A BRIEF HISTORY OF NAMGYAL MONASTERY

Namgyal Monastery was founded in the 16th century by Gendun Gyatso, the second Dalai Lama of Tibet, in the heart of the capital city of Lhasa. The monastery was adjacent to the famous Potala Palace, the private residence of the Dalai Lama, and supported the ritual practices and teachings of the four main Tibetan Buddhist lineages.

When Tibet lost independence in 1959, the headquarters of Namgyal was re-established in Dharamsala, India. During these last six decades in exile, Namgyal expanded by opening branch monasteries in various parts of India. With the inspiration of the late Venerable Pema Losang Chogyen and several American friends, and with the blessing of His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, Namgyal Monastery opened its first branch outside of Tibet and India in Ithaca, New York.

NAMGYAL ITHACA TODAY

Staffed by monks deputed from Namgyal India, Namgyal Institute in Ithaca offers daily meditation, training in the Tibetan language, and weekday classes and weekend intensives in Buddhist philosophy taught according to the established traditions of Namgyal masters. A non-sectarian Buddhist institution, the institute offers teachings by Eastern and Western teachers from all Buddhist traditions. Lectures and workshops are offered on various aspects of Buddhism by traveling lecturers and local Tibetan and Buddhist scholars.

Namgyal Ithaca operates in the heart of the local Tibetan community. Tibetan community members come for traditional prayers, offerings, and related celebrations. Tibetan children attend a language and culture class taught by the monks.

Please help us build HHDL Library and Museum. Our goal is more than $13 million to ensure completion of the project. We have chosen the eight auspicious Tibetan Buddhist symbols and others to mark various donation levels because they are all equally auspicious and all equally important. Thank you for your generous support!

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Dear [Name],

We are pleased to announce that Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies has been chosen as the official site of the His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama’s Library and Museum (DLLM). This will protect the legacy of the Dalai Lama and all that he represents to many millions of people throughout the world. Its primary mission is as a learning center for scholars and practitioners of all faiths, as well as scientists, educators, and philosophers of all disciplines. The main purposes are:

- To serve as the central repository for the collected works of the current and all the previous Dalai Lamas of Tibet. This is of immeasurable importance to those scholars who specialize in the study of Tibet and Buddhism.
- To house archived works of The Mind-Life Institute (MLI) and continue to support dialogue between Buddhism and science. The MLI was initiated by the current Dalai Lama and brings together scientists, philosophers, educators, and practitioners from around the world, to explore the relationships between Buddhism and modern science, particularly the science of the mind and consciousness.
- Committed to the promotion of human values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline.
- Committed to the promotion of religious harmony and understanding among world’s major religious traditions.
- Commitment to work to preserve Tibet’s Buddhist Culture, which is the culture of peace and Non-Violence and protect environment.

A schematic of the overall design of the DLLM is included in this email, as are Eight Levels of Auspicious Giving. Currently, the total estimated cost for construction of the DLLM is $13 million dollars.

In order to complete our goal, we would like to start fundraising today. We would like to offer to lifetime memberships to the DLLM for persons who donate $10,000 or more. A lifetime membership entitles donors to free entrance to DLLM at any time, as well as other benefits. We understand that everyone has financial concerns that must be considered. Hence, if you are unable to donate as a lifetime member, we hope that you will find a level that is appropriate for you so that we may all bring this important project to fruition.

The DLLM will provide educational transformation for millions, both now and for generations yet to come. With this mission as a great benefit to all humanity, we hope that you will share our enthusiasm and dedication to the goal of bringing this vital Library and Museum into reality.

Thank you for your consideration and contribution to this worthy goal. With warm wishes and deep respect,

Venerable Tenzin Choepang
President Board of Directors
Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies

The Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama is happy to support the proposal of Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies to build His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama’s Library and Museum (DLLM). The DLLM will serve as an educational and cultural institution to preserve the legacy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and all he represents to many millions throughout the world. The DLLM will aim to:

- Serve as a center of learning that promotes human values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline.
- Serve to build understanding among different faiths and cultures by fostering dialogue and study as part of an effort to promote a culture of peace and compassion.
- Serve as a central repository of the collected works of the previous Dalai Lamas of Tibet.
- Serve as an academic center for the study of Tibetan cultural and religious history.
- Augment the work of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s dialogue between Buddhist science and modern science by bringing together scientists, philosophers, and practitioners to explore relationships between Buddhist philosophy and science, particularly the science of the mind and consciousness.
- Hold a Summer Research Institute and an International Symposium focusing on contemplative studies across scientific, philosophical and religious traditions.
- Preserve the Tibetan Buddhist culture with its unique literature, art forms, architecture and performing arts.

We reach out to our friends and interested individuals and institutions to join us by supporting this exciting and challenging endeavor.

Yours sincerely,

Tenzin, Tashba
Secretary to His Holiness the Dalai Lama

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