

Colombo Plan - 1962



Ashi Tashi led the delegation to the 14th Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan held in Melbourne, Australia. The Colombo Plan is the second international meeting Bhutan sought and obtained.



GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

CAMP:
Olympia House,
P33 mission Row Extension
Calcutta-13
The 9th January, 1963.

Senator the Honourable J.G. Gorton,
Minister for the Navy and Minister
assisting the Minister for
External Affairs,
Canberra,
AUSTRALIA.

Your Excellency,

As the first person who guided our Delegates on the advisability of applying for immediate membership within the Colombo Plan, and for kindly asserting your influence and so swiftly steering the way to our membership, we are greatly indebted to you.

On behalf of His Majesty the King of Bhutan, his Government and people, I write to convey to you our best and grateful thanks, and send you small gifts as a mark of our deep appreciation.

With my warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(JIGMIE P. DORJI)
PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN



SISTERS-IN-LAW from Bhutan added a splash of color to the Colombo Plan Conference today with their gay national costumes of satin and silk. They are Mrs J. P. Dorji (left) and Miss T. Dorji.



GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

The Right Honourable R.G. Menzies,
Prime Minister of Australia,
Canberra,
AUSTRALIA.

Your Excellency,

I am directed to write and say that His Majesty the King of Bhutan, the Government and people of Bhutan wish to convey to Your Excellency and to the Government of Australia their sincere thanks for the invitation extended to Bhutan to participate as observers at the 14th Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan, and above all their deep gratitude for the guidance and strong support to our Delegates by the Australian Delegation in applying for Bhutan's full membership within the Colombo Plan.

We rejoice that our membership was obtained while the meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee was held in your country and that our Delegation received immeasurable kindness and hospitality from members of your Government and Delegation, and from each and every Australian that they were privileged to meet. We hope that our membership, so warmly encouraged by your Delegation, will mean not only our benefit from the Colombo Plan, but that Bhutan may, in time, play a worthy part within it.

The leader of our Delegation, Miss Tashi Dorji, informs us that, in addition to this visit to Australia being an auspicious one for fulfilling our membership in the Colombo Plan, she says that it was also an illuminating one for comprehension of your people's way of life and of the invaluable contribution your great country is making towards peace and progress for yourselves and for all around you.

I am sending some hand woven materials, a "chaka" and a sword made in Bhutan. Allow me to present them to Your Excellency for His Majesty the King of Bhutan and from the Government and people of Bhutan as a token of their admiration for your great and progressive country and its people under the chosen and distinguished leadership of Your Excellency, and of gratitude for the goodness and help received by Bhutan through their Delegation from the Government and people of Australia.

With my warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Jigmie P. Dorji)

PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN





GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

The Honourable Sir Garfield Barwick Q.C., M.P.,
Minister for External Affairs,
Canberra,
AUSTRALIA.

CAMP:
Olympia House,
P33 mission Row Extension,
Calcutta-13,
The 9th January, 1963.

Your Excellency,

Our Delegation of Observers to the 14th Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan held in Melbourne have returned with Bhutan admitted as full members. We know that this could not have been achieved this year without the sympathetic guidance and invaluable support and advice given by your Excellency, Senator the Honourable J.G. Gorton, Mr. W.G.A. Landale, Mr. J.K. Waller, Mr. L.J. Arnott and all the members of the Australian Delegation.

On behalf of His Majesty the King of Bhutan and the people and Government of Bhutan, I thank you all most sincerely for this and for the great goodwill, hospitality and kindness bestowed upon our delegation. That, Your Excellency, in the midst of your many duties, found time to take a personal interest in our Delegates and honoured them with kind words and beautiful gifts from the Government of Australia, in addition to causing the Australian Delegation to take the leading part in attaining full membership for Bhutan within the Colombo Plan evokes our deepest gratitude.

We are assured that our membership in the Colombo Plan which you have been pleased to support will open for our country a vista of peaceful progress and help us to confront our problems with courage and aspirations.

Miss Tashi Dorji has told us that both during the Conference and throughout the post conference tours so kindly arranged by your Government, our Delegates were able to meet Australians in many walks of life and visit homes, farms, and certain institutions for cultural education and scientific research which has impressed upon them and us, the warm spirit and kindness of your people, the material prosperity of your country and the important role your country is taking in affairs in South and South East Asia and in all this modern international world under the imaginative wisdom of statesmen like Your Excellency and members of your Government.

As a mark of our esteem and gratitude, please accept these few gifts from our country sent by His Majesty the King of Bhutan and by the Government and people of Bhutan.

With my warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(Jigmie P. Dorji)
PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN





REMEMBERING THE COLOMBO PLAN (1962) IN AUSTRALIA

By Ashi Tashi Dorji

In 1962 Bhutan received an invitation from His Excellency the Prime Minister of Australia Sir Robert Gordon Menzies to attend the 14th Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan that was to be held in Melbourne.

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Bhutan's Prime Minister Lyonchen Jigme Palden Dorji my late brother and some officials were to attend the meeting.

However, just then the China India Border War broke out and Lyonchen Jigme decided it was more important for him to remain in Bhutan at this critical time.

It was decided that an all women's delegation from Bhutan would attend the Colombo Plan Meeting in Melbourne, Australia, which consisted of myself, Tessa Dorji (Prime Minister Jigme Dorji's wife) and Ms. Benita Dunne, Secretary to Lyonchen Jigme Palden Dorji. Bhutan was to attend as observer status, and would be admitted as a member only after a period of 2 years as per the guidelines of the Colombo Plan.

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We prepared a small brochure on Bhutan with what little information we had at the time and with the help of a few friends had it printed in Hong Kong. I had also prepared a short speech.

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The flight from Hong Kong to Australia was a very long and arduous one and I remember that we landed at a small arid place, perhaps Darwin, and then to Melbourne where the meeting was to be held.

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In Australia we received great kindness and hospitality from the government and people of Australia. We were thoroughly spoilt and enjoyed our visit greatly. On the final day of the Colombo Plan Meeting, I had to give my speech and was extremely nervous, but the audience was most kind and I was overwhelmed to receive a standing ovation and many people came to congratulate me.

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At the luncheon hosted I think by the Japanese Delegation, where Senator J.G. Gorton was present, I made a request to Senator Gorton to kindly make Bhutan a member of the Colombo Plan that very year, and to give Bhutan his kind support and assistance in fulfilling our wish.

Senator Gorton immediately went around the room to discuss the matter informally with the other delegates to the Colombo Plan and through the warm support and great kindness of the Australian Government and Senator Gorton, Bhutan was accepted as a full member of the Colombo Plan in 1962.

At a large banquet held in the National Library, I was presented to the Governor General of Australia Lord Richard Casey.

Lord Casey had known my father Gyongzim Raja Sonam Tobgye Dorji when Lord Casey was Governor of Bengal, so Lord Casey was especially kind and affectionate to me.

Lady Casey gave me a beautiful water color painting of the Darjeeling Race Course at Lebong which she had painted herself, and which is still with me.

There was also a ball which I did not attend. But Tesla Dorji attended it. She was a beautiful dancer and I was told that she charmed everyone, and was the Belle of the Ball.

Before we left Melbourne, His Excellency the Prime Minister Sir Robert Gordon Menzies presented me with a most beautiful Australian Opal Brooch which he pinned himself on my dress.

We were greatly moved by the great kindness and care we received from the Government of Australia and every Australian we met towards our delegation and to our Kingdom of Bhutan.

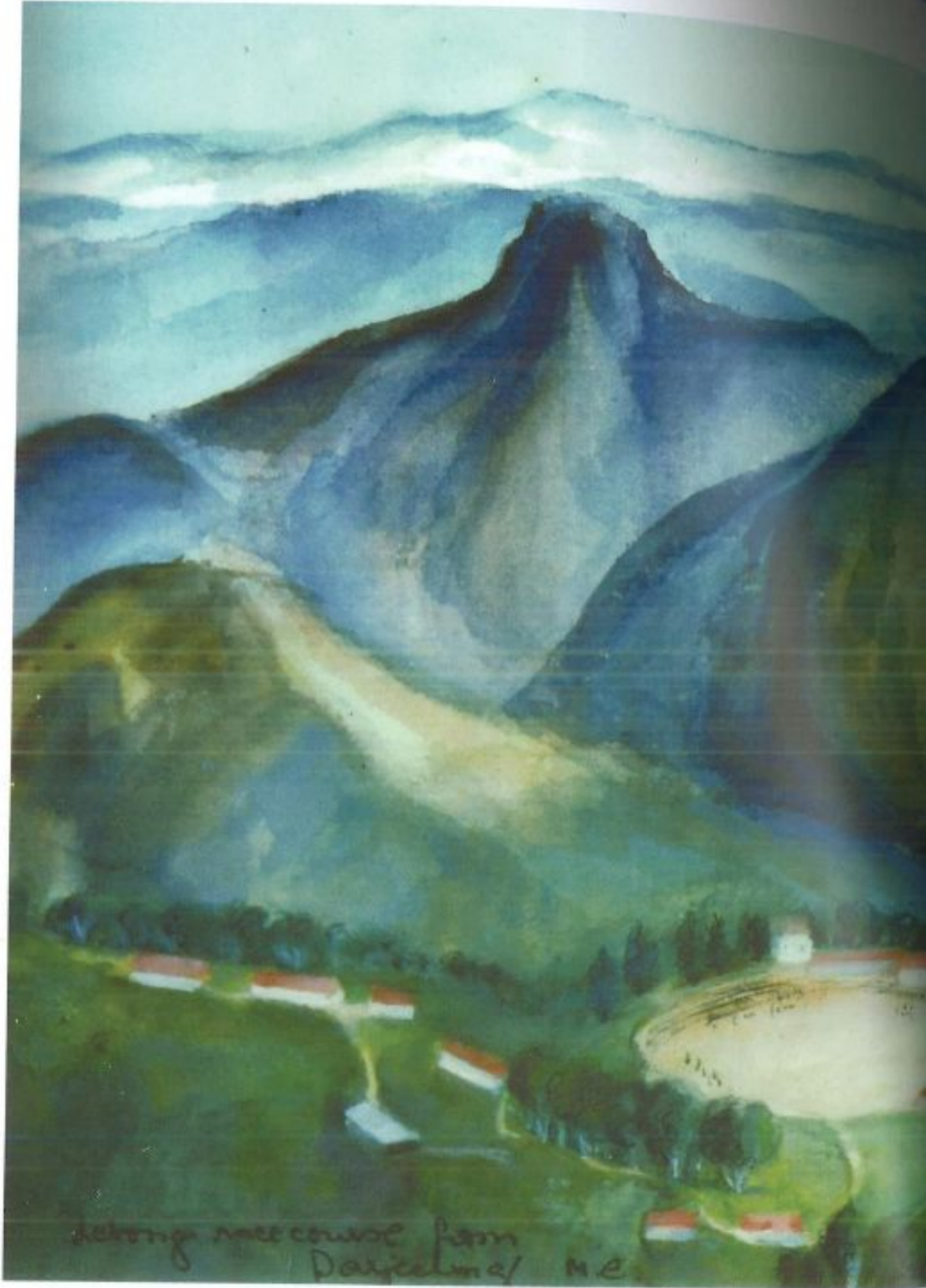
I wish that the great friendship and cooperation between our Kingdom and people of Bhutan and the Australian Government and people will ever flourish and grow from strength to strength.

