

# DOCUMENTS FOR THE ADOPTION OF TIBETAN TOWNS



*«The first step to eliminate peoples is to deprive them of memory. Their books, their cultures, their histories are destroyed. Next somebody else writes other books for them, gives them another culture, makes up another history for them. Later the peoples slowly begin to forget who they are and who they were. And the world around them forgets them much quicker.»*

*Milan Hübl, Czech writer*

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The «Tibetan towns adoption» campaign began on 24 April 2010 with the adoption of the Tibetan town of Lhatsé by Salles-sur-Garonne (31). Jean-Louis Halioua, the mayor of this town, was the initiator of the project and managed to convince the France-Tibet Association of the interest of such a campaign. Since the death of Francis Longavesne, who was a tireless defender of the Tibetan people and who ensured the continuation of the project, a collective of elected individuals and sympathisers, with Jean-Louis Halioua at its head, has kept working with the campaign and its further development. Pascal Dautancourt from France-Tibet Bureau is now in charge of the requests and proposals put forward by the towns or villages. The next objective is to expand adoptions to the whole Europe, with a presentation of the campaign to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and then to the Council of Europe in Brussels.

**The campaign is supported by the following associations:**

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You probably remember how the passage of the olympic flame in France before Beijing games had aroused deep emotion, as Tibet was the scene of serious troubles. Lots of our deputies from all political sides had then wondered about the real situation in Tibet and what course to follow to stop accepting passively what is unacceptable.

Since 2008, the situation has unfortunately not improved particularly in the fields of human rights, national heritage and Tibetan culture, which all express an ancient tradition and which are now jeopardized.

Today, because they have been pushed to their human limits by the unbearable and worsening situation they have to endure, some Tibetan men and women are driven to sacrifice their own lives to show how desperate they feel and to beg the world not to abandon them.

You may remember what Europeans did in the 80's to try and prevent Ceausescu from destroying all Rumanian villages. The driving principle was to get Rumanian villages adopted by villages from Western Europe so as to keep the eradication process in check. Thanks to such initiative, a certain number of Rumanian villages could be saved from destruction. The plan was quite simple to set up and can also answer the needs of today's Tibet.

A similar operation consists in adopting Tibetan towns or villages with the purpose of helping them keep their identity inside Tibet, their territory. The adoption procedure is much more simple than the twinning one since it doesn't involve any administrative formality.

The campaign is supported by the members of the group studying the Tibet issue for the French National Assembly and by the Tibet international information group for the Senate represented by its president Jean-François Humbert. Today more than 60 towns or villages are taking part in the adoption campaign, one of which being Paris XIth district which has adopted Lhasa city.

In the following pages to be sent to your elected representatives you will find all the necessary elements for presenting them the campaign.

*Jean-Louis Halioua  
Salles-sur-Garonne Mayor*

*Marcelle Roux  
France-Tibet President*

***In the following file which is to be handed to your local councillors, you will find all the necessary documents for becoming involved in the operation***

*The goals of the campaign for the adoption of Tibetan town \_\_\_\_\_ Page 3*

*The different steps of the procedure \_\_\_\_\_ Page 4*

*The document for your town's endorsement \_\_\_\_\_ Page 5*

*Addresses for the deliberation mailing*

*and useful addresses for the adopting procedure \_\_\_\_\_ Page 6*

*The list of Tibetan towns adopted by European ones. \_\_\_\_\_ Page 7-8*

## WHY SUCH A CAMPAIGN?

We feel that this campaign is very important because thanks to it a strong and personalized link can be established between the people of France and Europe and the Tibetan people.

The Tibetan people is living today under conditions of extreme suffering due to the occupation of their land. They need the support and the sympathy of the world to fight for their survival and for the preservation of their culture.

