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KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY

Karmapa International Buddhist Society is an international organisation for charity, cultural capital and Buddhist educational opportunities.

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— Dr. Tsewang Gyatso Bhutia —

We are very grateful to His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa and H.H. the Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche for the patronage that they have bestowed on KIBS/KIBI since its inception. Our commitment and conviction is to make KIBI a centre of excellence in the near future.

We are indeed fortunate in receiving the blessings of H. H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa on the occasion of our 2nd anniversary celebration. Of course, our sincerest thanks are due to the Government of India who donated the land on which KIBS/KIBI exists today. The driving force and founder members include H. H. the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa, the late Topga Rinpoche and other well-wishers who have since passed away. We are sure that had they been with us today they would have been very happy to see the Institute growing and marching ahead to even greater heights of success.

In fact, the generous help and input of our associated NGOs, KIBS Europe, contributors and volunteers enriched our souvenir. The souvenir gives comprehensive information of KIBS/KIBI in greater detail. We would like to heartily thank H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa and H. H. the Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche for their kind blessings. We are also grateful to most Venerable Jigme Rinpoche, Gen. Secretary to the Gyalwa Karmapa, for his constant encouragement and wise counsel. Using this opportunity we would also like to extend our most sincere thanks to our associated Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and volunteers of KIBI/KIBS for the selfless services they have rendered without minding their valuable time, energy and wise counsel. It would not have been possible without their active involvement in making our mission successful and fruitful.

Apart from the names stated above, a good number of volunteers and well-wishers whose names are not written deserve special commendation. The contribution of all those associated with KIBS/KIBI would be in a glorious book of everyone for the years to come.

Each and every person associated with KIBS/KIBI is deeply engrossed in the vast and profound philosophy of Buddhism. KIBI can boast of the fact that Buddhism and its studies now has a larger influence in almost all spheres of social, spiritual, cultural and educational spheres.

All the stake holders of KIBS/KIBI are continuously striving to make this institution a high ranking Buddhist learning centre.

I wish you all very good health and great success so that we can grow and progress together on the path to achievement.

With warmest regards,
Dr. Tsewang Gyatso Bhutia
Vice president (KIBS)
13th March, 2014

GOVERNANCE

KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY



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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
UNDER SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT XXI OF 1860**

Registration No. S/RS/SW/ 0601 /2012

I hereby certify that **"KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY"**

Located at **"B-19/20, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110 016"** has been registered* under

SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT OF 1860.

Given under my hand at Delhi on this 19th day of

January, 2012.

Fee of Rs. 50/- Paid.




(D S GAHLOT)
**REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES
DISTRICT SOUTH WEST
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI**

**Registrar of Societies
Delhi**

* This documents certifies registration under the society Registration Act, 1860. However, any Govt. department or any other association/Person may kindly make necessary verification (On their own) of the assets and liabilities of the society before entering into any contract/assignment with them.

Executive Members

School Director	CHONYID DORJE
Office of H. H. Gyalwa Karmapa	DAWA TSERING
Buddhist Teacher	KARMA TSERING
Social Service	HARI PRAKASH MAURYA
Advocate	DALBIR SINGH

Academic Committee

Chairman	PROFESSOR SEMPA DORJE
Member	DR. SANJIB KUMAR DAS
Member	DR. TSEWANG GYATSO
Member	DR. JAI PRAKASH SHARMA
Member	KHENPO MRITI
Member	MAG. ROLF SCHEUERMANN
Member	MR. SATYA NARAYANA RAJU SAB

Associate Faculty Members

KIBI's academic staff combines the expertise of renowned scholars trained in both the traditional Tibetan Buddhist monastic institutions and modern universities in India and abroad, representing the state-of-the-art in Buddhist studies.

Western scholars in Buddhism and Languages

Lama Jampa Thaye (Dr David Stott), Ph.D, Dechen Ling
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 Martina Draszczyk, Ph.D, University of Vienna
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 Joost Palenstijn, M.A., Rangjung Yeshe Institute
 Mag. Rolf Scheuermann, University of Vienna

Eastern scholars in Buddhism and Languages

Khenpo Chödrak Tenphel	Karma Kagyu Senior Khenpo
Khenpo Tsering Samdup	Karma Kagyu Khenpo
Khenpo Ngedon Rigdrol	Karma Kagyu Khenpo
Khenpo Skarma Dorjee	Karma Kagyu Khenpo
Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma	Salwan Boys' Senior Sec. School

KIBS MANAGEMENT TEAM



PROFESSOR SEMPA DORJE
President

Professor Sempa Dorje is a most thoroughly learned Indian scholar. He is a highly respected and regarded Buddhist professor with a vast knowledge of Buddhism, both in Tibetan and Sanskrit.



DR. TSEWANG GYATSO
Vice President

Dr Tsewang Gyatso Bhutia, who was born in Sikkim, is the Assistant Professor of the Department of Bhutia, Namchi Government College in South Sikkim. He is proficient in English, Tibetan, Hindi, Sikkimese, Nepali and Ladakhi.



KHENPO MRITI
Secretary

Khenpo Mriti entered monastic life at the age of eight. He received a basic Buddhist education at Jangchub Choling monastery, and higher studies under Prof. Sempa Dorje.



KARMA LEKSHEY GYATSO
Treasurer

Lekshey Gyatso entered the Rumtek monastery in Sikkim about 20 years ago. He has completed 9 years of education at Diwakar Buddhist Academy in Kalimpong.

