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**Buddhist Ceremonies in the Mongolian Capital City before the Purges and after the Revival**

When studying Mongolian Buddhism one can state that almost no written sources have remained referring to Buddhist ceremonies having held prior to the monastery destruction in 1937-1938. In other words, ceremonies of Mongolia except from the famous annual events like *Tsam* masked dance, Maitreya circumambulation, and the New Year festival have not been studied at all. The National Archives of Mongolia preserves a handful of unique documents which include the fix date ceremonies held in (and until) 1937 in certain temples of Ikh Khüree, the monastic capital city. These questionnaires or data sheets were filled in for the order of the Religious Authority (*Shashnii zakhirgaa*) including the following data: ordinal number of ceremonies; name of monastic school/aimag/monastery/temple; name of ceremony/ritual; period of the ceremony with its starting date, duration, and end; number of lamas who were expected to participate; number of lamas who actually participated; and cancellation of a ceremony together with its reasons. These sources have great significance as they demonstrate the religious life and vivid activity of Mongolian temples in the last years of their operation. The lecture will discuss the types of ceremonies and examine which ones were revived after 1990.