

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

for His Eminence Chöje Ayang Rinpoche's Retreat Center in Nepal
THE GARDEN OF HAPPINESS MEDITATION CENTER
DRUBDE GATSAL LING

Special message of support from His Holiness 17th Gyalwa Karmapa

"I encourage all people with the wish to make the illusory life meaningful to give generously in accordance with your individual abilities, like the example of raindrops that gathered together can fill an ocean."

The Retreat Center

The retreat Center will be part of the Amitabha Foundation temple and retreat center complex, Opak Khilchor Choling, currently under construction on a mountain top in the Kathmandu Valley, 8 km from the Boudhanath Great Stupa in Nepal. The complex, whose construction is now well advanced, will consist of 16 large and small temples as well as the retreat Center.

The retreat center itself will contain 64 self-contained retreat cottages arranged in clusters of 8, with each cluster being dedicated to a particular practice. The retreat center will offer the precious opportunity of retreat to both lay and ordained Dharma practitioners, men and women, of both Eastern and Western backgrounds.

Sponsoring a Retreat Cottage

The full cost of construction of an unfurnished retreat cottage is US\$15,000 or Euro 11,500. All contributions, large and small, to this project are most warmly welcomed and invited by Rinpoche. Sponsorship does not imply ownership of a cottage, and retreatants will be assigned cottages according to the practice they are carrying out.

Benefits of Sponsorship

Those contributing the full cost of building one or more cottages will be considered to be Sponsors, and are offered the following:

You (or another Dharma practitioner nominated by you and approved by the retreat Master) will be entitled to a life-time total of 40 months retreat at the Center (booking arrangements will be notified).

You will receive a special blessing prayer from His Holiness Karmapa and His Eminence Ayang Rinpoche as well as special thanks and gifts at the opening ceremony. Your name will be inscribed on the donors' plaque in the main temple.

You will be allocated priority seating at ceremonies and functions held at the Center.

You will have your name inscribed on the cornerstone of a cottage.

You will know that you have contributed significantly to a project which will help thousands of people over many centuries in their progress to enlightenment.

Benefits for Donors

If you cannot sponsor the full cost of a cottage, you may still share in the merit of this major project for the welfare of all beings, and also receive other significant benefits:

You will receive special blessings from His Eminence Ayang Rinpoche, and your name will be recorded on a special plaque kept in the Gompa.

You will be entitled to the following retreat time (with booking arrangements to be notified):

For donations of US\$5,000: 50 weeks of retreat time

US\$1,000: 8 weeks retreat time

US\$500: 3 weeks retreat time

US\$200: 1 week retreat time

Group Sponsorship and Donation

Groups wishing to become sponsors or donors are warmly welcomed to do so, and will be entitled to retreat time at the Center on a *pro rata* basis. Couples jointly sponsoring a cottage may stay at the Center at the same time using separate cottages.

How to Make Your Contribution

To qualify for a tax deduction in the U.S., donations must be received by the Amitabha Foundation U.S. and then transferred to Nepal. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make your check payable to Amitabha Foundation and mail it to:

Treasurer, Amitabha Foundation
11 South Goodman Street
Rochester, NY 14607

For all others, please wire your sponsorship or donation into the following bank account:

Bank Name: Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Ltd.

Address: Naya Baneshwor Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal

Swift Code: SCBLNPKA

Beneficiary (Account) Name: Amitabha Foundation

Account Number: (NPR) 01-1040987-01

Beneficiary Address: P.O. Box 21055, Ward No 6, Kapan VDC, Kathmandu, Nepal

To ensure your personal details are recorded correctly as a contributor to the retreat Center, please notify True Lhamo at amitabhafoundation@yahoo.co.in with your name, the amount of your contribution, and the date on which you deposited or mailed it.

Disclaimer

Note: All retreatants, including sponsors and donors, will be required to cover the subsistence costs of their retreat (including food and utilities), although these costs will be kept minimal. All retreats are booked, and conditions may be imposed, at the absolute discretion of the Retreat Master.