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Director of Income Tax (E),
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District Centre Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092
Tel. No. 011-2055545, 22054777**

NQ.DIT (E) / 2012-13/ DEL - KR22609 - 11012013 Dated 11/01/2013

NAME & ADDRESS: **KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY
B-19/20, QUTAB INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW
DELHI 110016**

Legal Status : **Society**

PAN NO : **AABAK6781G**

GIR NO : **K-1157**

Sub: ORDER OF REGISTRATION U/S 12A. READ WITH SECTION 12AA OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961


- An application in Form No. 10A seeking Registration u/s 12A was filed on .06/08/2012.....
- The Trust / Society / Non profit company was constituted by deed of trust memorandum of association / instrument dated **19/01/2012** indicating its charitable object.
- After perusing the instrument / deed / memorandum of association, I am satisfied that the instrument does not contain any non-charitable object and I am also satisfied about the genuineness of its charitable activities carried on.
- Accordingly registration u/s 12A r.w.s. 12AA is hereby granted w.e.f. **A.Y. 2013-14**.....subject to satisfaction of following conditions and entered at serial No. **DEL - KR22609 - 11012013**.....of the register maintained in this office.

Conditions:

- Order u/s 12A(1)(a) read with section 12AA(1) (b) does not conform any right of exemption upon the applicant u/s 11, 12 and 13 of the income tax act, 1961. Such exemption from taxation will be available only after the Assessing Officer is satisfied about the genuineness of the activities promised or claimed to be carried on in each Financial Year relevant to the Assessment Year and all the provision of law acted upon.
- The Trust/Society/Non Profit Company shall comply with the provision of Section 139A(1)(i) and (ii) of the Act within one month of the date of this order to obtain a Permanent Account Number and shall communicate the PAN to this office.
- The Trust/Society/Non Profit Company shall maintain accounts regularly and shall get these audited in accordance with the provision of section 12A(1)(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Separate accounts in respect of each activity as specified in memorandum shall be maintained. A copy of such account shall be submitted to the Assessing Officer. A public notice of the activities carried on to be carried on and the target group(s) (intended beneficiaries) shall be duly displayed at the Registered / Designated Office of the Organization.
- Separate book of accounts in respect of profits and gains of business incidental to, attainment of objects shall be maintained in compliance to section 11(4A) of the Income Tax Act 1961
- All the Public Money so received including for Corpus or any contribution shall be routed through a Bank Account and such Bank Account Number shall be communicated to this office.
- No change in the Trust Deed / Memorandum of Association / instrument shall be effected without the approval of the jurisdictional High Court / Appropriate Authority and it shall continue to serve the main object of the trust in future without any change.
- No asset shall be transferred without the knowledge of the undersigned to anyone, including to any Trust / Society / Non profit Company etc.
- The registered office or the principal place of activity of the applicant should not be transferred outside the national capital territory, Delhi except with the prior approval of the DIT(E), Delhi.
- If later on, it is found that the registration has been obtained fraudulently by misrepresentation or suppression of any fact, the Registration so granted is liable to be cancelled as per provisions u/s section 12AA(3) of the Act.
- No cess or fee or any other consideration shall be received in violation of section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Copy to:
1. The applicant as above
2. The Assessing Officer

Sd/-
(S. K. CHOWDHARI)
Director of Income Tax (Exemption)
Director of Income Tax
(Exemptions) Aayakar Bhawan Distt. Centre DELHI
Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092
(Nand Kishore Joshi)
Income Tax Officer(Exemp)(HQ)
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Legal Status : Society
PAN NO : AABAK6781G
GIR NO : K-1157

Sub-ORDER UNDER SECTION 80G (5)(vi) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

On verification of the facts stated before me/hearing before me, I have come to the conclusion that this organization satisfies the conditions u/s 80G of the Income Tax act, 1961. The institution/Fund is granted approval subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The Donee institution shall forfeit this benefit provided under the law, if any of the conditions stated herein are not complied with/abused/whittled down or in any way violated.

(ii) This exemption is valid for the period from **A.Y.2013-14** onwards till it is rescinded and subject to the following conditions

Conditions:

(i) You shall maintain your accounts regularly and also get them audited to comply with sec. 80G (5)(iv) read with section 12A(1)(b) and 12A(1)(c) and submit the same before the assessing officer by the due date as per section 139(1) of the Income tax Act 1961.

(ii) Every receipt issued to donor shall bear the number and date of this order and shall state the date up to which this certificate is valid. **A.Y.2013-14** onwards till it is rescinded.

(iii) No change in the deed of the trust/association shall be affected without the due procedure of Law and its intimation shall be given immediately to this office.

(iv) The approval to the institution/fund shall apply to the donations received only if the fund/institution, established in India for charitable purpose, fulfills the conditions as laid down in section 80G(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) & (5B) of the Income Tax Act 1961.


(v) This office and the assessing officer shall also be informed about the managing Trustees or Manager of your Trust/Society/Non Profit Company and the places where the activities of the Trust/Institution are undertaken/likely to be undertaken to satisfy the claimed objects.

(vi) You shall file the return of income of your fund/institution as per section 139(1)/(4A)/(4C) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(vii) No cess or fee or any other consideration shall be received in violation of section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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Income Tax Officer Hq. (E)

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2014 PROJECT PLAN

• Modification of main building's roof by water proofing and re-flooring

Roof of the KIBI building has been decaying as the water has started to seep in. Cracks and leakage has been seen in the ceilings and walls causing damage to the building.

• Renovation of the hostel's public washrooms

Common bathrooms and toilets of the KIBI hostel are in a terrible condition. Due to previous unskilled construction a lot of free space that could be utilized to expand the area and capacity of the washroom has been wasted.

