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A NEW PUBLICATION FROM THE ASIA FREEDOM INSTITUTE

Asia Freedom Institute (AFI) published a new document today titled *The Next Dalai Lama. Collected Statements, Writings and Documents*. The publication, a product of AFI's *Project Reincarnation*, documents the burgeoning interest and content on the succession or reincarnation of the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet. It captures and compiles a significant portion of the content and discourse in the public domain through an extensive open-source research of materials, primarily in English.

"The issue of the succession or reincarnation of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and the continuity of the institution of the Dalai Lama is a defining issue for millions who follow Tibet, Tibetan Buddhism, religious freedom, China and global geopolitics. While there is a growing amount of content on this issue, the information available is dispersed and not easily accessible. I hope this publication will serve as a helpful reference source for policy makers, researchers and the general public," said Kelsang D. Aukatsang, AFI President.

The document can be downloaded from www.asiafreedominstitute.org.

AFI promotes democracy, human rights and religious freedom in China and Tibet; and strengthens Tibetan democracy in exile. It works towards educating the public and strengthening the community of people and organizations working on democracy and human rights issues related to China and Tibet.

Project Reincarnation is an initiative of AFI involving research and educating the public on the issue of reincarnations of important Tibetan Buddhist monks; and how the Chinese government interference in the reincarnation process constitutes a grave violation of the rights to religious freedom of the Tibetan people.