The goals of the adoption actions are:

- To preserve the identity of the adopted towns or villages inside their territories following the example of what has been done with Rumanian villages or towns.
- To open the horizons of the people from the French towns or villages to other cultures, other citizens of the world and as French citizens act as guarantors for the Liberty, Equality, Fraternity motto.
- To act with a general constructive view aiming at preserving the Tibetan patrimony, history and culture, leading to mutual benefit
- To make the adoption of Tibetan towns official and known of the media
- To show the Chinese government that French people feel highly concerned both by the future of the people living in the various selected towns or villages and by the defense of their rights as citizens of the Popular Republic of China
- To maintain a high degree of vigilance so that the people of Tibetan origin won't lose their cultural or worship identity.

We suggest that during an adoption ceremony a Tibetan person living in France may come to tell about his or her birthplace so as to make it more familiar to our fellow citizens.

As an example, the Salles-sur-Garonne town has officially adopted the Lhatsé town located to the west of Lassa which is an important crossroads on the road connecting Lassa to Mount Kailash, in the central area of Tibet. During the official adopting ceremony, venerable Géshé Tengyé-La, from Vajra-Yogini Institute and native of the Lhatsé area, came to share about his country evoking the Tibetan history and culture.

It's with the same viewpoint of mutual exchanges that the pupils from the Salles-sur-Garonne school exchange mails with some Tibetan pupils in exile in India.

French towns can easily subscribe to such constructive perspective aiming at preserving the Tibetan heritage, history and culture, and leading to mutual benefit.

The adoption action can possibly result in a real twinning one when the political situation in China makes it possible but no commitment of that kind is now required.

## WHAT ARE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BE TAKEN?

The adoption procedure is an easy one which only requires a deliberation in principle along with the putting up of signs at the town entrance.

No need for the town council to contact the Chinese authorities or the Tibetan population .

**After you have been in touch with the person responsible for allocating the Tibetan towns and villages (see useful addresses p.5), a Tibetan town or village, which corresponds as closely as possible to your own (number of inhabitants, specifications, local themes), will be proposed to you.**

We put a great deal of information at your disposal like the location of each town in its region, the number of inhabitants as well as various documents which can permit you to better understand the local life and Tibet's current problems.

**The project has then to be put to a vote by the town council.**

**A date is then fixed for the actual adoption.** Each council remains free to organize it as they wish. In partnership with the associations for the defense of Tibet and the representatives of the Tibetan institutions in exile, you can be offered some documents as well as exhibition equipment , films or even contributors. People of Tibetan origin can come and speak for you about their country and share this ceremony with the population in a friendly way.

During the various steps of the adopting procedure , the town or village is supported by the associations and the councilors who are already involved in the project.

**After the official adopting ceremony has been held one or two signs will be put at each entrance of the village so as to be seen by all the towns or villages taking part in the project.** The only thing you have to do is to order the sign. Then the graphic designer will send you the final document bearing the name of your village or town along with that of the Tibetan one. You will finally just have to send it to the sign manufacturer remembering that the manufacturing of the sign has to be first approved by the Bureau of Tibet in Brussels.



*The board was designed by Bruno Marini. He has now been put in charge of personalizing the drawing style of the names of French and Tibetan towns for the sum of 84 euro (without tax), which permits to get the same visual sign for all the towns anxious to join the project. Remember that Brussels Tibet Bureau has approved of it. The graphic designer's e-mail and phone number can be found page 6 of the document.*



# Document to be sent to the persons in charge of the campaign

In order to know you better and to keep the campaign up to date , we would be grateful to you if you could send (by post or e-mail) this page to the following persons in charge.

**Jean-Louis HALIOUA - 31390 SALLES SUR GARONNE**  
**E-mail : j.louis.halioua@ac-toulouse.fr**

**Pascal DAUTANCOURT - 13, Le Debucher - 28260 ANET**  
**E-mail : pascal.daut@live.fr**

NAME OF YOUR TOWN: .....

Town Hall address: .....

Postcode and county: .....

Telephone and Fax: .....

E-mail: .....

Website master: .....

Name and surname of Mayor: .....

NAME OF TIBETAN TOWN: .....

RESULT OF DELIBERATION VOTE: APPROVED  or REJECTED

DATE OF CEREMONY CONFIRMED\*: YES  NO

If answer yes, date: .....

Remarks: .....

