-24 Sept 7-10 Oct 10-17 Oct 17-18 Oct 18-20 Oct 20-21 Oct 31 Oct-11 Nov 25-29 Nov
2004	Japan USA Canada	12 April 12-17 April 17 April-6 May

	France UK Italy USA Puerto Rico Costa Rica El Salvador Guatemala Mexico South Africa Kalmykia	7-9 May 26 May-4 June 4-7 June 17-23 Sept 23-25 Sept 26-29 Sept 29 Sept-1 Oct 1-3 Oct 3-8 Oct 3-9 Nov 29 Nov-1 Dec
2005	Japan Jordan Luxembourg Sweden Norway Germany Germany Italy Switzerland USA Japan USA UK	8-19 April 17-21 May 10-11 June 11-14 June 14-16 June 16-18 June 26-29 July 29 July-2 Aug 2-14 Aug 9-27 Sept 3 Nov 3-17 Nov 18-23 Nov
2006	Israel Japan USA Brazil Argentina Chile Peru Colombia	15-19 Feb 14 April 14-25 April 26-30 April 30 April-3 May 3-7 May 7-10 May 10-12 May

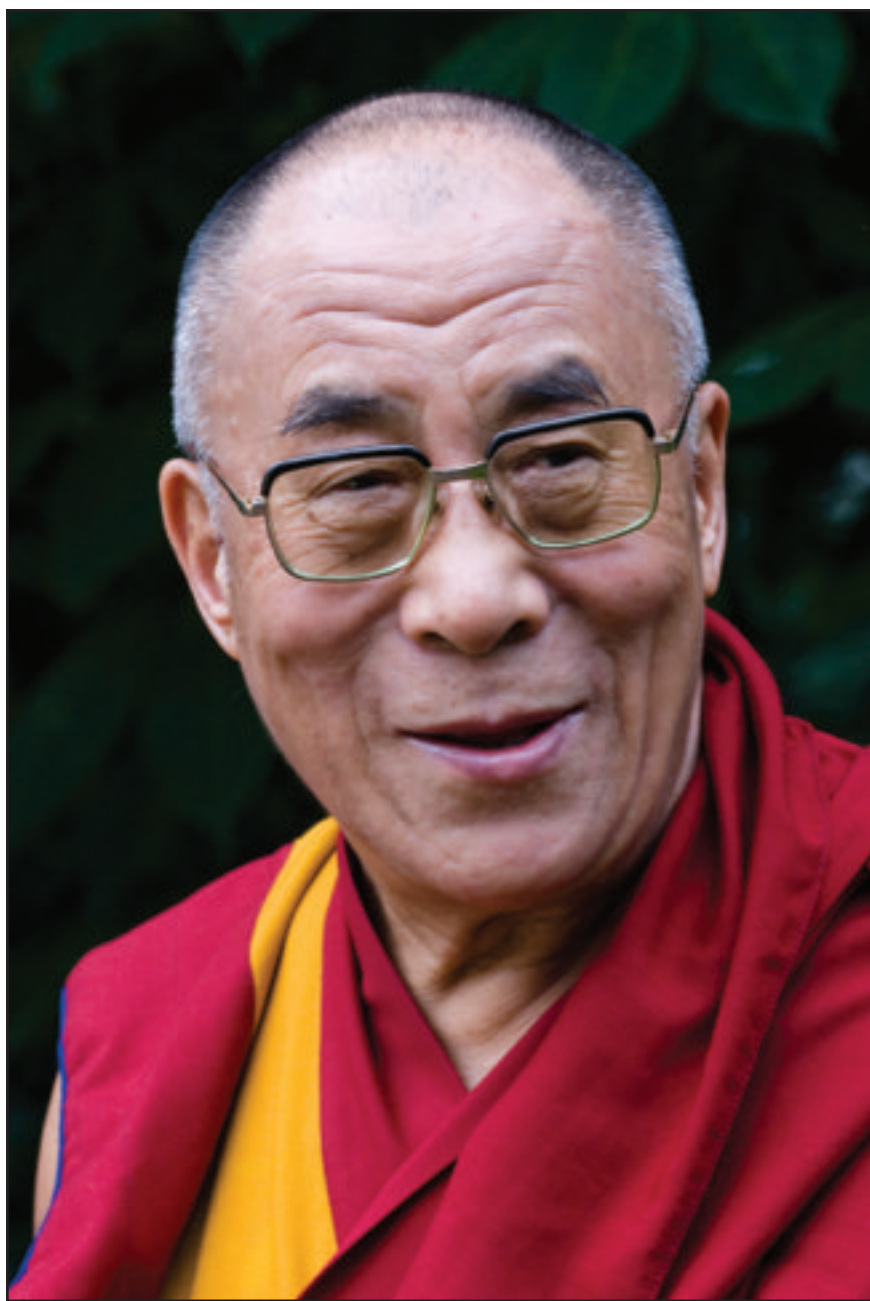
	Austria Belgium Jordan Japan Mongolia Japan Japan Canada USA Finland Czech Republic Italy Japan	13-15 May 29 May-6 June 19-22 June 21 Aug 21-28 Aug 28-29 Aug 7 Sept 7-11 Sept 11-28 Sept 29 Sept-2 Oct 9-12 Oct 12-15 Oct 30 Oct-12 Nov
2007	Japan USA Germany Australia New Zealand Australia UK Germany Spain Portugal Austria Germany USA Canada UK Japan Italy	23 April 23 April-10 May 11-13 May 5-16 June 16-19 June 19-20 June 17-19 July 19-29 July 9-12 Sept 12-17 Sept 17-20 Sept 20-24 Sept 8-28 Oct 28 Oct-1 Nov 1-2 Nov 15-23 Nov 5-17 Dec
2008	Japan USA	10 April 10-24 April