Tashi Delek!

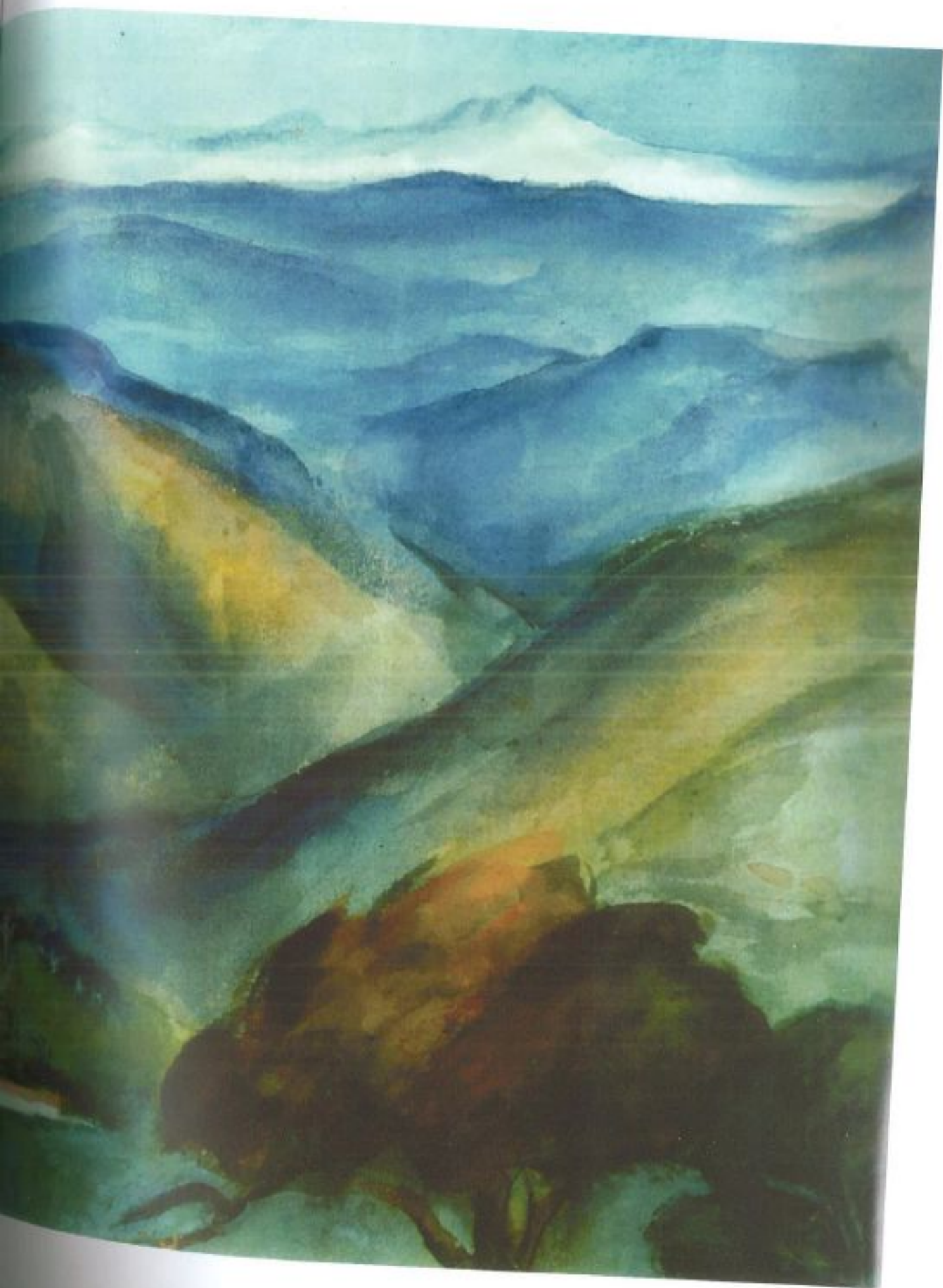


Ashi Tashi Dorji





LeBron's race course from
Dartmouth M.E.





Previous: Lady Casey gave Ashi Tashi Dorji a beautiful water color painting of the Darjeeling Race Course at Lebong which she painted herself.

Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji raised and kept his horses at the Lebong Race Course.



Australian Prime Minister Sir Robert Gordon Menzies presiding over the 14th Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan meeting in Melbourne, Australia in 1962.





RECEPTION

in the distinguished presence of

HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL SIR DALLAS BROOKS
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.

GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

AND LADY BROOKS

Arranged by the

GOVERNMENT OF VICTORIA

in honour of the

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE
COLOMBO PLAN CONFERENCE



National Gallery of Victoria

Monday, 12th November, 1962, at 8.30 p.m.



The National Gallery of Victoria, which is entirely a State Institution, was founded in 1861.

The first collections consisting of plaster casts and other forms of reproductions, were purchased with a sum of £2,000 voted by the Trustees of the Public Library in 1850 and it was not until 1864 that the first picture Gallery was opened to the public. Ten years later the building of the main Gallery was completed more or less in its present form—a considerable achievement for a city then less than fifty years old. The National Gallery has had a fine tradition of benefactors and has received gifts of money and works of art both from Australia and overseas.

The names of Connell, Kent, Templeton and Spensley celebrate some of the most generous benefactors but the most important gift to the Institution is the bequest of Mr. Alfred Felton which came to us in 1905. Since then nearly two million pounds have been spent on works of art of all kinds and the visitor can judge the quality and number of these works by a glance at the labels throughout the Gallery. Since the Felton Bequest, Melbourne has received a further generous gift from the Estate of Mr. Everard Studley Miller and portraits acquired under the terms of the Miller Bequest can now be seen in the McArthur Gallery. The collection of this Gallery ranges from portraits, prints and drawings and sculpture to furniture, textiles, metal work and ceramics and there is a particularly important collection of Chinese and Japanese Art.

Among the masterpieces of the collections are works by Rembrandt, Tiepolo, Titian, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Turner and William Blake and we are particularly proud of our great collection of engravings by the German artist Albrecht Durer.

Only a small proportion of the collections can be seen in the present building and it is therefore pleasant to record that the State Government is at present engaged in building a great new Gallery in St. Kilda Road near Princes Bridge which, when it opens, will house the collections of this Institution in a way worthy of their quality.

Through the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia is able to show one aspect of the vital cultural activity for which this country is now being known throughout the world.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS



8.30 p.m.—Guests arrive at the National Gallery and proceed to the Stawell Gallery



Musical Programme commences



8.45 p.m.—The Leaders of Delegations to the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan Conference arrive



9.00 p.m.—His Excellency the Governor of Victoria and Lady Brooks arrive



Members of the Official Party are presented



Musical Programme ceases



A Procession is formed and the Official Party proceeds to the dais in the Stawell Gallery



The National Anthem is played as a Royal Salute



The Honourable the Deputy Premier welcomes the Guests



The Honourable the Leader of the Australian Delegation replies



Musical Programme continues



Refreshments are served



9.45 p.m.—A Buffet Supper is served in the McArthur Gallery



10.30 p.m.—His Excellency the Governor of Victoria and Lady Brooks depart

GUESTS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT
THE GALLERIES DURING THE RECEPTION

TO MEET OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE COLOMBO PLAN CONFERENCE



THE LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION

REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF THE COMPANY OF

Miss Tashi Dorji

AT A RECEPTION ON TUESDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1962

FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

*Southern Cross Hotel
Melbourne*

Please SHOW this card on entry.

Regrets only
63 0221 ext. 425

IN HONOUR OF DELEGATES TO THE MEETING OF THE
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COLOMBO PLAN



THE HONOURABLE SIR GARFIELD BARWICK, O.C., M.P.,
LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION

REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF THE COMPANY OF

Miss Tasha Dairji

AT A RECEPTION ON MONDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1962

FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

*Southern Cross Hotel,
Melbourne.*

Regrets only
63 0221 ext. 425
Dress informal

FOURTEENTH COLOMBO
PLAN CONFERENCE



MELBOURNE
October-November, 1962

12th November, 1962.

Dear Miss Dorji,

I was delighted to receive the beautiful gifts you sent me this morning. I shall treasure them as a happy souvenir of our meeting and hope that we may meet again in Bhutan some day. The Bhutanese stamps are particularly welcome as my wife is an ardent collector.

I shall certainly read the papers on your five year plan and see that they are brought to the notice of the Department of External Affairs and the Government.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Walker

Miss Tashi Dorji,
Delegation of Bhutan.



MELBOURNE
October - November, 1962

British Delegation.

Q. xi. 62.

Dear Miss Doji,

Thank you very much indeed for sending me the summary of your five year Development Plan. I shall certainly look forward to reading it, & I shall take it back to London so that others may also see it there.

It is more difficult to convey to you adequately my thanks for the most lovely silver bowl. In my travels in the East (which I regret have not yet

MELBOURNE
October - November, 1962



Extended to Blusam) I have often
seen charming pieces of silver. But I
do not possess any, & this particularly
beautiful thing will be a lasting delight
to me & to my wife - though she, alas,
will not be able to share my memory
of my acquaintance with the kind donor.
Thank you very much indeed.

I am enquiring of your office whether
10.0 am. tomorrow, Saturday, would be
convenient to you for our meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

L.B. Waterhouse



The Leader of the Indonesian Delegation
Lieutenant-General G.P.H. Djatikusuma
Minister of Land Communications, Posts, Telecommunications and
Tourism of Indonesia

requests the pleasure of the company of

Miss Tashi Dorji

at a Reception

on Wednesday, 14th November 1962 at 5.00-6.30 p.m.

in the Epsilon Room, Southern Cross Hotel

R.S.T.P. (Regrets only)
Southern Cross Hotel,
Room 519

The Leader of the Korean Delegation,
Mr. Dong Whan Lee

requests

the pleasure of the company of

... Miss... Tashi... Dorji...

at a Cocktail Reception to be given
after the Closing Session, 16th Nov. '62.

"Epsilon"



The Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress
(Councillor and Mr. Maurice A. Nathan)
request the pleasure of the company of

Mrs. Tsering Doiji

at a Civic Reception

*in honour of Delegates to the Fourteenth Meeting
of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee
in the Reception Room, Town Hall, Melbourne
Thursday, 1st November, 1962 at 5 o'clock p. m.*

*Please present this card
Lounge Suit*

copy of Tashir's letter
to the Australian President,

Alma ha High Commission to New Delhi
INDIA



Paro,
Bhutan.
June 23rd, 1964.

Your Excellency,

In the tragedy that has befallen us in the loss of our beloved brother your letter of sympathy and your kind words and thoughts for Jigmi have given us great comfort and courage. On behalf of Mother and the family I thank Your Excellency most sincerely.