• Modern electric generator

KIBI has an oil generator but it is 10 years old, difficult to maintain, noisy and consumes 20 liters of diesel per hour. Furthermore, as per the newly implemented law in Delhi noisy and smoky generators that lead to pollution are not permitted.

• 20 attached rooms and 20 common rooms to be renovated

This is a part of last year's project but due to lack of finance and time renovation couldn't be completed. The priority is for our students and guest to have better residential facilities.

• New constructions to be built up at both sides of the KIBI Hostel

Since Dharma activities within KIBI are growing, more guests, staff and students are continuing to join us for various durations. In order to provide even basic residential facilities to all, two more stories need to be constructed.

• KIBI Lhakhang's electric rewiring and installation of new panel meter boxes

This is one of the most important tasks that need to be done at its earliest, so that the risk of shutting off electricity in the whole of KIBI at once will decrease. The wiring in KIBI is twenty years old and has been done in a way that isn't conducive to the use of modern electric equipment.

• KIBI monks staff health insurance

Delhi is an expensive city and the increase in cost of living every year is 25%. Due to high pollution and extreme weather conditions diseases and sickness are widely prevalent, and treatment is expensive. We have procured health insurance for our monastic staff.

KIBS project plan 2014 has been discussed and approved by the Management Board of KIBS. Associated and authorized organizations or people are requested to contact us regarding rendering their kind support in helping us achieve these goals.

MATERIAL DONATIONS

CATEGORY	ITEMS
HOSTEL	Mattresses and pillows, water tank, iron window work, furniture, electrical repairs, blankets, wardrobes, Hrd dispensers, Jrt dispensers, curtains and sheets, blanket covers, bookshelves, exide batteries, vacuum cleaner, water heaters, cycle lorry, laser printer, steel racks, Immaolt, hand tools, tool box and cotton clothes.
KIBI IT	LED tv 3D, Canon photo copy machine, computer, website, monitor, hard drive, UPS, RAM, wireless, headphones, wire connectors and card reader.
KIBI KITCHEN	Maruti Ecco car, oven, gas line and refrigerator.
KIBI MANDIR	Copper carved Mandala, mattresses for Lhakhang, wooden carved table
KIBI LIBRARY	Books, rebuilding, slotted angle racks, book printing, computers, internet connection
KIBI MEDIA	Cds Guru Yoga, Sony speakers, mini display port to VGA adapter, fans, Bluetooth receiver and D-link 3G WiFi
KIBI OFFICE	Renovations, Maruti Suzuki Ertiga car, aluminum, air conditioning, ID card printer, chairs and tables, DVD and post card, furniture, renovation, Epson printer, glass conference table , printing, computer set, stickers, KIBI promotions, note counters, wood & glass work, Tally software service and computer mouse.
KIBS CHARITY SUPPORT	Medical aid, charitable work, educational funds, toiletries
KIBS CHARITY EVENT PROMOTION	Advertising



The 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje

New Delhi, March 1st, 2014

Dear dharma friends,


It is with great pleasure that I express my appreciation for all the work that has been done, and is being done to this day, by the Karmapa International Buddhist Society (KIBS). Through the efforts and activity of KIBS, may the aspirations of Buddhas and bodhisattvas be fulfilled for the benefit of all sentient beings.

The activity of KIBS is in harmony with the wishes of my predecessors and my teachers, which I feel might be summed up in the term "Inner Wealth". To help cultivate this "Inner Wealth", the innate qualities of compassion and wisdom within each of us, I have three main areas of focus. These are: education and literacy, youth and intergenerational learning, and non-material values. I believe the advancement of work in these areas is essential for us all to lead meaningful and beneficial lives.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Khenpo Mriti, who has been working hard to fulfill the wishes of my predecessors and teachers. The generous guidance and expertise provided by Prof. Sempa Dorje has been a great blessing for all of us.

And how could I ever forget the time and energy that has been offered by staff members and volunteers alike? Last but not least, I would like to extend my endless gratitude to all the students who have participated in the study course all through the winter months.

I offer my prayers for the longevity and development of bodhicitta for all.


Thaye Dorje



Dear Board member of KIBS,

My congratulation for your successful studies program under the management of KIBS.

I can see clearly that the study programs managed by KIBS will be of great help for many peoples all over the world.

Furthermore, I suggest that KIBS should offer extensive Dharma language courses in Tibetan, Sanskrit, Pali and English, and you should obtain accreditation for this.

Thanks very much for all your efforts and my best wishes too all.

Shamar Rinpoche

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 2014

Income

INCOMING RESOURCES (in INR' 000)	28/02/2014
Donations	2585
Karmapa Charitable Trust	2831
Academic & Non Academic Course	3478
KIBI General Income	920
Interest Earned	77
Others	227
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	10118

Expenditure

RESOURCES EXPENDED (in INR' 000)	28/02/2014
Groceries Expenses	1433
Electricity	1330
KIBI General Expenditure & others	2155
Salary / Payment	1238
Charity	435
Offerings	346
Security Guard	182
Meditation Course Expenses	725
KIBI Room Renovation	2229
Miscellaneous	22
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	10100
Total Income	10118
Total Expenditure	10100
NET SURPLUS (Cash at bank and in hand at 1 March 2014)	18
CLOSING BALANCE	18

Karma Lekshey Gyatso
Treasurer
28th February, 2014

Ngawang Tharchin
Accountant
28th February, 2014

Scope of Responsibility

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

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The effectiveness of the system of internal control was maintained and reviewed through:

- Based on the above, I am satisfied that I can sign the Statement of Internal Control.

