

Newsletter Dorje Pamo Monastery November 2018

Dear friends of Dorje Pamo Monastery!

It is high time to keep you informed of developments at the monastery in the past few months ...Here is some news of recent events to make up for our long silence.

First nuns move in

On September 22, the first residents, Venerable Chantal Dekyi, coordinator of the Dorje Pamo monastery project, and Venerable Dekyi, a Spanish student from Nalanda moved into the monastery. In the presence of Geshe Loden and many friends, (ordained and lay) sympathizers and volunteers, the monastery welcomed in its provisional gampa the superb statue of the Buddha that had been renovated at Nalanda. Gueshe-la guided us in a short blessing ceremony to celebrate moving into our new home. We then shared a convivial meal.



Since September 22, a monastic community life has begun in En-Baut! And Peggy, a new aspirant, has just joined the first two nuns this month.

First ordination at Dorje Pamo

The first ordination was celebrated at the monastery for Burgel Norris, a long-time practitioner, close to the Vajra Yogini Institute and Nalanda Monastery. On October 17th, she received the vows of Rabjung from Geshe Loden, in the presence of the venerable Chantal Dekyi and Losang Dekyi. Let us rejoice at such an auspicious event!



Blessing monastery by Yangsi Rinpoche

This summer, in the beginning of August, in the midst of a heat wave, Yangsi Rinpoche, accompanied by Geshe Loden visited the still unoccupied monastery to bless the place. Rinpoche was very enthusiastic about the potential of the property and with Geshe-la, they studied at length the plans for the future gumpa and the orientation of the altar.



Let's talk about building work

The "major structural work" of the private part of the building was finished in the beginning of the summer. This included: repairs to the roof, changes of all door frames, creation of new rooms and new doors and windows, installation of a new heating system, complete renovation of electricity, plumbing, water supply and drains, etc.

Before the first nuns could move in, the building required redecorating. Courageous groups of volunteers took turns throughout the summer working throughout the oppressive heat to get the work done.



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Since the beginning of October, the professional workers (plasterers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc), have returned to resume work on the Gompa / Library / Reception areas. The big door of the future reception area has already been changed. Placed slightly more in line with the facade of the building, and almost entirely glazed, it opens onto a large and bright reception area. Other dramatic changes are on the way with continuation of the work ...



... which brings us to speak of "volunteering"!

On October 13, a volunteer day was organized to clear an access road to the pond at the bottom of the property. Thank you to all those who participated with their usual enthusiasm! This access road is intended to allow the fire brigades to get water in case of disaster (and is a legal obligation!) it will be built during the month of November.

If you wish to contribute (physically or monetarily) to any of the remaining work, exterior or interior (see above), please contact Venerable Chantal Dekyi.

All this important work has been realized thanks to the great generosity of our supporters. We are extremely grateful to them. What an extraordinary creation of merits!

"Temple project"

The next important phase to be realized is that of the temple, or gompa, and specifically the altar. We want it to be as beautiful and inspiring as possible and to cover the entire surface of the wall. For this project, we are still in the design phase but we can already say that its realization is estimated at around 20,000 euros for the altar itself. We will consult with Lama Zopa Rinpoche to decide which statues will be included.

Small streams make big rivers, and any contribution, even modest, to this project is welcome! We hope that by May 2019, (date of the arrival at the Vajra Yogini Institute of Lama Zopa Rinpoché), and thanks to the generosity of everyone this central part of the monastery will be well underway.



See "Temple Project" on our website: www.monasteredorjepamo.org