Jigmi's last visit to Delhi was a good one and in the course of this visit he was especially happy and encouraged after his meeting with Your Excellency and we are grateful to you for this. During the last year or two Jigmi has had very much heavier burdens of responsibility and anxiety, and in the midst of this to find at least some persons outside Bhutan who understood the country's problems and gave him constructive advice and encouragement was something to be considered with deep appreciation.

Jigmi never professed to be a thinker or a seer but where our country was concerned he had vision and his outlook had a universal perspective. In spite of ill-health, great difficulties and often bitter disappointments he was able with his wonderful spirit and energy to achieve many of his ideals.

As you know, Sir James, Bhutan is not all that outside people would wish it to be just now, but we, who have known the past, believe that we have accumulated many benefits which we owe to Jigmi. There was promise of so much more if only he had been spared to live a little longer. In his loyal and untiring endeavours for the well-being of the people and country we see every-where around us so many works and projects started by him and we are saddened to think that he is no longer among us for the further working out of his plans. Ours is a country just breaking through. We lack trained and even untrained personnel, and the un-necessary loss of a person like Jigmi with his outstanding abilities and love for the people is a great loss. It is not an easy task to light the way forward for a people steeped in tradition and with a past such as ours but Jigmi did this admirably and had the love and complete confidence of the lamas and the working public, and throughout this sorrowful episode the greatest solace has been the sympathetic response of these people who realise the meaning of his loss.

Seeing the mountains, the rivers and the peaceful and beautiful scenery of our country it is difficult to believe that such things could happen here but I suppose that even in Bhutan we must now have our share of irrational people whose thoughts and actions lead to such unkind ends.



Before closing, Your Excellency, I would like to say how glad we were to know from you that the Government of Australia has decided to give us some caravans to be tried out as a possible form of accommodation for foreign experts. We realise that the assistance we receive from Australia depends a lot on the recommendation of yourself and your staff. Please accept our grateful thanks.

In order to ensure that these caravans, on arrival, can be conveyed to their destinations without delay I have spoken to "Dantak" Border Road Forces who are at present engaged in widening the Phuntsholing-Thimphu road. They are confident that they can get the caravans here provided they know in advance the weight and dimensions of the caravans so that they can widen and adjust the bends and parts of the roads where and if necessary. Therefore, may I trouble you Sir James for these figures? - or if you could instruct your Colombo Plan Attache to kindly send me these figures.

I am also anxious to know whether the Australian brick and agricultural experts whom Mr. Maudouit spoke to me about will be coming.

I do not know if Mr. Maudouit has left for Australia, but earlier this year I told him that I would be filling in application forms for an Australian architect named Snodgras who came twice to Bhutan - once with the High Commissioner for Canada in Ceylon, Mr. James George. Mr. Snodgras was keen to work in Bhutan under Colombo Plan and Mr. George too thought it would be good for us. He promised to send me his curriculum vitae but he has not done so. Perhaps he has changed his mind.

The Australian Government have been so generous to us that I am afraid to direct at them too many requests for assistance. However, where training is concerned I was very interested to read a Colombo Plan press feature "Australia's Aid to her Neighbours" in which Sir Garfield Barwick writes "All of the 14 Asian members of the Colombo Plan, except the newly admitted member, Bhutan, have taken advantage of Australian officers of training....." and "..... the first offer of training has been made to the Kingdom of Bhutan". Seeing this, I feel we may ask for training officers once our housing problem is solved.

The ten International Harvester Trucks from Australia are proving most useful in the Southern Division. The other ten are ready for despatch from Calcutta to Phuntsholing and I hope to send soon a report on them to Your Excellency's Colombo Plan Attache.

With our warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tashi Dorji

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Tashi Dorji", written over a faint horizontal line.



Studmaster
J. Turnbull (Romsey 22)

K. G. LUKE

Phone

Dorset Horn

ROMSEY 31

Poll Hereford



Studmaster
C. Bruce (Romsey 31)

Deepfields Stud

ROMSEY

VICTORIA

AUSTRALIA



*Left to right: Ashi Tessa Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji and an Australian official.
The Bhutan Delegation at the Colombo Plan, Australia.*



Left to right: Ashi Tessa Dorji, Ms. Benita Dunn and Ashi Tashi Dorji in Australia.



A shearer demonstrating the shearing of a sheep to the members of the delegation of the Colombo Plan in Australia.



Postcard photograph of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit Kitiyakarn of Thailand (1963).

H. M. Queen Sirikit of Thailand

Mandarin Hotel - HONGKONG
21st November

BY AIR

(Hope to return to Bangkok
end of November)

Dear Kesang,

I hope the Majesty's health is quickly improving & that you yourself & children are all well. I arrived here from Bangkok on the 17th after the end of the Conference. Hongkong is much more crowded than before but it lovely to be here & this Hotel is very comfortable & has nice rooms. It is wonderful to relax after the tempo of the Conference - rush-rush! But I made good friends at the Conference. Did I tell you the King & Queen of Thailand invited me to tea & they each called me to speak to them. She is charming & terribly attractive with beautiful figure. No. 213



The Majesty the Queen
of Bhutan
Ashu Kesang
Dechen Choling
THIMPHU
BHUTAN



Ashi Tashi Dorji greeting His Majesty The King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Her Majesty the Queen Sirikit Kitayakara of Thailand.

In 1963, the 15th Consultative Committee Meeting of the Colombo Plan was held in Thailand. Ashi Tashi Dorji led the Bhutan delegation.



Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Dasho Lhendup Dorji and Lyonpo Dawa Tsering at the Colombo Plan Meeting in Thailand.



Ashi Tashi Dorji on sight seeing tours during the Colombo Plan meeting in Thailand.





Ashi Tashi Dorji at Colombo Plan meeting in Thailand.



Left to right: Lyonpo Dawa Tsering, Bhala, Dashi Dhendup Dorji, unknown, Ashi Tashi Dorji and unknown, Thailand.



Ashi Tashi Dorji and Dasho Lhendup Dorji (extreme right standing) with members of Colombo Plan delegation, Thailand.

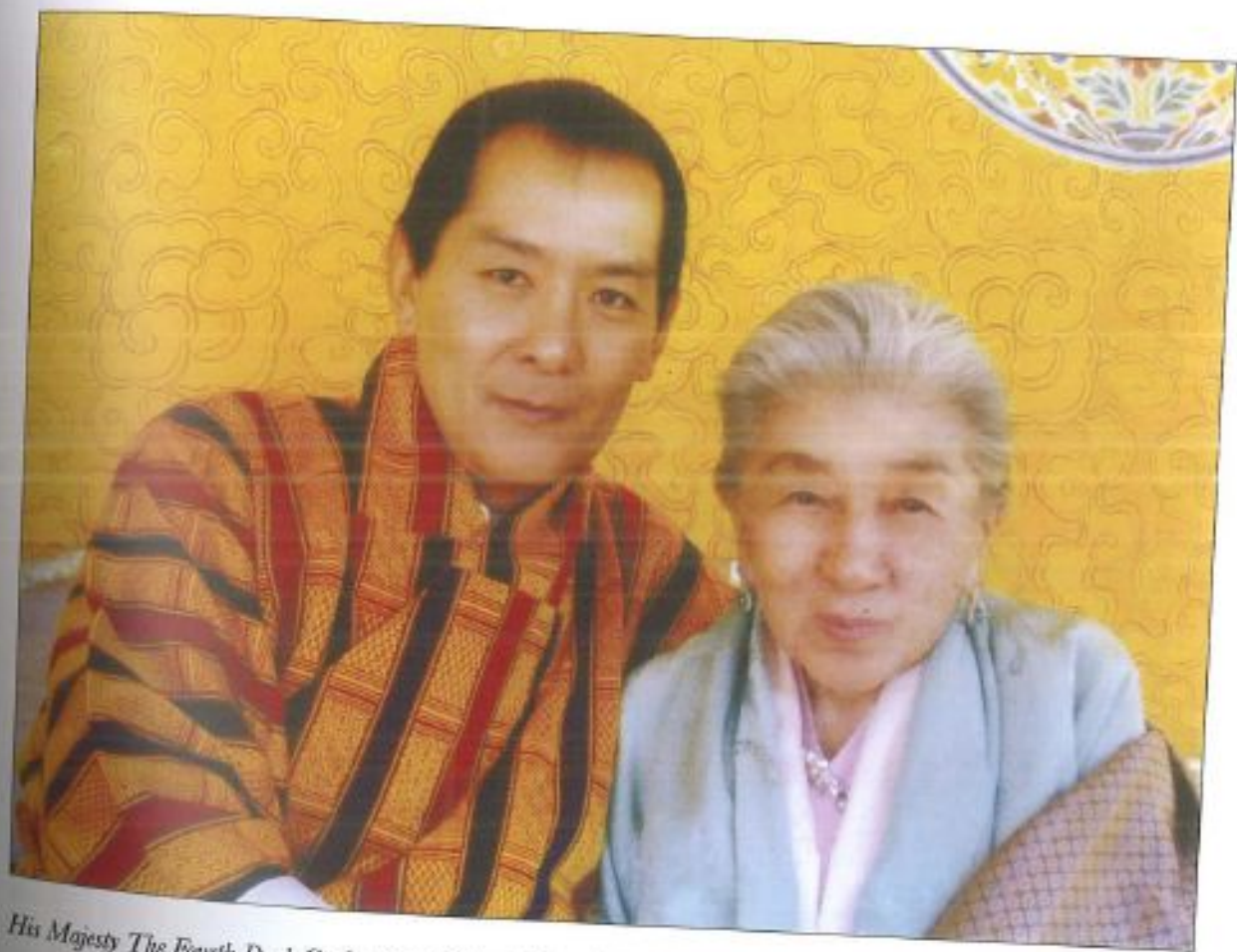


Ashi Tashi Dorji during one of the Colombo Plan meetings.



