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OFFICE OF HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

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The Board Members
Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies
Ithaca, NY

Dear Friends,

Ven. Tromdho Rinpoche, Abbot of Namgyal Monastery in India and Ven. Tenzin Choesang, representative of Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies in Ithaca, New York, recently submitted a proposal to His Holiness the Dalai Lama to build an educational institution that will serve as a repository of materials related to the 14 Dalai Lamas who have served to protect Tibetan Buddhist teachings across the centuries. This institution, to be named *His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's Library and Museum*, will house collected works of all the Dalai Lamas, as well as recordings, images, awards, and related works.

We are happy to inform you that His Holiness the Dalai Lama has accepted their proposal, enabling Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies to proceed with this auspicious project.

As a primary educational function, we envision the new institution to augment the work His Holiness the Dalai Lama initiated with the *Mind & Life Institute*. The institution will bring together scientists, philosophers, and practitioners to explore relationships between Buddhist philosophy and science, particularly the science of the mind and consciousness. Featuring a Summer Research Institute and an International Symposium focusing on contemplative studies, the institution will build an interdisciplinary community serving future generations of students, researchers, and writers.