



The Inkerman Group Secures Dalai Lama's UK Tour

Ashford, UK, 9 June 2004: The Inkerman Group, an international specialist risk management and investigation company, were honoured and privileged to provide security and close protection to His Holiness the Dalai Lama during his recent ten-day visit to the UK.

From his arrival on 26 May, Inkerman provided dedicated close protection and security throughout His Holiness' tour to provide a series of public talks and teachings at the invitation of educational institutions and non-governmental organisations in Liverpool, London and Scotland, including visits to Glasgow, Edinburgh and the ancient capital of Dunfermline.

As the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people and a Nobel Peace Laureate, His Holiness' visit to the UK received much public and media attention, demanding particular consideration to all security and protection requirements of the trip. As a result of advanced planning and close working partnerships with the trip coordinator - The Office of Tibet in London, Tibetan Security, the Government and Police forces, both prior to and during the course of the visit, Inkerman ensured that the entire tour ran smoothly and without incident.

Gerald Moor CEO of the Inkerman Group stated: "The Inkerman Group were pleased to be able to provide its services to the Dalai Lama, in what was a challenging task given both the breadth of the locations and the length of the visit, as well as in handling the particular security demands facing someone with such a high profile as His Holiness."

Throughout the ten-day tour, Inkerman enabled His Holiness to honour his tight schedule, by ensuring that all car and air travel, which introduce further complications to event security and protection, occurred without hindrance and allowed early arrival at every stage. In addition to the public lectures, His Holiness also attended meetings with dignitaries, including Prince Charles and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Howard the Conservative Leader, Jack Straw the Foreign Secretary, as well as managing to meet with local members of the Tibetan Community and the Buddhist Society.

"His Holiness' tour was quite enduring and with our support and planning, both prior to and throughout the trip, he was able to maintain a schedule that would have tired most teenagers!" continues Moor.

With all the lectures sold out well in advance, His Holiness addressed capacity audiences during every speech. His first lecture at the Methodist Central Hall, in London, attended by Prince Charles and Sarah Ferguson the Duchess of York amongst others, focussed on 'A human approach to world peace', and answered audience questions in an open session. During his visit to Scotland, His Holiness lectured on 'Kamalashila's Middle Stages of Meditation' and 'Thokme Sangpo's 37 Bodhisattva Practices', at the Scottish Exhibition Convention Centre, and 'Towards a Vision of a New Civilization' at Usher Hall. Further speeches were given to members of The Scottish Parliament.

The trip culminated with a special visit to Dunfermline to unveil a World Peace Pole. This momentous occasion was celebrated with the children of Dunfermline and the wider area.

"To be selected as the primary provider of security and close protection for such an esteemed personality and prestigious event has proven our ability to supply professional high-level services," concludes Moor.

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