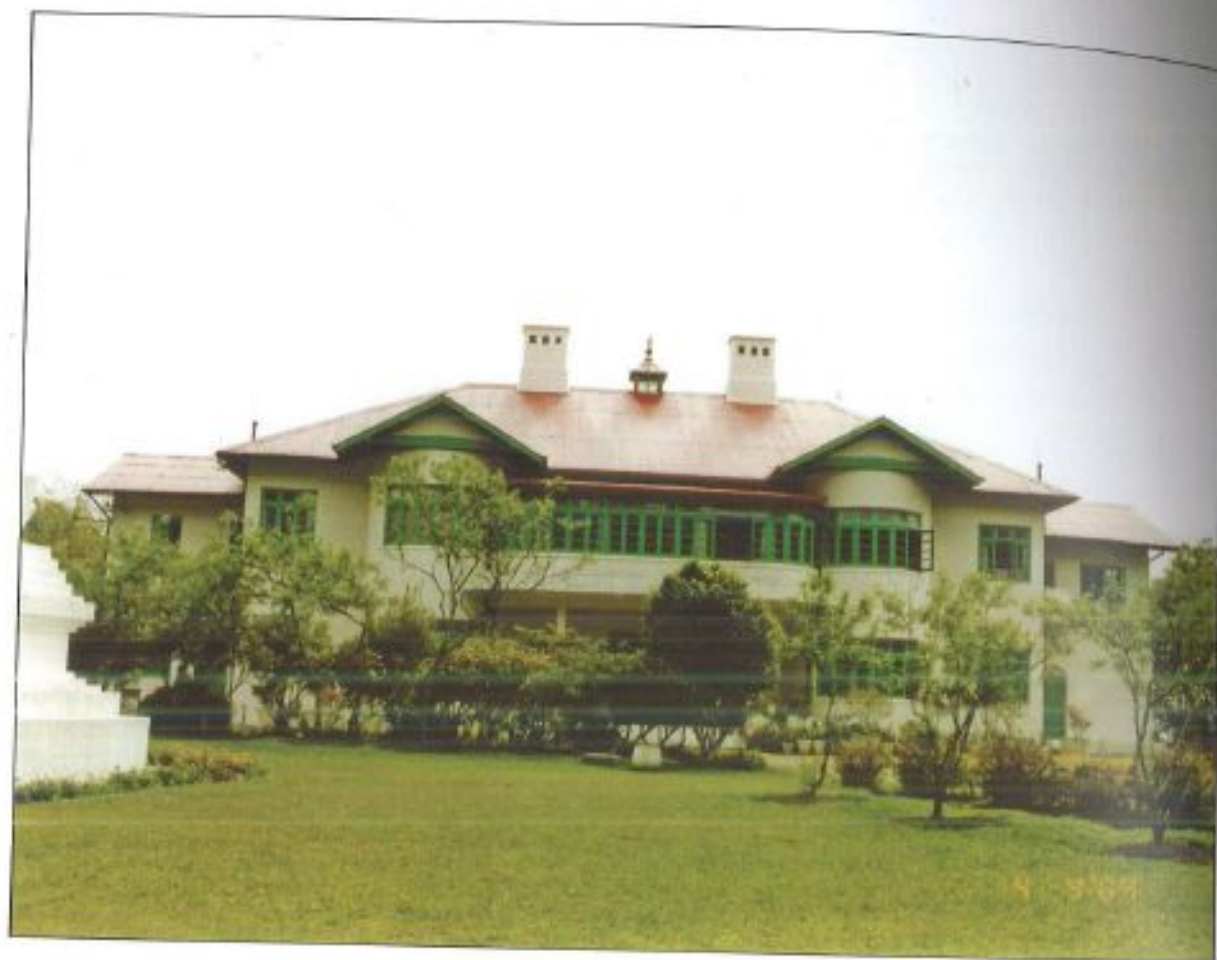
Left to right, back row: Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, Her Majesty The Royal Grandmother Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Her Royal Highness Ashi Kesang Wangmo Wangchuck.
Left to right, front row: Her Royal Highness Ashi Pema Lhadon Pemtsem Wangchuck, Her Majesty Gyalyum Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, Her Majesty Gyalyum Tshering Pem Wangchuck and Her Majesty Gyalyum Tshering Yangdon Wangchuck.





His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck with Ashi Tashi Dorji.

Previous: His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck with Ashi Tashi Dorji.



Bhutan House in Kalimpong, India was the personal residence of the Dorji family. In 1912, His Holiness the 13th Dalai Lama Ngawang Lobsang Thubten Gyatso stayed in Bhutan House for many months, naming it Mingyur Ngonpar Gawai Phodrang or the Palace of Unchanging Supreme Happiness.





Previous and above: Gongzim Raja Ugyen Dorji



*Left to right, seated: D. E. Holland, His Majesty The First Druk Gyalpo Ugyen Wangchuck, John Claude White, Sikkim Chogyal Thutob Namgyal, Sikkim Gyabmo Yeshe Drolma.
Left to right, standing: Bhutanese guard, Capt. Henry Hyslop, Gongzim Raja Ugyen Dorji, Lobsang Choden, Jerung Dewan, Burmaik Kazi, Bhutanese guard, Sikkimese guard.
A group picture taken at Hastings House, Calcutta, during the visit in 1906 of Gongsar Ugyen Wangchuck and the Chogyal of Sikkim*



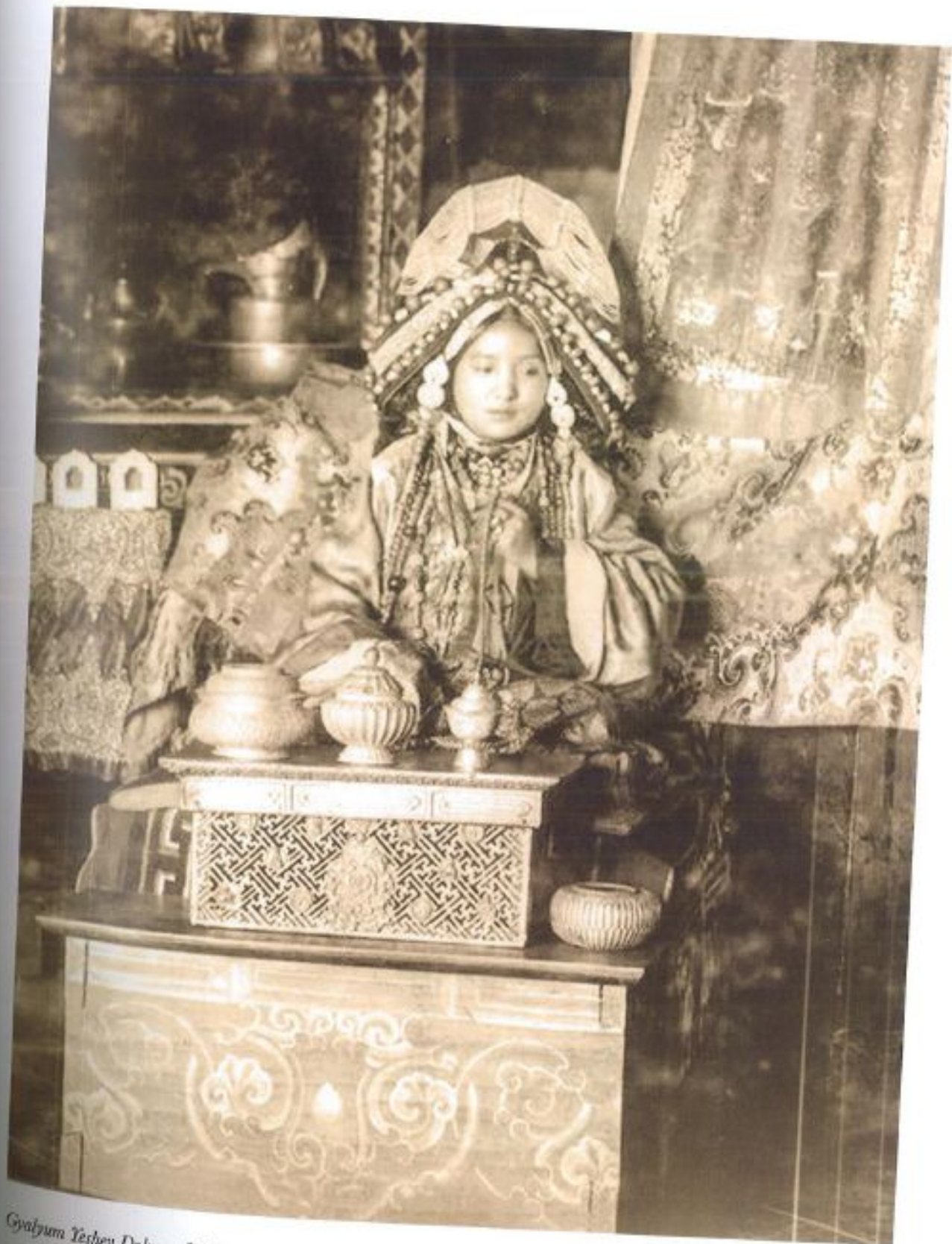
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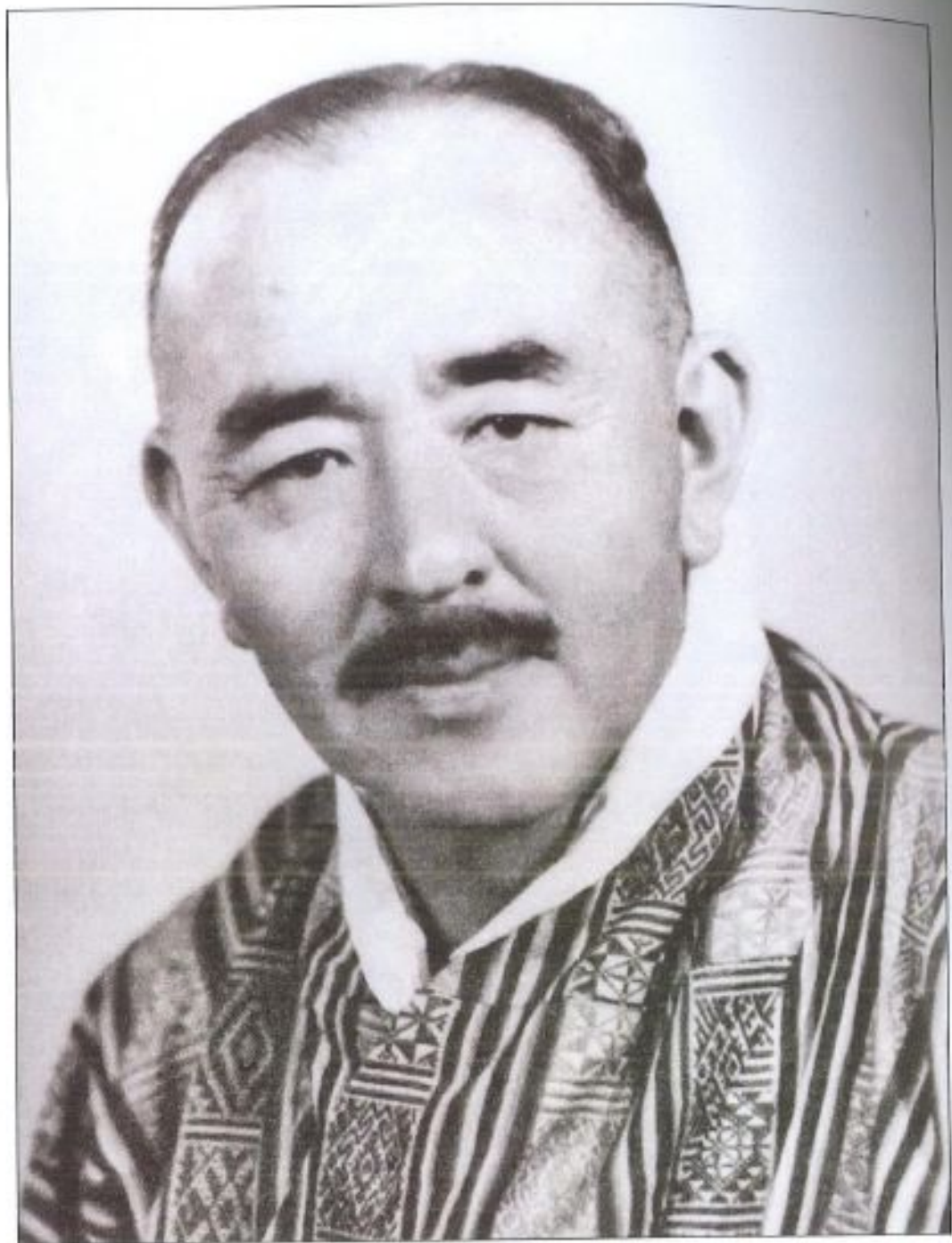
Ninth Sikkim Chogyal Thutob Namgyal, c.1874-1914.