[Signature]

Khenpo Mriti
Secretary
28th February, 2014

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Professor Sempa Dorje
President
28th February, 2014

WORDS FROM KIBS PRESIDENT



– Professor Sempa Dorje

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REPORT SUMMARY BY KIBS SECRETARY



Dear KIBI and KIBS friends

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR FELLOW STAFF MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SUCCESS IN RUNNING THE SECOND YEAR OF KIBS, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO KIBI TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FOR THE COMPLETION OF KIBI'S FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW ACADEMIC COURSE. TODAY I AM QUITE PROUD TO WRITE THIS LETTER, BECAUSE I HAVE BEGUN TO EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF OUR SOCIETY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMANITY PARTICULARLY IN THE HOMELAND OF BUDDHISM.

When I was appointed secretary of KIBS in January 2012 by the KIBS Executive Members, including patrons, I accepted it with honor despite my lack of knowledge and experience. It was not because I was confident or an expert in my field, but because I am extremely devoted to the 16th Karmapa and I wanted to fulfill his wishes in whatever way I could. Moreover, Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche told me that I would succeed in developing KIBI because of my aspirational link from previous times. H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa told me that he wished that by taking up this position, I would set up an exemplary academic management structure and system for the next generation of his followers. Prof. Sempa Dorje also

revealed to me that it was his long term wish to bring the Karma Kagyu education system onto the international platform. He had tried his best but it did not work out, and so he put his hope in me as a chance to fulfill this wish. If I could do that then his wish in preventing the isolation of our future scholars would be fulfilled. That would be the biggest contribution to our lineage in my entire life, as a way of repaying the kindness of my teachers. Therefore, I chose to take on the responsibility to serve my gurus.

From March 2012, with my team of dedicated fellow monks, we officially started work as KIBS staff. Actually, I had



KIBI library, and reacted to an urgent request of KIBI students who faced unexpected expenses due to changes of the Indian visa regulations. Quick and un-bureaucratic help was organized, thereby enabling students to continue with their studies.

In December 2013, KIBS Europe e.V. announced the establishment of a yearly "Karmapa Award for Buddhist Studies" in cooperation with the Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna. The prize is awarded on behalf of KIBS Europe e.V. to honor excellent PhD theses in the field of Buddhist studies, particularly works focusing on topics related to the Kagyu (bka' brgyud) traditions of Tibetan Buddhism and Mahāmudrā doctrine.

The prestigious award consists of a prize worth 1000 € as well as a four week stay free of cost (including room and

KIBS EUROPE (Committee members)

President	Rolf Scheuermann
Vice President, Treasurer	Sabine Schütz
Public Relation Person	Dagmar Schmidt
Member	Audrey Desserrières
Member	Kharma Thilay Lama
Member	Nina Teuber
Member	K. Tsewang Gyurme

board, but excluding transportation and air travel) for research and study at the Karmapa International Buddhist Institute, New Delhi. It will be awarded for the first time in May 2014, and may be seen as a first step to further exchange between Western researchers and students and staff of the Karmapa International Buddhist Institute.

A general member's assembly was held in December 2013 in order to finalize necessary improvements to the statutes. It was also decided to host a Gala Dinner during the KIBI course in March to thank the donors. The Gala Dinner marks the conclusion of this year's KIBI course and will be blessed by the presence of H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa.

If you want to support the activities of KIBS and KIBS Europe e.V. we appreciate your donation! You are also very welcome to contribute with volunteer work for KIBS Europe e.V. as well as KIBI, New Delhi.

Thank you for your support!

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KIBS EUROPE REPORT

Six months after the foundation of KIBS in India, Karmapa International Buddhist Society Europe e.V. (KIBSEurope e.V.) was successfully launched in accordance with the wishes of H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje. The goal of this newly established society is to support all the activities of KIBS, and spreading KIBS' activities in Europe.

The inaugural committee was assembled for the first time in the Diamondway Center in Hamburg (Germany) from November 15th-17th 2012 to set down the statutes of the association and prepare its legal registration. On March 6th 2013, KIBS Europe e.V. was successfully registered as a non-profit association with its seat in Oldenburg, Germany.

To further discuss and outline possible future activities of KIBS Europe e.V., a meeting with H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa and his General Secretary Jigme Rinpoche was planned for the opening of the new institute in Dhagpo Kagyu Ling (France). Even though His Holiness was unable to attend the opening of the institute, the present members were able to meet with Venerable Jigme Rinpoche who graciously offered his counsel and advice.

The Dhagpo Institute opening in June was also the start for the initiative to promote KIBS all over Europe. Prior to the opening, a first generation of 4000 information flyers in German, English and French had been developed, and the majority of them were distributed during the event along with further personal information. In this way, several new members and donors were attracted.

In the following weeks several information events were conducted during Dharma courses at different Buddhist centers throughout Europe, including the Dharma centers Möhra, Jägerndorf and Karma Gyurme Ling in Germany, Karma Kagyu Sangha and Karma Samphel Ling in Austria, Bodhi Path Zürich in Switzerland, Bodhi Path Belgrade in Serbia and Karma Trinley Ling in the Netherlands.

Further flyers were made available for Buddhist centers via the respective distribution channels of the Bodhi Path, Dhagpo Kagyu Mandala and Diamondway organizations' networks. Furthermore, to create awareness for H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa's public course on the Bodhisattva's Way of Life held at KIBI in March 2014, around 3000 flyers were designed and distributed to the public.

While a Facebook page of KIBS Europe e.V. had already been successfully launched in November 2013, a Website is currently being designed and will be presented to the public soon. It will offer detailed information about the society and its current activities.

