

## India and the Dalai Lama (1)

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### *To Teach the Dalai Lama Wireless*

Well, not exactly directly. But to help his large contingent of followers who live in and around Dharamsala, India where he - the supreme leader of Tibetans who fled Tibet in 1950 (while I was at war in Korea) as the Chinese invaded their country.) To assist them technologically.

India gave he and his followers sanctuary from the inevitable religious persecution by the Chinese to come - whose communist creed believes in no religion. The Dalai Lama created in Dharamsala, in north west India, his government and Buddhist religion in exile.



The Dalai Lama, as you who have seen him repeatedly around the world seeking support for his efforts to return Tibet to its rightful owners, know that he is thoroughly 'modern.' He and his followers in that pretty remote place have long used computers. A group who wanted to help out the exiles, set up a 'mesh wireless' network at the center of the area where the supporters of the Dalai Lama lived and worked. They thought it would be helpful to convene a conference attracting many of the leading technology experts, and when the 4 meeting days were over, to run workshops to help train the Tibetans.

They called it the Air-Jaldi Wireless Summit. I was invited to be a key speaker. The Dalai Lama himself wrote a warm invitation and greeting to the attendee groups and principals of which I was one.



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THE DALAI LAMA

### MESSAGE

I am very happy to offer my encouragement and support to the Air-Jaldi Wireless Summit to be convened in Dharamsala this coming October. Improved access to the Internet is very important for the Tibetan people, and for all peoples of the developing world. The Internet's contribution to the diffusion and dissemination of knowledge and information is truly remarkable. By itself the Internet cannot feed the poor, defend the oppressed or protect those subject to natural disasters, but by keeping us informed it can allow those of us who have the opportunity to give whatever help we can.

The Air-Jaldi Wireless Summit promises to be a significant event, bringing together many people from different parts of the world to focus on cutting edge modes of communication. I am impressed to know that the fine work done here on the Dharamsala mesh network will attract so many distinguished guests.

I offer my greetings to everyone attending the Air-Jaldi Wireless Summit and pray that the fruits of your good work will be far-reaching and long lasting.

May 24, 2006

Here is the Air Jaldi Conference Brochure, in PDF format. Click [Here](#)

You can follow the entire trip, Air-Jaldi conference, associated activities, in two ways.

Either as a series of texts I wrote about the trip, which, once you click on the below URL, then choose the section with the Dalai Lama picture and page through the 51 items. Where it says 'download' it doesn't download to your computer but 'displays' the page of text which you can read, exit and go on.

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