Gyatsum Yeshey Dolma of Sikkim. Queen consort of Ninth Sikkim Chogyal Thutob Namgyal.



Gyalum Yeshey Dolma of Sikkim. Queen consort of Ninth Sikkim Chogyal Thutob Namgyal.



Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji



His Majesty The Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck with Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji.



Left to right, seated: His Majesty The Third Druk Gyalpo Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Maharaj Kumar, Mrs. Ledger, Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji, His Majesty The Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck, Mrs. Hopkinson, Mr. Arthur John Hopkinson, CIE, the last British Political Officer, Maharaja Kumar Jigdal Tsewang Namgyal of Sikkim. Left to right, standing: Tseten Wangdi, Yapa T. Namgyal, Dondup, Rai Bahadur Tashi Dahdul Densapa, Rai Bahadur Sonam Tobden, Col. Ledger, CIE.

*Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji with
Nicholas Roerich, who was a painter,
writer, archaeologist and philosopher.*



*Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Father
Maurice Stanford, Gongzim Raja Sonam
Topgye Dorji, Crown Prince of Nepal,
Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Her
Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck in
Darjeeling in 1952.*





Ha Drungba Jigme Palden Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Ravi Chuni Wongmo Dorji.



Left to right, front row: Gongzim Sonam Topgye Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Ashi Pedron, the oldest daughter of His Majesty the First Druk Gyalpo and Her Majesty Ashi Rinchen, Dasho Nakhu, Haa Drungpa Dasho Jigme Palden Dorji and Lam Yeshey.



Ashi Tashi Dorji with her brother Ha Drungha Jigme Palden Dorji.

1927



Ashi Tashi Dorji was four years old when this photo was taken. Ashi's older brother, Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, was eight years old.



Ashi Tashi Dorji with her brother Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji.



Opening of the Bell House in Kalimpong at Dr. Graham's Homes School on 27 January 1920. Mayuem Rani Choni Wöngmo Dorji was the guest of honor. In the photo the two children in the front dressed in traditional attire are Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji and Ashi Tashi Dorji. The man sitting next to them is Sir David Macdonald. The man immediately behind him is Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji and the lady wearing hat next to him is Mrs. Bailey. On the left is Mayuem Rani Choni Wöngmo Dorji.



This photograph was taken on the wedding day Frederick Williamson, British Political Officer, Sikkim, Bhutan and Tibet and Margaret 'Peggy' Marshall at the White Memorial Hall on 22 May 1933 of at the British Political Residency, Gangtok, Sikkim.

From left, top row: Sikkim Chogyal Tashi Namgyal, Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji, Peggy and Frederick Williamson, Gyalse of Sikkim, Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji.

From left, middle row: Princess Pema Choki (Kula), Ashi Tashi Dorji, Princess Pema Tsedeun (Coocoola)

From left, seated: The children of Toplis family, Prince Jigdal Tsewang Namgyal (Georgela), Princess Sonam Padeun (Jeanla) and George Sheriff.



Left to right: Dr. John Anderson Graham, Mr. Odling, His Majesty The Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck, Mrs. Jean Odling, Her Majesty Mayum Phantsho Choden, Shirley Odling, Crown Prince Jigme Dorji Wangchuck and the children of Dr. Graham.



Left to right, second row: Ap Sertu with Dasho Ugen Dorji as a child, Mayuem Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji, His Majesty The Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck, Her Majesty MayuemPhuentsho Choden and Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji.

Left to right, first row: Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, His Majesty The Third King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Her Majesty Kezang Choeden Wangchuck and Ashi Tashi Dorji.



Left to right: Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, MayuemRani Choni Wongmo Dorji, Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji and the baby is Dasho Ugen Dorji.



Left to right: standing: Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji, His Majesty the Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck, Her Majesty Mayuem Phuntsho Choden, Mayuem Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, British Political Officer Frederick Williamson and Rai Bahadur Norbu Dhondup.

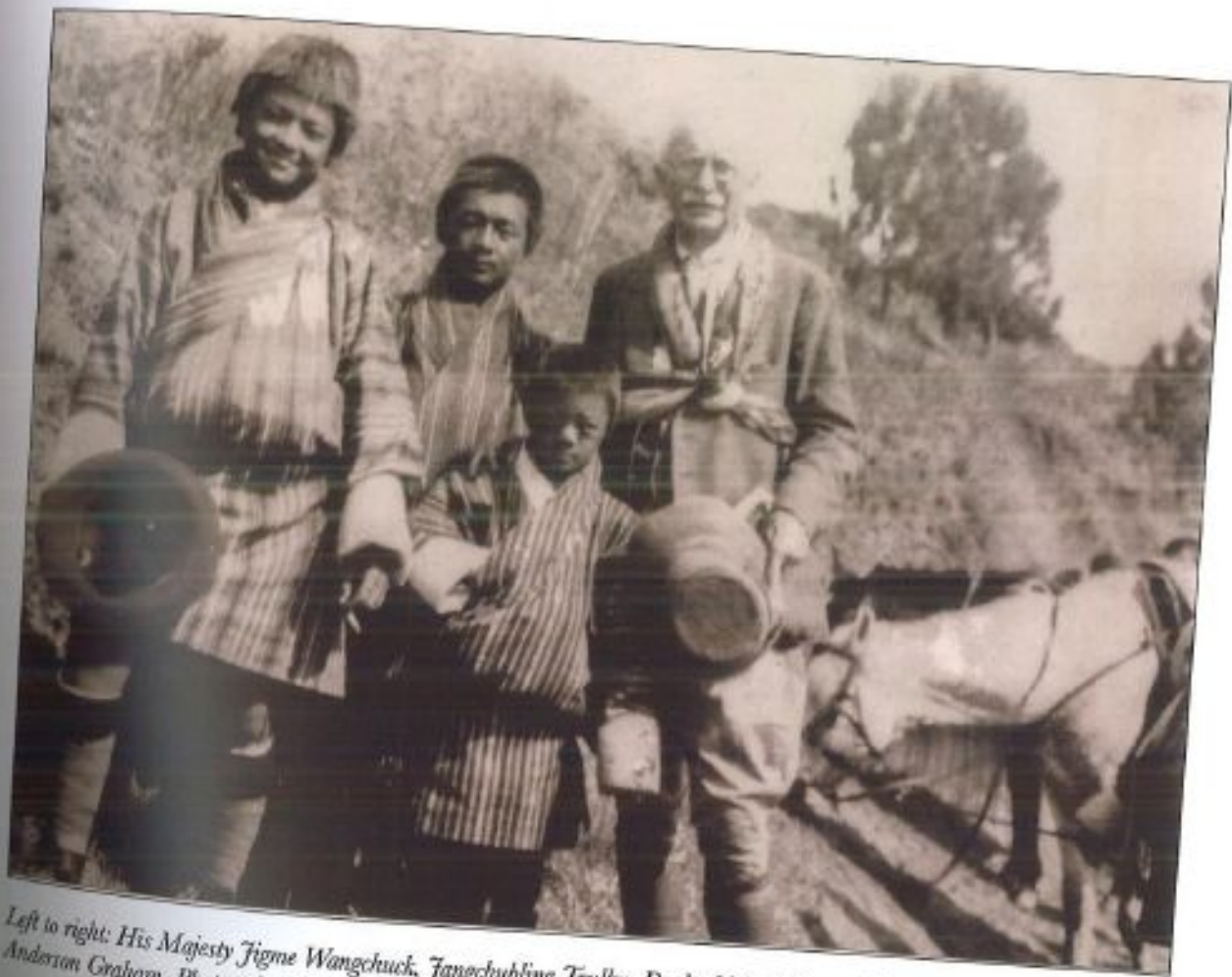
Left to right, seated: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Haa Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji and Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal of Sikkim as a monk.



*Left to right, back row: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Mayuem Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji, Princess Pema Chuki (Kula), Chogyal Tashi Namgyal, Pema Tsedean (Coocoola, Sikkim Princess).
Left to right, front row: Dasha Ugen Dorji, Princess Sonam Padeun (Jeanla), Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck.*



Left to right: Haa Drungba Dasha Jigme Palden Dorji, Dasha Ugyen Dorji, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Dasha Lhendrup Dorji.



Left to right: His Majesty Jigme Wangchuck, Jangchubling Trulku, DASHO NAKO (Karma Trinley Lhendrup) and Dr. John Anderson Graham. Photo taken in the summer of 1921.



Front to back: His Majesty the Second Druk Gyalpo Jigme Wangchuck, Her Majesty Mayuem Phuntsho Choden and Jigme Palden Dorji in Calcutta in 1932.



Left to right: Her Majesty Mayuem Phuntsho Choden, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Jigme Palden Dorji in Calcutta in 1932.



Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji with British Political Officer Col. Leslie Weir.



Left to right: Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, Dashi Lhendup Dorji and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.



Left to right: Sikkim Princess Cocoola, Charlie Norbu, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Katela (Tsarong), the great Tibetan Scholar Changlochen Kungkusho, Mayuem Rani Choni Wongmo Dorji, Sikkim Crown Prince Paljor Namgyel, Kuenphenla, Tsarong Dazang Damdu.



Her Majesty Mayuem Phuntshe Choden on the Hooghly River in Kolkata in India in 1932



Right to left- Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Mayuem Rani Choni Wongmo Dorji.



Left to right: Gongzom Sonam Topgye Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Mrs. Betty Sherriff and Major George Sherriff.



Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Mayuem Choni Wangmo Dorji, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, HRH Ashi Pem Pem Wangchuck, Unidentified child with hat, HRH Ashi Sonam Choden Wangchuck, HRH Ashi Dechan Wangmo Wangchuck and His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.



Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji with Mayuem Rani Choni Wongmo Dorji.



Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji with Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji.



One of the many parties at Chitrabhanu.

From left to right, first row: George Patterson, Jigme Dorji, Prime Minister of Bhutan, Prince Latakin of Burma, Prince Jigme Taring, oldest son of Taring Raja and Dhondrup Kapshopa.

From left to right, second row from left: Mrs Charu Mittee, close friend of Tagore's, Ashi Tashi Dorje, Ray Williams of the "Himalayan Hotel" Macdonald family, Sudenta Kapshopa - Tesla, Mary Taring and Betty Taring, daughters of leading Tibetan Cabinet Minister.

From left to right, back Row: Bill Swartley, American journalist; Count Rene Nebesky de Wojkowitz, Tibetan scholar and friend of Prince Peter.



Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck and Ashi Tashi Dorji with two Chinese ladies in Hong Kong



Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Rinchen Sandu Tsang and Tibetan officials at lunch during His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's stay at Bhutan House, Kalimpong.



Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck with the Gyalyum Chemo Dekyi Tsering, mother of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at lunch during His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's stay at Bhutan House, Kalimpong.



A Japanese lady arranging Ashi Tashi Dorji's hair with a Japanese hair pin.



Ashi Tashi Dorji's friend Sylvain Mangeot was born in 1913. He was educated in Oxford. During the Second World War, he was a journalist and worked in the French section of the Political Intelligence Department. From 1944-51 he was the chief diplomatic correspondent for Reuters. In 1951, he worked in Picture Post and in 1955 joined the News Chronicle. Thereafter, he worked as free lance journalist and has visited Bhutan and other Himalayan countries.



Left to right: Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Dr Kabo, Mayuem Rani Choni Wongmo Dorji, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Mr Takeo Kuwabara in the Nomura Gardens, one of the most famous private gardens in Kyoto. The Nomura Gardens belongs to Mr. Nomura. In 1986, Professor Kuwabara with five other eminent Japanese established the Japan Bhutan Friendship Association.



Ashi Tashi Dorji's friend Amaryllis Fleming, sister of Ian Fleming best known for his James Bond spy novels.





Ashi Tashi Dorji with her friend Madame Chantelle Mossairoud.



Ashi Tashi Dorji with the Late Father William Mackey at Dechhencholing Palace.



At a Luncheon-party for the Queen of Bhutan at Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys' home on May 1st last.

Left to right: Her Majesty the Queen, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Mr. Christmas Humphrey, Mr. Marcho Pallid, the Ven. Sangharak-shita Sthavira and Mrs. Humphrey.



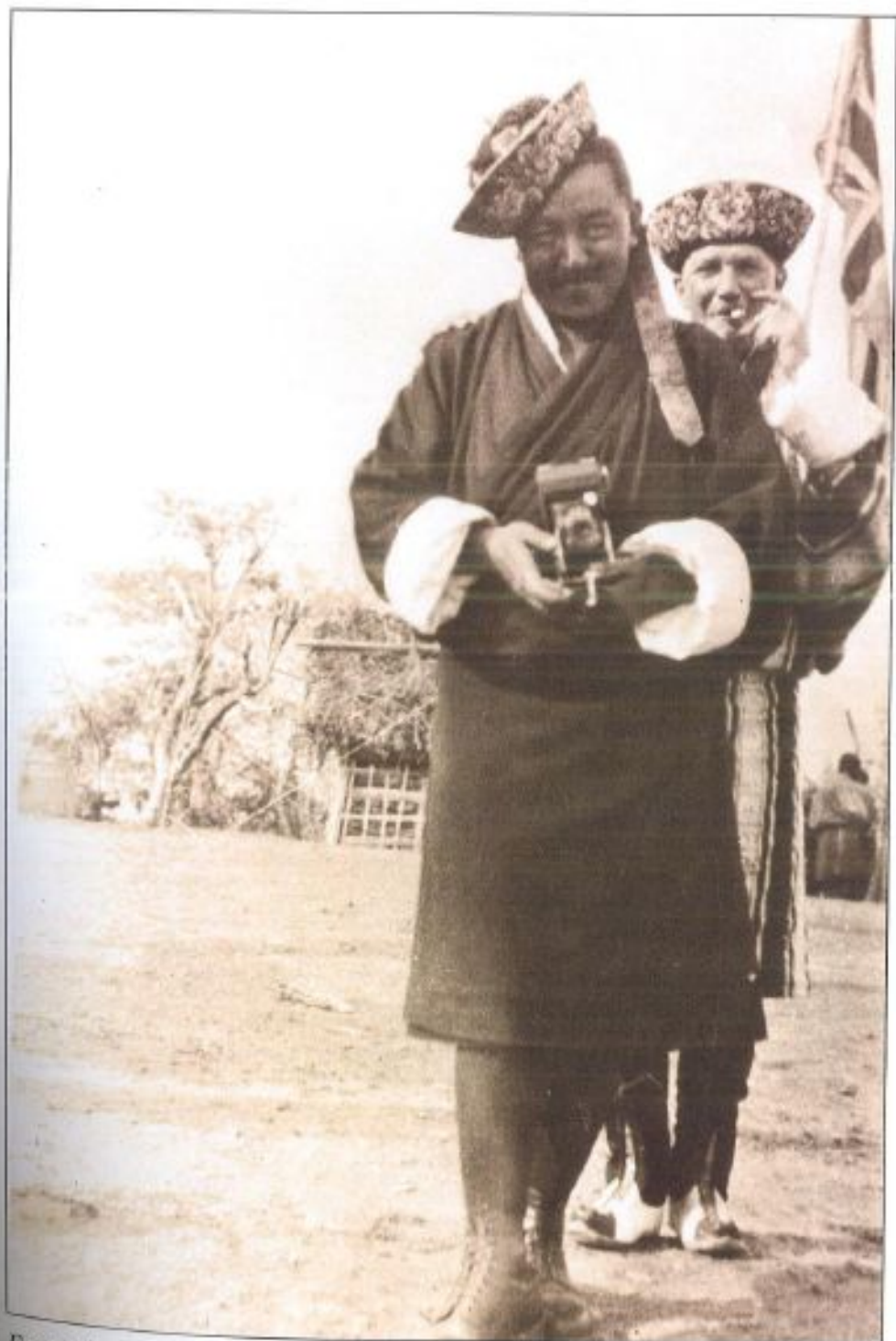
His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck and Ashi Tashi Dorji.



*During His Majesty The Third King's first state visit to India in 1954.
Left to right: Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President Raja Gopalchari and Her Majesty
the Queen Kesang Choeden Wangchuck.*



*At the reception party during His Majesty The Third King's state visit to India.
Left to right: Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Her Majesty the Queen Kesang Choeden Wangchuck
and Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur*



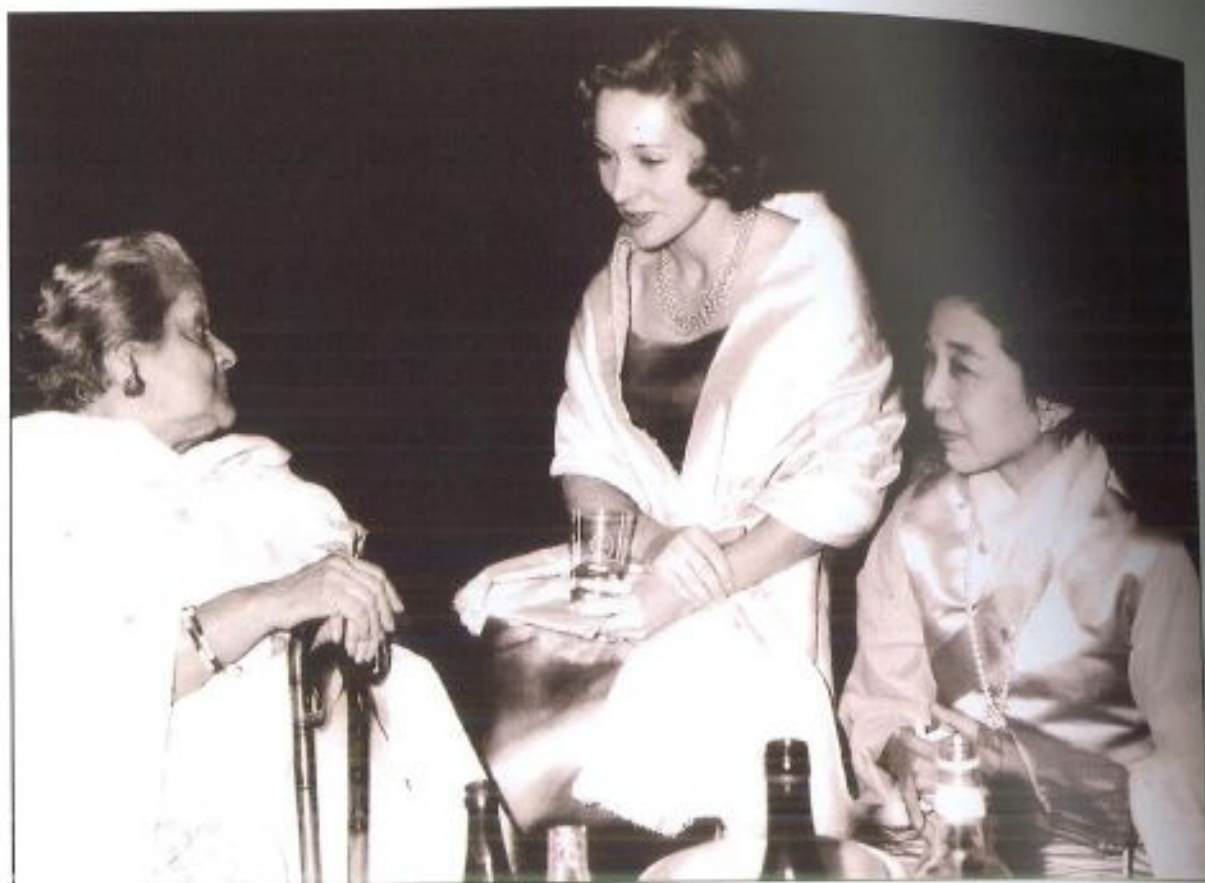
Front to back: Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji and Lieutenant Colonel James Leslie Weir, the British Political Officer Sikkim and great friend of Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji and Bhutan.



Left to right: Maharaja Kumar Jigdal Tsewang Namgyal of Sikkim, Col. Ledger, Mrs. Ledger, Ha Drungpa Jigme Palden Dorji, Rai Bahadur T. D. Densapa, Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji.



The sacred relics of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni's two main disciples Sariputra (Shariribu) and Maudgalya Yana were taken around India to commemorate the auspicious 2500 years of Buddhism that coincidentally fell on Vesak Day in 1956. The Dharmodaya Sabha in Kalimpong organized an elaborate function to receive these relics. Gongzim Raja Sonam Topgye and Mayuem Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji supported the celebration and received the relics at Bhutan House, Kalimpong



Left to right: The Dowager Maharani of Cooch Behar, Anne Wright and Ashi Tashi Dorji in Calcutta.



Gongzin Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji with Nepal Crown Prince Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Kalimpong in 1952. Gongzin Raja Sonam Topgye Dorji hosted lunch at Bhutan House in honour of the Crown Prince's visit.



Left to right: Mrs. R.K. Nehru, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Gen. Jayanto Nath Chaudhuri, Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army from 1962 to 1966. Ashi Tashi is a good friend of Gen. Jayanto Nath Chaudhuri.



Left to right: Dr. Kabo, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Priscilla Tse, Maynem Rani Choni Wangmo Dorji and Andrew Tse in Hong Kong



Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck and Ashi Tashi at Pavo Palace during Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Bhutan, 1958.



Mrs. Colette Laurencin, Mrs. Peggy Williamson and Ashi Tashi Dorji at His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck's coronation, Bhutan on 4th June, 1974.



Right to left: His Majesty The Third Druk Gyalpo Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck and Ashi Tashi Dorji during their first state visit to India in 1954. The man on extreme left is Maharaja of Bharatpur, His Highness Bijendra Singh.



Ashi Tashi Dorji's three brothers.

