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Official Statement of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery On the Occasion of the 37th Birthday of H.H. the 11th Panchen Lama

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Today marks the 37th birthday of His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama, Jetsun Tenzin Gendun Yeshe Trinley Phuntsok Pal Sangpo. On this solemn and auspicious occasion, Tashi Lhunpo Monastery extends its deepest reverence, unwavering devotion, and heartfelt greetings.

As we honor His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama, we also reflect with profound respect on the enduring legacy of His Holiness the Great 10th Panchen Lama. His life stands as a lasting testament to the resilience, dignity, and courage of the Tibetan people. Across generations, the successive incarnations of the Panchen Lama have served as vital custodians of spiritual wisdom and cultural continuity, dedicating themselves to the preservation of Tibet's religious and national identity. In the modern era, His Holiness the 10th Panchen Lama emerged as a principled and courageous leader, resolute in his efforts to safeguard the Tibetan language, culture, and heritage. His historic 70,000 Character Petition, along with his far-reaching educational initiatives, and his firm advocacy for the Tibetan language as the principal medium of administration, continue to provide essential guidance and strength to the Tibetan people, particularly in times of ongoing adversity. The significance of his contributions resonates ever more deeply in the present day.

Within the sacred historical tradition of Tibet, the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama - revered as the "Spiritual Father and Son" - constitute two central pillars guiding both the spiritual and temporal life of the Tibetan people. Their relationship, grounded in centuries of mutual recognition and lineage transmission, represents an established