BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF DR. LOBSANG SANGAY
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Dr. Lobsang Sangay was born in 1968 and was reared in a Tibetan settlement near Darjeeling, North-east India. He attended Schooling at the Central School for Tibetans. He completed his B.A. (Honors) and LLB degrees from Delhi University. In 1992, he was elected as the youngest executive member of the Tibetan Youth Congress (CENTREX).

In 1995, he won the Fulbright scholarship to pursue postgraduate studies at Harvard University. In 2004, he became the first ever Tibetan to receive S.J.D, degree from Harvard Law School for his PhD dissertation, Democracy in Distress: Is Exile Polity a Remedy? A Case Study of Tibet's Government-in-exile. Dr. Sangay is a recipient of the Yong K. Kim’ 95 Prize. In 2005, he was appointed as a research fellow and promoted to senior fellow till early 2011 at Harvard University.

Dr. Sangay is an expert on International Human Rights Law, Democratic Constitutionalism, and Conflict Resolution. He has spoken at numerous of seminars around the world. He organized several major conferences among Chinese, Tibetans, Indians and Western scholars on China and Tibet, including two unprecedented meeting between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Chinese scholars in 2003 and 2009 at Harvard University.

In 2007, he was selected as one of the twenty-four Young Leaders of Asia by the Asia Society and a delegate to the World Justice Forum in Vienna, Austria, where top legal experts and judges from around the world congregated.

In 2011, he was elected to the post of Sikyong, the democratically elected leader of the Tibetan people and political successor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet, in an unprecedented and competitive democratic election in the Tibetan Diaspora.

On August 8, 2011, during the swearing-in ceremony of Sikyong, (Formerly Kalon Tripa) His Holiness the Dalai Lama said:

“When I was young, an elderly regent Takdrag Rinpoche handed over Sikyong (political leadership) to me, and today I am handing over Sikyong to young Lobsang Sangay... In doing this I have fulfilled my long-cherished goal.”

In 2013, Dr. Sangay said “Tibet sets the litmus test for China’s rise” and that “the genesis of the self-immolations in Tibet is China’s repressive politics”, thus making China responsible and accountable for rights violations in Tibet.

In May 2016, Dr. Sangay was re-elected as the Sikyong (termed as President from 2017 onwards) for the second consecutive term and at the swearing-in ceremony graced by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, he unveiled the Five-Fifty Vision: Shaping Tibet's Political Future.

On June 15, 2016, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) presented a citation to Dr. Sangay to recognize and honor the democratic institution of the Central Tibetan Administration as envisioned by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Dr. Sangay was awarded Presidential Medal award by Salisbury U, Maryland, USA on 13 October 2015. He received the Gold Medal of the College Historical Society of Trinity College Dublin for Outstanding Contribution to Public Discourse by the Auditor of the Society, Ms Ursula Ni Choill.

Dr. Sangay has penned Op-eds for many of the leading news-sites such as The guardian, Washington Post and The Hill to name a few. He continues to travel extensively around the world for speaking engagements and leads high-level diplomatic engagements and political advocacy for Tibet, thus keeping Tibet not only in the radar but also atop the global political discourse and agenda.