From left to right: Dasha Lhendup Dorji, the late Prime Minister Jigme Palden Dorji and Dasha Ugen Dorji.



*Crown Prince Paljor Namgyal of Sikkim.
Ashi Tashi was very close to prince Paljor. The prince was the first and the only pilot prince of Sikkim.
He was born on 26th November, 1921 at the Royal Palace, Gangtok to the Eleventh Maharaja of
Sikkim, Sir Tashi Namgyal, and Maharani Kunzang Dechen.*



Crown Prince Paljor Namgyal of Sikkim.



Crown Prince Paljor Namgyal, one of Ashi Tashi's closest friends. Prince Paljor was the son of Eleventh Chogyal of Sikkim, Sir Tashi Namgyal and Maharani Kunzang Dechen. The Crown Prince was commissioned as a pilot officer in the Royal Indian Airforce and served in the Second World War.



Left to right: Dasho Zilon Dorji, as a baby, Tse family members, Her Royal Highness Ashi Dechan Wangmo Wangchuck, Priscilla Tse, Her Majesty Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck and a member of the Tse family.



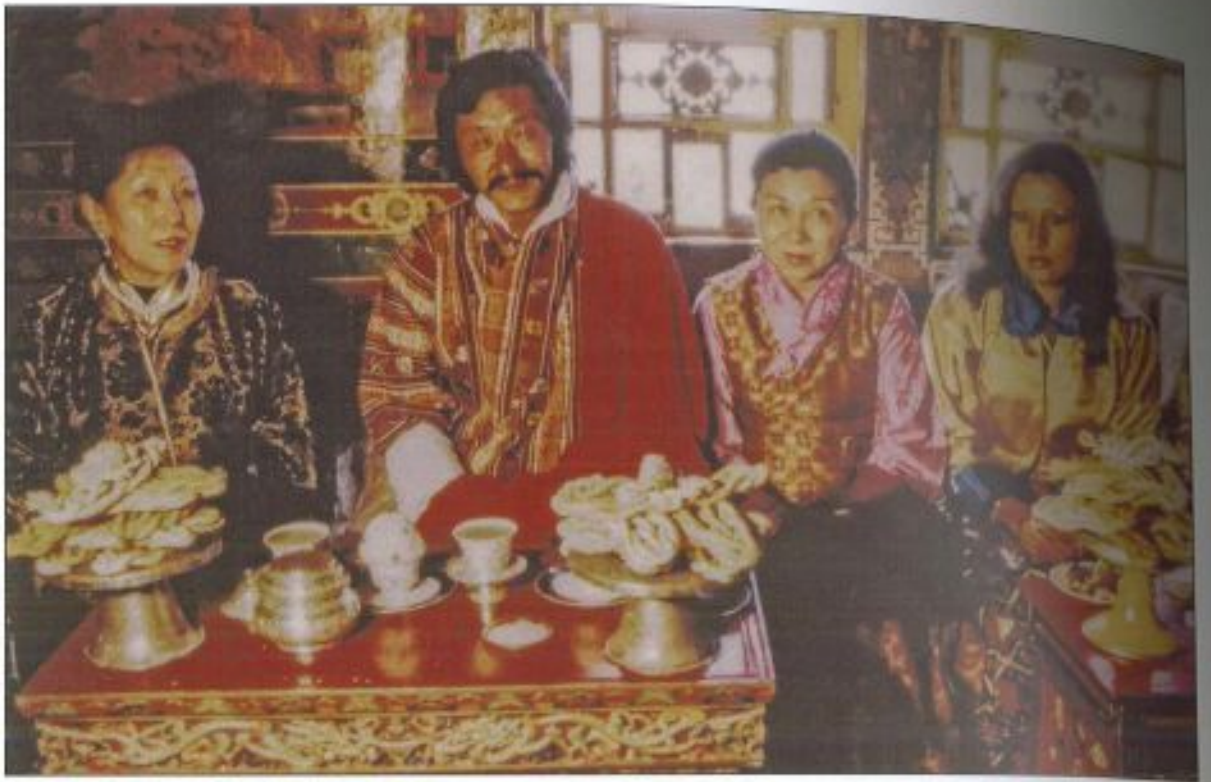
Arhi 'Tash's Dorji's dear friend Vera Macdonald, daughter of David Macdonald. He was the British Trade Agent at Yatung in Tibet.



Lyonchhen Jigme Palden Dorji with his dear friend Mr. Fumihiko Togo, Consul General of Japan in Calcutta, India, Paro Palace in 1962.



Front row, left to right: Her Royal Highness Ashi Kesang Wangmo Wangchuck, Her Majesty Royal Grandmother Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Her Royal Highness Ashi Pema Lhadon Pem Pem Wangchuck and Her Royal Highness Ashi Sonam Choeden Wangchuck.
Back row, left to right: Dasho Nishioka's sister, Her Royal Highness Ashi Dechan Wangmo Wangchuck, Ms. Satoko, Cousin of Dasho Nishioka, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Mr. Gizen Sato, Governor of Osaka Prefecture, Dasho Ugen Dorji and administrative staff in Kyoto in February, 1969.
The photo was taken during a party hosted by Governor Sato.



Left to right: Sikkim Princess Cocoola, DASHO LHENDUP DORJI, ASHI TASHI DORJI and ASHI GLENDA ANNE DORJI at the coronation of Chogyal Thondup Namgyal at Palace Tsula Khang in Gangtok, Sikkim



Left to right: Her Majesty ASHI KESANG CHOEDEN WANGCHUCK, DEKI RHODES and NICHOLAS RHODES at Dechencholing Palace garden, Thimphu Bhutan.



Ashi Tashi Dorji with her good friend Helen Perrell (wearing Jade necklace) and friends in Hong Kong



From left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Ms. Chantalle Massanoud, unknown and Brig. Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Bahadur, Maharaja of Jaipur



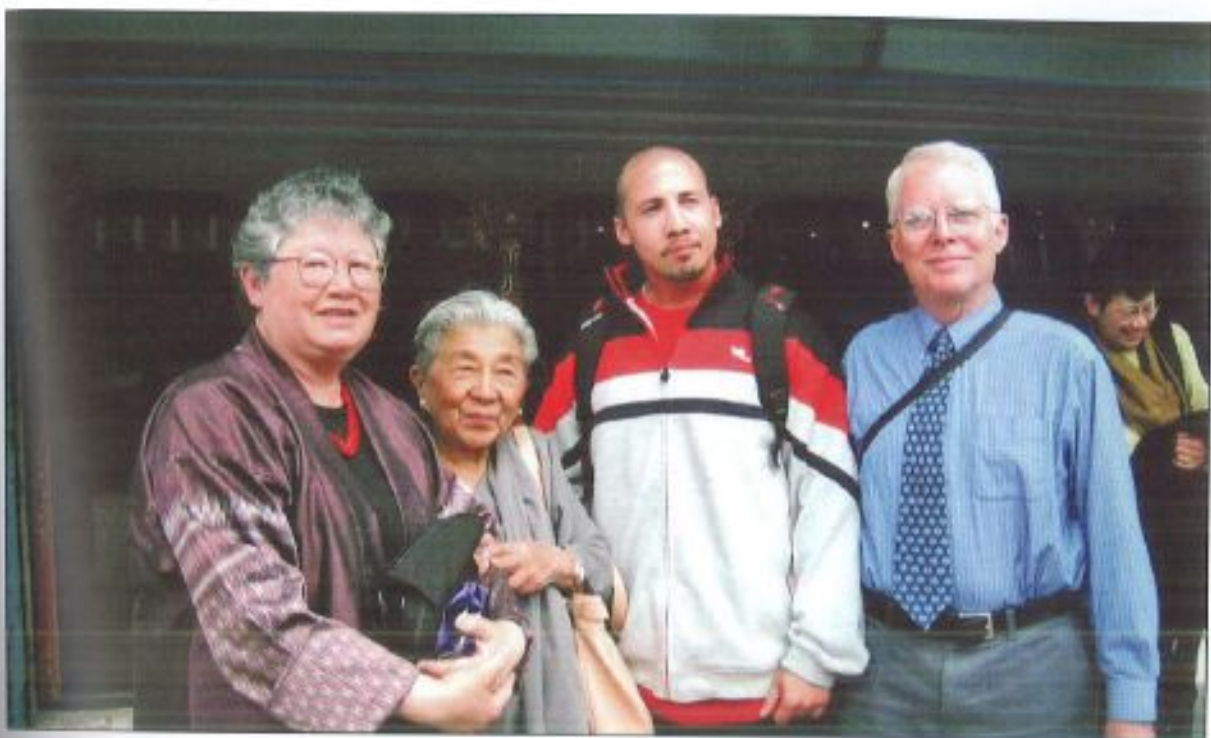
Ashi Tashi Dorji with Terese Bartholomew daughter of Pricilla Tsi



Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji, Jerry Hall and Mick Jagger, 1988.



Left to right: Ashi Tashi Dorji and Viscountess Lady Elizabeth Cowdray at Dechencholing Palace Garden Tong Chim.



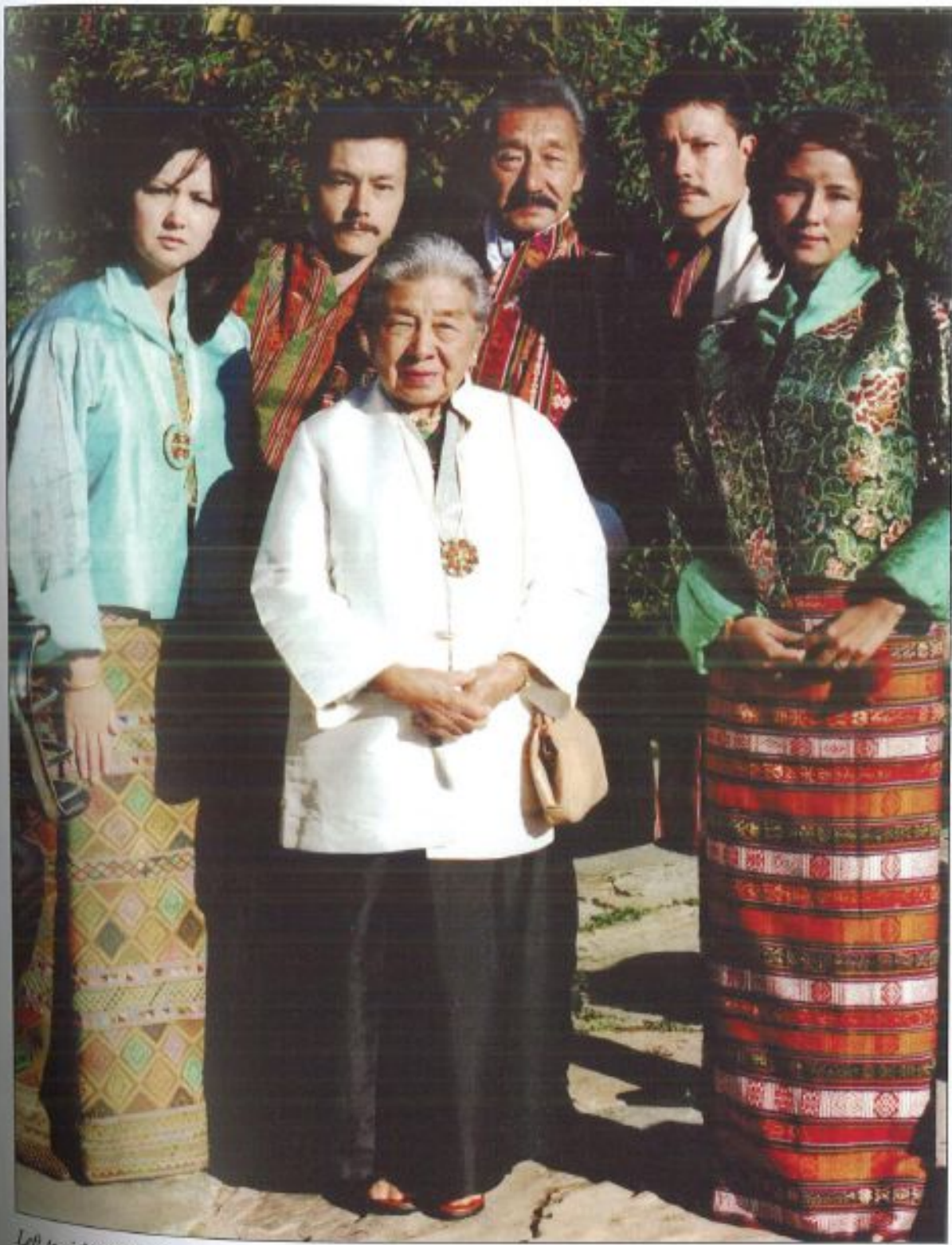
Ashi Tashi Dorji with Bruce and Terese Bartholomeo and their son Yuan Bartholomeo.



