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## **Traditional Dances**

Amdo Dialect

## **Tibetan transcript:**

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## **English translation:**

A: What kind of traditional festivals or special occasions do you celebrate in your home town?

B: For religious festivals, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the seventh lunar month, monks did *cham* dance in the past. There was also horse race festival on the same day, such as *Kha btags* bonus for the horse races<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> cham dance - a religious dance

A: Yeah.

B: Besides that, there is also Yak race. In terms of dances, the traditional  $rme\ ba^3$  dance, there is this traditional dance called " $rme\ bro$ ," it is performed. Then people also do  $Aba^4$  circle dance; they sing songs. This is actually the only time when the ladies in the village get to participate in local fun activities; they usually don't get this kind of chance [because of house chores].

A: Right. I see. So... how old are you this year?

B: I am twenty.

A: Twenty years old. What is the thing that you are most concerned of or the most unforgettable incident in the past twenty years of your life?

B: The most unforgettable incident of mine... what is it? It was when my father passed away.

A: Ok.

B: As a kid, it feels so different to be away from home when a parent has passed away.

A: Yeah. So you are twenty now, Tibetan girls get married early when they do not go to school.

B: Yes.

A: Then are you going to continue the study of painting? Are you thinking of getting married soon?

B: I don't have plans to get married yet.

A: I see. Why? Why are you not planning about it? What are your reasons?

B: The reasons are that after getting married, one has to live with another person, and may have to sacrifice one's own interest or occupation. In that case, I might lose the chance to continue my study of painting.

A: Right.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tibetan silk scarves were picked up from the ground while one is on the horseback during the race as a bonus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> a local place

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Aba - a prefecture in Sichuan Province

B: People have kids after getting married. People may also have disagreement about having kids or when to have kids. After having kids, it is even unlikely to continue studying. Money... income for making a living will be the main concern after the marriage and the chances furthering painting study will be very unlikely. That's why I am not thinking of getting married soon.

A: Ok.

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