	Germany	15-20 May
	UK	20-31 May
	Australia	11-16 June
	Jordan	17-19 June
	USA	10-26 July
	France	11-23 Aug
	Japan	31 Oct-7 Nov
	Nigeria	26-28 Nov
	Czech Republic	29 Nov-2 Dec
	Belgium	2-5 Dec
	Poland	5-12 Dec
2009	Italy	8-10 Feb
	Germany	10-11 Feb
	Japan	21-22 April
	USA	22 April-7 May
	Denmark	29-31 May
	Iceland	31 May-3 June
	The Netherlands	3-6 June
	France	6-8 June
	Poland	27-29 July
	Germany	29 July-3 Aug
	Switzerland	3-7 Aug
	Taiwan	30 Aug-4 Sept
	Slovakia	8-10 Sept
	Czech Republic	10-12 Sept
	USA	22-26 Sept
	Canada	26 Sept-4 Oct
	USA	4-11 Oct
	Japan	30 Oct-7 Nov
	Italy	16-19 Nov
	Australia	30 Nov-4 Dec
	New Zealand	4-7 Dec
	Australia	7-11 Dec

2010	USA	17-24 Feb
	Germany	25-26 Feb
	Slovenia	5-7 April
	Switzerland	7-12 April
	Germany	10-11 May
	USA	11-24 May
	Japan	18-28 June
	Hungary	17-21 Sept
	Germany	21-22 Sept
	Poland	22-23 Sept
	Japan	11 Oct
	USA	11-22 Oct
	Canada	22-25 Oct
	USA	25-27 Oct
	UK	27-28 Oct
	Japan	6-16 Nov
2011	Ireland	12-14 April
	Sweden	14-17 April
	Denmark	17-19 April
	Japan	28 April-2 May
	USA	2-14 May
	New Zealand	7-9 June
	Australia	9-20 June
	USA	5-18 July
	Switzerland	11-12 Aug
	France	12-16 Aug
	Estonia	16-18 Aug
	Finland	18-21 Aug
	Germany	21-24 Aug
	Canada	6-8 Sept
	Mexico	8-12 Sept
	Argentina	12-15 Sept

	Brazil	15-17 Sept
	Japan	29 Oct-7 Nov
	Mongolia	7-11 Nov
	Japan	11-12 Nov
	Czech Republic	10-13 Dec
2012	USA	13-26 April
	Canada	26-28 April
	UK	13-15 May
	Slovenia	15-17 May
	Austria	17-22 May
	Italy	22-23 May
	Belgium	23-25 May
	Austria	25-27 May
	UK	14-24 June
	Italy	24-28 June
	USA	7-22 Oct
	UK	22-24 Oct
	Japan	3-14 Nov
2013	Italy	9-12 April
	Switzerland	12-17 April
	UK	17-21 April
	USA	6-21 May
	New Zealand	8-13 June
	Australia	13-23 June
	Latvia	8-11 Sept
	Lithuania	11-14 Sept
	Czech Republic	14-17 Sept
	Germany	17-20 Sept
	USA	7-11 Oct
	Mexico	11-17 Oct
	USA	17-21 Oct
	Poland	22-24 Oct
	Japan	15-26 Nov

2014	USA	18 Feb-7 March
	Japan	6-18 April
	Latvia	4-7 May
	Norway	7-10 May
	The Netherlands	10-13 May
	Germany	13-16 May
	Italy	10-16 June



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## The Three Main Commitments of His Holiness the Dalai Lama

His Holiness' first commitment is the promotion of human values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline. He considers all these human values as secular ethics that bring happiness to all humanity. He remains committed to talking about the importance of these fundamental values and sharing them with everyone he meets. As a spiritual leader, His Holiness' second commitment is the promotion of harmony and understanding between the world's varying beliefs. Despite philosophical differences, all the major world religions have the same potential to create better human beings. It is therefore vital for all religious traditions to respect each other and recognise the value of each other's doctrines. As a Tibetan, His Holiness' third commitment is to work to preserve Tibet's Buddhist culture, a culture based upon peace and non-violence.



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