KIBI is one of the main projects supported. KIBS Europe e.V. helps with the maintenance and restoration of the building, and acquired a Xerox machine for general and student use. The society further supports KIBI with organizing the bank transfer of course fees through the society's European bank account. Allowing cashless online payments, it makes the money transfer a lot easier and avoids unnecessary exchange fees. The society also offered a donation for the

worked here for more than eight years, since 2003 but unfortunately there was no record or name on paper that I had been a KIBI staff member.

It is the fundamental aim of KIBS to maintain and develop the spiritual and educational activities of KIBI. In these two years of working non-stop one thing I learned is that if you step up at the right moment with a noble motivation for your work, based on an altruistic mind, then the achievement of your desired outcome is assured, although it may take some time. We started KIBI with almost nothing, were handed over an empty office, and we received so many complaints. We went through various manipulations as we began our work, but we tackled all of the difficulties, never gave up, and didn't allowed our courage to diminish.

Today, I am proud to say that KIBI has its own legal governing body, academic council, management board, established offices of different units, legal documents, bank accounts, internet access, telephone lines, cars and health insurance for staff. Not only that but our society has more than a hundred volunteer applicants and 22 active volunteers who engaged in Gyalwa Karmapa's various projects.

Educational support was granted to 16 needy children, and various social and charitable activities were conducted in different fields. Our support has reached out to all types of underprivileged people; children, the elderly, those from disadvantaged social backgrounds and the racially discriminated against. Our society is associated with many NGOs such as the National Association for the Blind, KIBS Europe, and others.

Nevertheless, I believe that great things cannot be achieved in a day, or even a year. We need to put in more effort. Hence, we paced the development of KIBI, transforming it into a bigger and longer-term project so that its activities could be strengthened, to last as long as time endures. It may take some additional years to perfect the system but we will not lose heart.

We are confident that with the help of all KIBI and KIBS supporters, we will certainly witness the flourishing of KIBI in the near future. All of these good beginnings at KIBS and



the development of KIBI were not merely from the efforts of KIBI staff members, but due to some other key factors as well. They are the Indian government, Karmapa Charitable Trust, KIBS founder members, financial and ethical supporters and especially volunteers who gave, and continue to provide, their priceless knowledge, time and physical help to KIBS and KIBI. Therefore, on behalf of all KIBS and KIBI staff, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart with folded palms.

I humbly request all of you to be with us as long as KIBI and KIBS abide. We would also like to pay our humble gratitude to KIBI's previous faculty and administrative staff, such as Khenpo Chodrak Rinpoche, Pasang Namgyal, Tina Draszczyk, Kerstin Seifert, Dawa Tsering, the late Topga Rinpoche and Hannah Nydahl. Because of their contributions we can now serve KIBI as their descendants or successors.

Last but not least, since society is defined as a group built by people, run by people, to benefit people, we therefore bring you this annual report to keep our work and record neat and transparent. I would like to express my thanks to Steve Tate, Tsondu Dhargay, Sumant Chhetri and Aprajita Sharad (Tanu) for their effort in making this annual report ready for the public. If you need any further information about our work you may kindly contact us.

Yours in Dharma,

KHENPO MRITI ALIAS CHULTIM GURUNG
Secretary(KIBS)
Dated: 5th of March 2014

KIBS OBJECTIVES

THE OBJECTIVES (AS DEFINED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SOCIETY) FOR WHICH KIBS IS ESTABLISHED AND INCORPORATED ARE TO ADVANCE ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS NON-PROFIT MAKING, EDUCATIONAL OR CHARITABLE IN NATURE.

EDUCATION

- To imbibe the teachings of Lord Buddha and to create a universal fellowship where people are related to each other by their humanity, irrespective of caste and creed or social circumstances.
- To establish institutions, a distance learning university, and colleges for imparting education in medicine, applied sciences, arts, laws, hospital management, waste management and other allied subjects for basic and post qualification specializations in various vocations and professions.
- To set up, fund, promote and run institutions to encourage elementary, primary, secondary and higher education in subjects such as music, fine arts, fashion ethnology, yoga, health and all other useful arts and crafts.
- To disseminate useful knowledge in medicine and to provide facilities for research in this field. With this objectives in mind, to assist deserving persons with the opportunity to further their studies, either in India or abroad, by awarding scholarships or other financial assistance.
- To educate and create awareness amongst the general public and to send delegations, survey and/or study terms from amongst the members of society.

CULTURE

- To work for the Indo-Tibetan cultural relationship, to preserve traditional Buddhist studies and language, to organize social humanitarian and philanthropic activities. Promote religious, social and ethical values and to safeguard unbroken tradition for the sake of humankind.
- To create facilities that work in coordination, collaboration and cooperation with other universities, institutions or colleges, bodies or authorities constituted or founded for purposes similar to the Society.
- To promote, establish, support, maintain or grant aid to institutions for the promotion of science, literature, music, drama and fine arts, preservation of historical monuments, research or other institutions in India which have similar objectives for benefiting of the general public.
- To communicate and liaise with the Central Government, State Governments and any other relevant departments and authorities in India and abroad on all subjects related to the activities of KIBS.

ASSOCIATED NGOs

• Anmol Public School

The Anmol Public School is situated at Satbari in a village in Mehrauli, Delhi. The school provides basic education from class Nursery to class VIII to underprivileged, socially downtrodden children.

• Blind Relief Association

It is one of the oldest associations for the blind, established 1939. More than 250 blind children from all over India in the age group of 6 to 15 years study in this institution. The institution provides free lodging, boarding, clothing, medical treatments and study material as well as free vocational training in music, caning, candle making and computing to its students.