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*\* if the date is still to be arranged, please let the 2 persons above know when it is done*

## ADDRESS LABELS FOR DELIBERATION MAILING

<p>M. The Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW 1A 2 AA</p>	<p>Her Majesty The Queen Buckingham Palace London SW 1A 1 AA</p>
<p>Mr Lobsang SANGAY Tibet's Prime Minister TIBETAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE Gangchen Kyishong DHARAMSALA 176215, District Kangra, H.P. (INDE)</p>	<p>Assembly of Tibetan People 's Deputies Main Office Gangchen Kyishong DHARAMSALA 176215, District Kangra, H.P. (INDE)</p>
<p>Mr Ban KI-MOON General Secretary UN United Nations Headquarters U.N. Plaza New York, NY 10017 USA</p>	<p>Mr Tsering DHONDUP Représentant du Gouvernement tibétain en exil Bureau du Tibet 84 bd Adolphe Pinard 75014 PARIS</p>
<p>Monsieur le Président de la Commission Européenne Commission Européenne Rue de la Loi 200 B-1049 - Bruxelles</p>	<p>Monsieur le Président du Parlement Européen Parlement européen, Bât. Louise Weiss, T10013, Allée du Printemps BP 10024/F - 67070 Strasbourg Cedex</p>
<p>Groupe d'étude parlementaire sur le Tibet Palais Bourbon, Casier de la Poste 75355 Paris 07 SP</p>	<p>Groupe d'information sur le Tibet Sénat Palais du Luxembourg 75291 Paris cedex 06</p>
<p>Madame NAVI PILLAY Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies aux Droits de l'Homme Palais des Nations / 8 - 14 Avenue de la Paix 1211 Genève 10 - SUISSE</p>	<p>Mr Thomas MANN, President of the Tibet intergroup European Parliament Rue Wiertz, ASP 15 E 107 B - 1047 Bruxelles</p>

Pour l'envoi au Président de la République: pas d'affranchissement (marquer FP à la place du timbre)

Pour le Central Tibetan Administration l'affranchissement est de 2,40 euro de 40 à 60 g et 3,20 euro de 60 à 100 g

Pour toutes les autres adresses: affranchissement au tarif en vigueur en Europe

### USEFUL ADDRESSES FOR ADOPTION PROCEDURE

*The campaign for the adoption of Tibetan or villages by European ones is now run by a collective made up of politicians or sympathizers under the leadership of Jean-Louis Halioua, mayor of Salles-sur-Garonne (31) and initiator of the campaign.*

*In addition to the information available in this file and on the [www.parrainages-villes-tibet.org](http://www.parrainages-villes-tibet.org) website, different persons (see list below) can be contacted for advice, support or information at each step of the procedure. They can also help you with the organization of exhibitions, for the installation of information boards or to get in touch with the Tibetan people who could take part in the adoption ceremony.*

Information about procedure, Town Council, Politicians: **Jean-Louis Halioua - Tél. : 06 09 64 74 09**  
E-mail: [j.louis.halioua@ac-toulouse.fr](mailto:j.louis.halioua@ac-toulouse.fr)

Allocation and follow up of Tibetan villages or towns, relations with Tibetan institutions:  
**Pascal Dautancourt - Tél. : 06 75 66 24 51**  
E-mail: [pascal.daut@live.fr](mailto:pascal.daut@live.fr)

Public relations, website: **Jean-Louis Escarguel - Tél. : 06 81 12 10 22 - E-mail: [info@parrainages-villes-tibet.org](mailto:info@parrainages-villes-tibet.org)**

Making of town entrance board: **Bruno Marini - Tél. : 06 31 55 27 08 - [www.wix.com/wubikk/studio-wubik](http://www.wix.com/wubikk/studio-wubik)**

## LIST OF EUROPEAN CITIES HAVING ADOPTED TIBETAN ONES

*The allocation number on the list doesn't correspond to the order of adoption but to the order of application*