Ashi Tashi Dorji with Terese Bartholomeo, sisters and family.



Ashi Tashi Dorji's oldest and best friend, the late Maharani Deepinder Kaur, daughter of Maharaja Harinder Singh, the last ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Faridkot.



Left to right: Ashi Khendun Dorji, Dasho Lhendup Dorji (Jr.), Ashi Tashi Dorji, Dasho Lhendup Dorji, Dasho Palden Dorji, Ashi Chuni Dorji.



*Ashi Tashi Dorji with Sikkim Chogyal Wangchuk Tenzing Sersum Namgyal.
Photographed by Prince Jigme Wangchuck in Bumthang, Bhutan.*

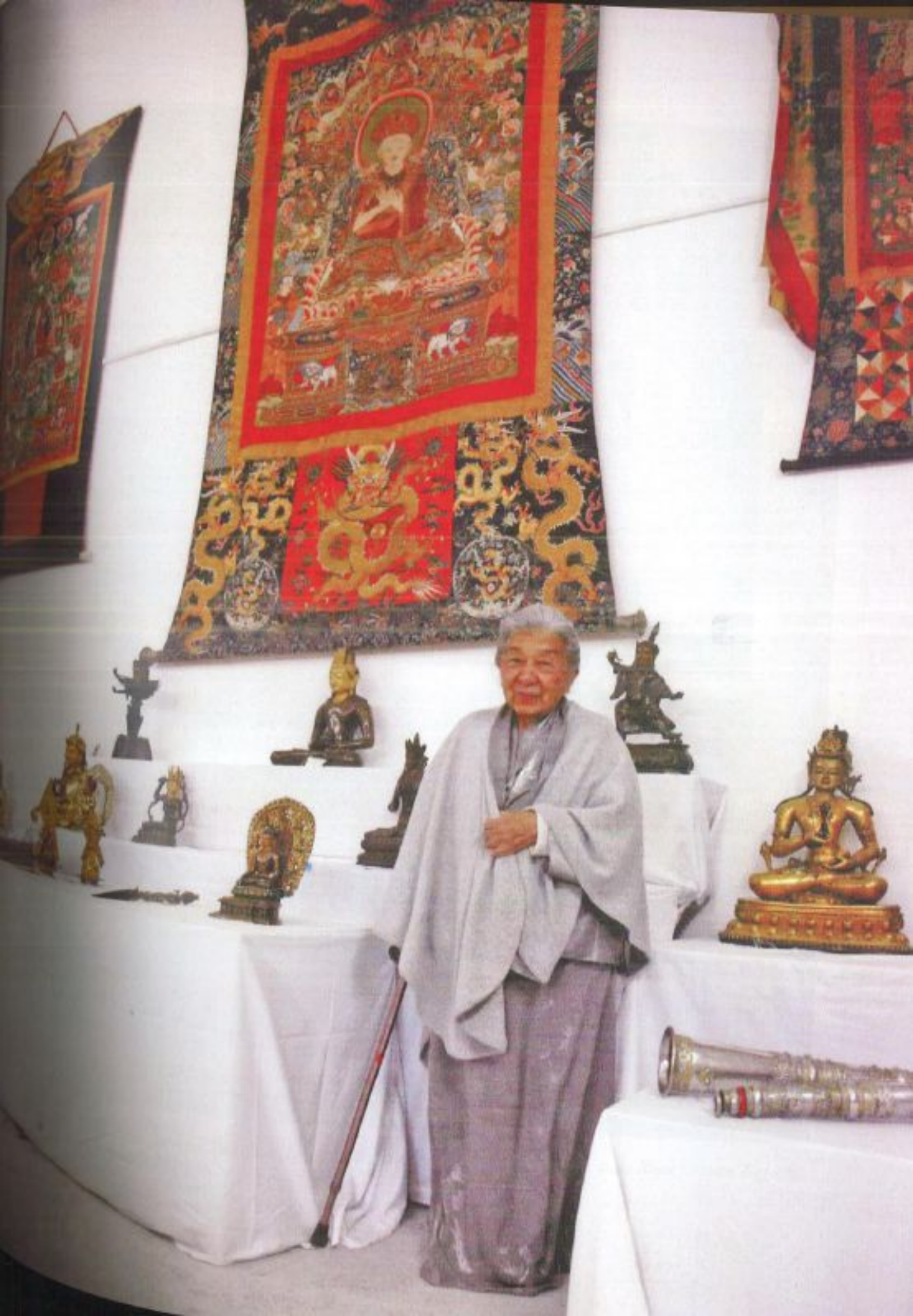
*Opposite: Left to right: Ashi Tenzin Wangmo, Ashi Tashi Dorji, Her Royal Highness Ashi Kesang Wangmo Wangchuck,
Sem Chimie Wangmo and Dasho Singye Palden Yonten.*





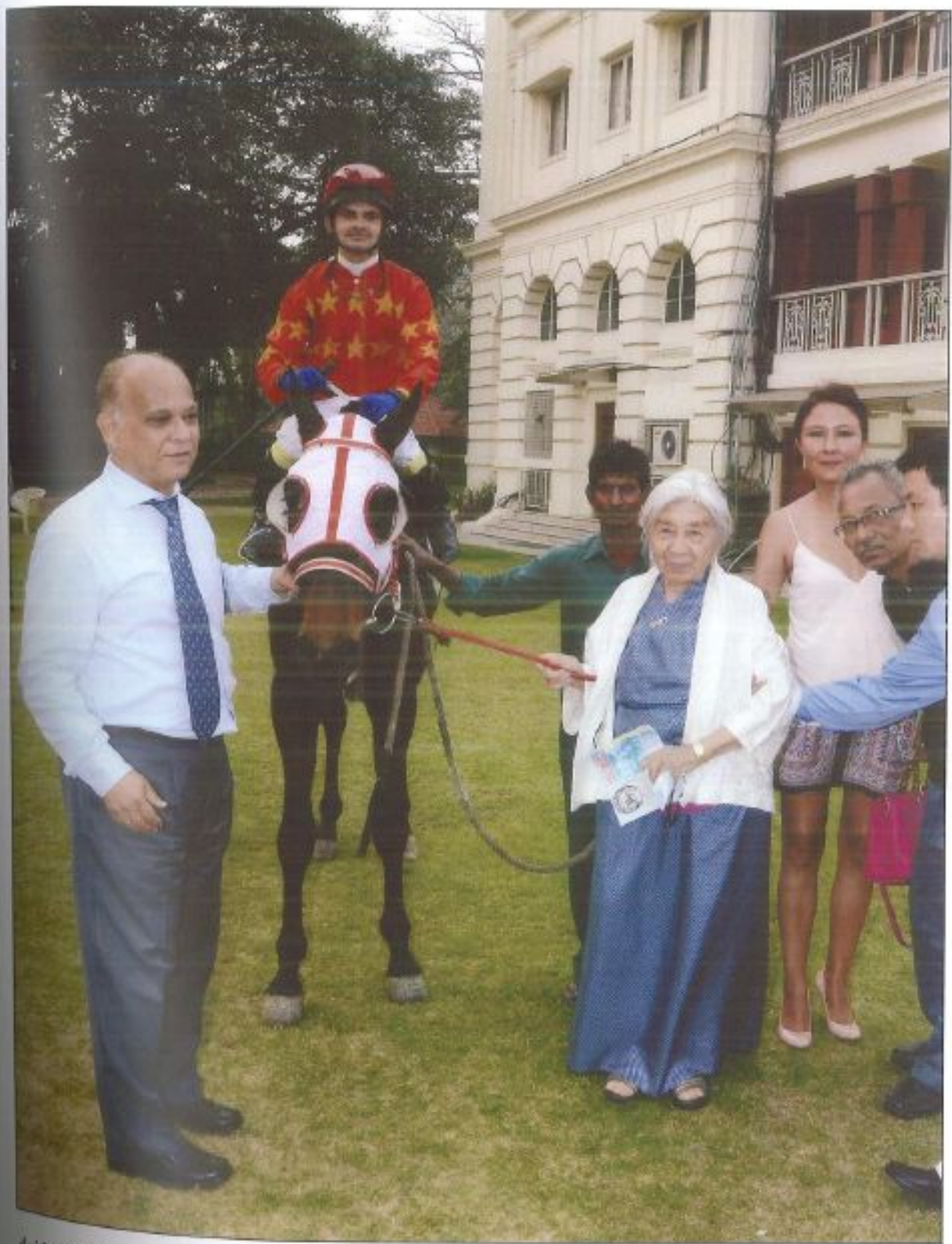
Left to right: Aum Thinley Lham, Deki Rhodes and Ashi Tashi Dorji at Dechencholing Palace garden, Thimphu, Bhutan.

Opposite: Ashi Tashi Dorji at the Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan exhibition in Thimphu, Bhutan.





Her Majesty Royal Grandmother Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Ashi Tashi Dorji and family on a pilgrimage at Bodh Gaya, 2013.



Ashi Tashi Dorji, her niece Ashi Chami Dorji with Ashi's horse trainer Mr. Rodrigues Jr. at the Royal Calcutta Turf Club on 25th February, 2014.





Left to right: Madam Cecile, Her Majesty Royal Grandmother Ashi Kesang Choeden Wangchuck, Ambassador Dr. Thierry Mathou, Ashi Tashi Dorji and Dasho Paljor J. Dorji.