• National Association for the Blind

The National Association for the Blind is an NGO that teaches visually impaired children from the age of 3 onwards to read in braille, helps them to get admission to mainstream schools and tutors them in every subject after the school hours offering any extra assistance that may be needed.

• Guild for Service

The Guild for Service is a national voluntary developmental organization dedicated towards the empowerment of marginalized women and children. Through its various projects, women and children affected by conflict situations and other unfortunate circumstances are empowered economically, politically and socially by ensuring them their rights, providing shelter to those abused and shunned by society, giving them vocational training to build their capabilities and make them self reliant, so that they are completely rehabilitated. They also have a home for widows at Vrindhavan.

• All India Mahayana Buddhist Mhanipa Association

The All India Mahayana Buddhist Mhanipa Association is a buddhist association performing activities for the benefit of all beings, and also aiming to protect and preserve the age old Himalayan culture and tradition.

• Aman Biradari

Aman Biradari is a people's campaign for a secular, peaceful, just and humane world. It aspires to build local level institutions mainly of youth and women, of diverse faith, caste and gender at village and district levels. To strengthen mutual bonds of tolerance, fraternity, respect and peace between people of different religious groups, caste and language groups. To promote equal citizenship, justice, communal harmony, peace, and the celebration of our social and cultural diversity.

VOLUNTEER LIST



Thomas Behrends - Germany
 Bettina Corinne Haffter - Switzerland
 Dr.Lara Braitstein - Canada
 Peter Avery Mendel - USA
 Lee Wei Yim (Erin) - Malaysia
 Diane Brodkorb - Germany
 Karolina Damentko - Poland
 Sabine Schütz - Germany
 Michael Donges - Germany
 Megan Scheetz - USA
 Kritika Pandey- India
 Ullrich Alfred Walter Goebel - Germany
 Sabine Doris Ingrid Wollman - Germany
 Aprajita Sharad - India
 Arnab Haldar - India
 Gaurav Gupta - India
 Katja Kohtala - Finland
 Katrin Becker - Germany
 Doris Karmad - Germany
 Lodoe Sangpo - Tibet
 Sumant Chhetri - India

DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU!



Governing Body Meeting - 2013



Academic Council Meeting - 2013

CHARITY

- To work for the educational, economic and social advancement of the underprivileged, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe, other backward classes and those living below the poverty line in all communities.
- To establish, promote, set up, run, maintain, assist, support financially or help in the setting up, maintaining or running schools and other institutions such as orphanages, widows homes, lunatic asylums, poor houses, hospitals, maternity homes, dispensaries, child welfare centres and similar charitable institutions.
- To establish, maintain and award scholarships and give other kind of materiel aid to students, including the supplying of books, stipends, medals and other incentives to study, without any distinction as to caste, colour, race, creed or sex.
- To establish, maintain or grant support to homes for the aged, orphanages or establishments for the relief and assistance to poor, disadvantage or destitute people,

orphans, widows and the elderly.

- To establish and develop institutions for the physically or mentally handicapped or otherwise disabled persons, and to provide education, food, clothing, and other help.
- To grant relief and assistance to the needy victims during natural disasters such as famine, earthquake, flood, fire, pestilence etc., and donate assistance to institutions.
- To grant aid or render assistance to other public charitable societies or institutions.
- To raise funds for carrying on the activities of various societies or charitable organizations.
- To acquire by purchase, donations, gifts or otherwise any rights, interests in any moveable properties and to manage dispose, or sell the same in the interest of the society in the furtherance of its objectives.

THE PURPOSE OF KIBS IS TO FOSTER WORLD PEACE AND HARMONY AND ESTABLISH BEINGS IN A STATE OF HAPPINESS - THROUGH EDUCATION, CULTURE AND CHARITABLE PROJECTS.

TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES KIBS WILL:

- Systematize the religious training centres, educational institutions and charitable works under the close supervision of His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa
- Identify and work with the impoverished, weaker and most vulnerable sectors of society to find solutions to the challenges and difficulties they encounter in their lives, in the fields of health, education and environment
- Create an aware, responsible and developed society based upon equality, fraternity and social justice
- Ensure sustainable and holistic development with an emphasis on human rights and a culture of social service through creating synergy and building strategic partnerships with Governments, NGOs (Non Government Organisations), SHGs (Self Help Groups), CBOs (Community Based Organisations) and various national and international organizations by planning appropriate downstream and upstream interventions.

THE OUTCOMES IT SEEKS ARE :

- Improved preservation of traditional Buddhist studies and practice, language and historical monuments
- Promotion of sciences and the arts
- Highest quality secular and religious education to both lay people and Sangha
- Social justice for all

1994

Mr. Jens Ole Bang
Mr. David Bauke
Ms. Gabi Coura
Ms. Alexandra Bosch
Mr. Phillippe Roualut
Mr. Kay Grimme
Mr. Heinrich Koch
Mr. Thure Dupont
Ms. Ingrid Marth
Mr. Erick Garnier
Mr. Jan Muller
Mr. Sven Braemer
Ms. Hannelore Brigitte Tobler

1995

Mr. Vagid Ragimov
Mr. Marianne Sorensen
Mr. Peter Memmel
Ms. Maria Pointner
Dr. Jim Rheingans
Mr. Jimmy Joergensen
Mr. Paul Pype
Mr. Henrik Christiansen
Mr. Anders Jorgensen
Mr. L.P.R. Leretaille
Mr. Wilhelm Niehues
Ms. Birgit Bethke
Ms. Helen Elisabeth Rensen
Ms. Christiane Uffrecht
Mr. Armando Munoz
Ms. Florence Perrot
Ms. Sophie Dalex
Mr. Neeraj Khatri Khatri
Ms. Heike Kuchler
Ms. Sakura