	<i>Ville française</i>	<i>Code postal</i>	<i>Maire</i>	<i>Ville tibétaine</i>
1	<b>Salles-sur-Garonne</b>	31390	Jean-Louis Halioua	<b>Lhatse</b>
2	<b>Beckerich</b>	Luxembourg	Camille Gira	<b>Gyama</b>
3	<b>Crest</b>	26400	Hervé Mariton	<b>Lithang</b>
4	<b>Brouckerque</b>	59630	Jean-Pierre Decool	<b>Siling</b>
5	<b>Bray-Dunes</b>	59123	Claude Marteel	<b>Kardze</b>
6	<b>Coudekerque-Branche</b>	59210	David Bailleul	<b>Dhartsedo</b>
7	<b>Sisteron</b>	04200	Daniel Spagnou	<b>Nyingtri</b>
8	<b>Dieffenthal</b>	67650	Charles Andrea	<b>Jaquing</b>
9	<b>Pezens</b>	11170	Jean-Pierre Botsen	<b>Dingri</b>
10	<b>Lugagnan</b>	65100	Jacques Garrot	<b>Lhokha</b>
11	<b>Bourgtheroulde-Infreville</b>	27520	Bruno Questel	<b>Samye</b>
12	<b>Saint-Laurent-du-Var</b>	06700	Henri Revel	<b>Taktser</b>
13	<b>Divonne-Les-Bains</b>	01220	Étienne Blanc	<b>Kyirong</b>
14	<b>L'Argentière-la-Bessée</b>	05120	Joël Giraud	<b>Shethongmon</b>
15	<b>Lamothe-Goas</b>	32500	Alain Scudellaro	<b>Tsang Lukner Shakar</b>
16	<b>St-Genés-Champanelle</b>	63122	Roger Gardes	<b>Dromo</b>
17	<b>Festes-et-St-André</b>	11300	Daniel Bord	<b>Tadruk</b>
18	<b>Paris XI</b>	75011	Patrick Bloche	<b>Lhassa</b>
19	<b>Manduel</b>	30129	Marie-Louise Sabatier	<b>Gyantse</b>
20	<b>Créon</b>	33670	Jean-Marie Darmian	<b>Ruthok</b>
21	<b>Valouse</b>	26110	Patrick Liévaux	<b>Shag Rongpo</b>
22	<b>Plouray</b>	56770	Michel Morvant	<b>Tsari</b>
23	<b>Lans-en-Vercors</b>	38250	Jean-Paul Gouttenoire	<b>Jomda</b>
24	<b>La Chapelle-Saint-Ursin</b>	18570	Yvon Beuchon	<b>Sangchu-Labrang</b>
25	<b>Soulom</b>	65260	Xavier Macias	<b>Chongye</b>
26	<b>Saint-Thomas-en-Royans</b>	26190	Christian Follut	<b>Jol</b>
27	<b>Merville</b>	59660	Jacques Parent	<b>Dzogang</b>
28	<b>Mourenx</b>	64150	David Habib	<b>Tsona</b>
29	<b>Lavaur</b>	81500	Bernard Carayon	<b>Shigatse</b>
30	<b>Izeure</b>	21110	Catherine Lanterne	<b>Yubeng</b>
31	<b>Artiguelouve</b>	64230	Éline Gosset	<b>Nyethang</b>
32	<b>Digne-Les-Bains</b>	04000	Serge Gloaguen	<b>Kumbum</b>
33	<b>Lavelanet-de-Comminges</b>	31220	Évelyne Delavergne	<b>Narhang</b>
34	<b>Le Vigan</b>	30120	Éric Doulcier	<b>Dergé</b>
35	<b>Bourbourg</b>	59630	Francis Bassemon	<b>Shalu</b>
36	<b>Gensac-sur-Garonne</b>	31310	Henri Devic	<b>Gadong</b>
37	<b>Bax</b>	31310	Philippe Bedel	<b>Rong</b>
38	<b>Carbonne</b>	31390	Guy Hellé	<b>Nagartse</b>
39	<b>Epinac</b>	71360	Jean-François Nicolas	<b>Sakya</b>
40	<b>Amfreville-La-Mi-Voie</b>	76920	Luc Von Lennep	<b>Phari</b>

