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## Statement from a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Australia

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter.

The points raised in your letter are inconsistent with objective facts.

1. It is verified that the relevant article you referenced was provided by authoritative Chinese experts and scholars in Tibetan Buddhism, and the contents therein are authentic and verifiable.

2. The 4th and 6th Dalai Lamas were both born within the territory of China, and any allegation claiming otherwise is a complete distortion of history and utterly groundless. It is an incontrovertible historical fact that the 4th Dalai Lama, Yonten Gyatso, was born in 1589 in Inner Mongolia, which was then a Chinese territory under the effective jurisdiction of the Ming Dynasty Central Government. Meanwhile, the 6th Dalai Lama, Tsangyang Gyatso, was born in 1683 in the Tawang region of southern Xizang, China, which was under the full administration of Xizang's local authorities.

3. The system of approval by the Central Government is just a historical fact and an established religious ritual, with neither "strengthening" nor "overemphasizing". The assertions made by the so-called "independent Tibetan scholars" diverge from this truth; they are, in fact, sheer fabrications and distortions of history.

In view of the above, the assertions and statements presented to you by certain so-called "independent Tibetan scholars" are entirely false. We sincerely hope ABC maintain an objective and impartial stance, refuse to be misled by such misinformation, and refrain from producing any programs based on it. Inviting the fabricators who propagated these falsehoods to your platform would gravely mislead the public and breach your own editorial principles.

We remain open to continuing our communication with you on this matter. Looking forward to your response and renewing our future cooperation.