BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF SIKYONG DR LOBSANG SANGAY

Dr Lobsang Sangay was born and grew up in a Tibetan settlement near Darjeeling, where he attended 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.

In 1996, as a Fulbright Scholar, he obtained a Master’s Degree and in 2004, Doctor of Juridical Science from Harvard Law School and his dissertation, *Democracy in Distress: Is Exile Polity a Remedy? A Case Study of Tibet's Government-in-exile* was awarded the Yong K. Kim’ 95 Prize. In 2005, he was appointed as a research fellow and promoted to senior fellow until early 2011.

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