

*Secretary to*  
**HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA**

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Dear Mr. Mellano,

His Holiness the Dalai Lama directs me to thank you for your recent letter and for sending Him a national flag of Tibet. He is very happy to learn about the launching of the campaign called “A *flag* for a real status of full autonomy for Tibet” and that now 200 towns, 12 provinces and 7 regions are displaying the Tibetan national flag as a symbol of support for the Tibetan people’s non-violence struggle.

His Holiness deeply appreciates your gesture and your strong sense of support for the Tibetan people. These are indeed very encouraging.

In place of the usual national flag of Tibet, the one you have sent will be displayed in the premises of His Holiness’s in palace.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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