1996

Ms. Anne Marie Scavenius
Ms. Atchara Angela Tavi-Saengsiri
Ms. Barbara Herta Hackl
Ms. Claudia Neumann
Mr. Dirk Frettlöh
Ms. Echo Yu
Mr. Eva Ottmar
Mr. Jorgen Jensen
Ms. Marika Kuhn
Mr. Marc Jaspert
Mr. Prezemek Giliwicz
Mr. Lo King Chung
Ms. Svenja Schmitt
Ms. Wanda Chojnicka

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LIST OF ALUMNI

ACADEMIC YEAR 1991 - 1996

1991

Mrs. Mary C. Perna
 Dr. Karl Brunnhoelzl
 Mrs. Tina Irene Shrivastav
 Dr. Ulrich Kragh
 Mr. Manfred Georg Seegers
 Mr. Albrecht Frasch
 Mr. Manfred L.R. Werner
 Dr. Jon Greenberg
 Mr. Philippe Alain Pascal Lepleux
 Mr. Robert Ducassou
 Mr. Robert Varga
 Ms. Constanze Friederike Bauer
 Ms. Sabine Wollmann
 Ms. Eliane Redel
 Ms. Suzunne Augenstein
 Ms. Claudia Budnik
 Mr. Ulli Gobel
 Mr. Martin Haas
 Ms. Regine Margit Peteranderl
 Mr. Atushi Kitamatsu
 Ms. Anna Maria Schmid
 Ms. Nathalie Verburch
 Mr. Dominique Thomas
 Ms. Chamba Chouden Mugtugsang
 Ms. Geetu Dewan
 Mr. Hsiao Chin-Hsin
 Ms. Catherine Rosay
 Mr. Wang Chung Hung
 Mr. Anais Moron
 Mr. Andrew Quintman
 Mr. Carl John Elverskog
 Ms. Hanna BalcereJan Lazicki
 Mr. Michal Aleksander Orzechowski

1992

Mr. Everett Silas
 Mrs. Dorothee Christiane Schweizer
 Mrs. Caitlin Ann Collins
 Mr. Alois Kraft
 Mrs. Birgit Gabriele Neuhardt
 Mr. Matthew William Brown
 Mrs. Henriette M. Schlumberger
 Mrs. Baerbel Reinschmidt
 Mr. Andrzej Jan Zaczynski
 Mr. Axel Petzold
 Mr. Bernard Diederik
 Mr. Andrew Scott Bryson
 Mr. Juliusz Humienny
 Mr. Joseph M. Lin Lynch
 Mr. Klaus Dieter Conrad
 Mrs. Martha Souli
 Mrs. Sabine Michaela Fritzges
 Mr. Matthew Lee Willis
 Mr. Luc Fernand Marie Lavocat
 Mr. Marie Jo Nau
 Mr. Martin Laschkolnig
 Mrs. Saadhana Sishodia
 Mrs. Rachel Sun Marco
 Mrs. Carola Sigrid Pietsch
 Mr. Peter Max Ruser
 Mrs. Simone Pedocchi Lopez
 Mrs. Sabine Karin Richter
 Mr. Johannes Josef Troendle
 Mr. Toni Maurer
 Mrs. Zsuzsanna Koeszegi

1993

Mr. Valentin Bakouline
 Mr. Boris Erokhin
 Mrs. Marina Vladimirova
 Mrs. Anna Grace Bollinger
 Mrs. Claudia Maria Rohrer
 Mr. Rudi Vomstein
 Mr. Ralf Bidder
 Mrs. Maria Camara
 Mr. Joerg Uwe Dieter
 Mrs. Elisabeth C. A. M. Jacobs
 Mrs. Julietta Knop
 Mrs. Sarah Marec Kalff
 Dr. Michael Kalff
 Mr. Krzysztof Lebrecht
 Mrs. Antonia Olga Leube
 Mrs. Gunda Koehn
 Mrs. Monika Ewa Knapik
 Mr. Andreas Sebastian Lambrinos
 Mrs. Eva Kosin
 Mrs. Elwira Niemiec
 Mrs. Panagiota Athanasiou
 Mr. Alexander Schepotko
 Mr. Vladislav Ermoline
 Mr. Gabriel Eduardo Herrera



National Assoc. for the Blind - 2013



India's Independence Day - 2013

EDUCATION REPORT

PROVIDING SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO BOTH LAY PEOPLE AND SANGHA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE CORE PURPOSES OF KIBS. THE SOCIETY HAS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AS A MEANS OF SHARPENING THE BASIC FACULTY OF MORAL REASONING AND TO FOSTER EQUALITY IRRESPECTIVE OF CASTE, CREED OR GENDER. IN THE PAST YEAR THE NGO HAS EXEMPLIFIED ITS BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLE OF EDUCATION BY ENGAGING IN MANY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS INTRODUCING DIPLOMA COURSES IN KIBI BY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS, CONDUCTING AND HOSTING VARIOUS PUBLIC COURSES AND BY MARKING ITS SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER NGOs AND BONDING WITH THEM ON THE COMMON IDEOLOGICAL GROUND OF EQUALITY FOR ALL.

The new Diploma programme at KIBI

The Karmapa International Buddhist Institute functions under the education and culture arms of KIBS. It is therefore responsible for the administration and educational system of KIBI. In the academic year of 2013-14, a new diploma programme was introduced at KIBI.

The purpose of this program is to increase the understanding and appreciation of Buddhism and its related languages, by providing education to lay people irrespective of caste, creed or nationality. To fulfil its purpose the course has been divided into four categories: Language, History/Culture, Philosophy and Religion.

Currently 32 participants from all over the globe have enthusiastically enrolled themselves for the Diploma course. The first semester of KIBI's academic course started on 6th October, 2013, and ended on 10th December, 2013 and the 2nd semester was from 8th January to 15th March, 2014.

Topics included: Tibetan language, history and practice of Buddhism in India and Tibet, Je Gampopa's influential Jewel Ornament of Liberation, Buddhist philosophy as presented in Mipham Rinpoche's Gateway to Knowledge and the Sautrantika view based on Prof. Sempa Dorje's book.



Great Vajrayogini Puja - 2014

The Chenrezig Initiation

21 March, 2013: About 1000 devotees from North Eastern India and all over the world congregated at the Karmapa International Buddhist Institute to attend the Chenrezig initiation given by the Gyalwa Karmapa. From March 22nd

the devotees engaged in a two day Nyun-Ngne retreat. This programme was organised by the All India Mahayana Buddhist Mhanipa Association in collaboration with the Karmapa International Buddhist Society.

Kagyu Monlam 2013

As explained earlier, the annual Kagyu Monlam was held in Bodhgaya from the 14th - 20th December 2013. It was attended by H.H. Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje, Supreme Head of the Karma Kagyu School, H.E. Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche, H.E. Beru Khyentse Rinpoche, and various Rinpoches along with ordained and lay devotees from around the world. The Monlam started with a lamp-lighting ceremony by the Gyalwa Karmapa.

Thousands of devotees gathered under the Bodhi Tree to make great aspiration prayers for the benefit of all sentient beings. The Gyalwa Karmapa gave a brief teaching on Samantabhadra's King of Aspiration Prayer on the 17th December, 2013. The following day His Holiness transmitted the empowerment of Avalokiteshvara (Tib: Chenresig) to 3000 devotees.

Pujas in Kalimpong Shedra

From 25th February to 12th March, 2014, His Holiness the 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje joined in an intensive program of Losar celebrations at the Diwakar Buddhist Academy in Kalimpong. The activities were organized into three groupings. From 26th February to 28th February there was a Grand Mahakala puja attended by monks and nuns from the main seat and affiliated monasteries, along with devotees from around the world. This was followed on the

1st March with an incense burning ritual puja.

On the 4th March over 2000 people took part in an Amitabha initiation. From 6th March until 12th March a Vajrayogini puja was lead by the Gyalwa Karmapa, and attended by many senior retreat lamas. This is the first step in a long term plan to restore many of the tantric practices formerly performed at Rumtek monastery, India.



KIBI Faculty and Students - 2013



Diploma Course Inauguration - 2013

Public Meditation Course

In 2012, Karmapa International Buddhist Institute started a Shamatha Meditation Course in order to benefit many people and welcome a large community of international Dharma practitioners. The course is designed to introduce beginner practitioners to meditations of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and help them to gain some further experience. Even though the course is confined to a limited time-span, the hope remains that the students are able to acquire proficiency in these methods and apply them to the best of their ability.

The public meditation course for 2013-14 was conducted at the time of KIBI's academic course break for a period of ten days, from 24th December 2013 to 2nd January 2014. More than 140 participants from all over the world took part in the meditation course this year. The course ran smoothly and efficiently. People expressed their satisfaction and enjoyed the soothing experience of the meditation.

The 2013-14 PMC course was led by HH the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa and Ven. Dupsing Rinpoche and supported by guest teachers like H.E. Jamgong Kongtrul Rinpoche. The course was based upon the Three Trainings of Buddhist

practice, i.e. morality, concentration and wisdom. The practice of Mahayana Sojong or Upavasatha was undertaken to help establish a conducive condition which prepares the ground for perfect enlightenment. The remaining practices consisted of Calm-Abiding meditation (Shine/Shamatha) and Insight meditation (Lhakthong /Vipashyana). Furthermore, the practice of loving kindness and compassion, which distinguishes a Mahayana practitioner has been added to the course, in order to foster bodhicitta through the practice of Avalokiteshvara (the deity of compassion).

This time the guided meditation sessions focused on the four preliminary practices of the Karma Kagyu lineage. Since this is the general base upon which all practices within the Theravada, Mahayana and Vajravajra traditions rest, these foundations are known as the "four common preliminary practices". In the coming year, the course will continue with the other practices, such as the practice of taking refuge and developing Bodhicitta. Unless unforeseeable circumstances occur, next year's PMC is expected to take place around the same time as this year's.

Guest teachers at KIBI

KIBI is a place bustling with eager students and gracious teachers, who are always enthusiastic to engage in a Dharma discourse. Many venerable teachers have visited KIBI in 2013 and have been very kind in imparting teachings in the short duration of their stay.

In the month of October two very great teachers, His Eminence Beru Khyentse Rinpoche and Venerable Shangpa Rinpoche gave teachings on 16th Karmapa Guru Yoga and Guru Devotion respectively.

It was on the evening of 31st October, 2013 that H.E. Beru Khyentse Rinpoche paid a visit to KIBI and upon the request of the students, he kindly agreed to give the oral transmissions of the Manjushri Namasamgiti and Guru Yoga of the 16th Karmapa. Before giving the oral transmission Rinpoche mentioned that although he had been in KIBI on many occasions, it was the first time that he had the opportunity to teach.

After the transmission Rinpoche explained concisely the instructions of the Guru Yoga practice and emphasized the importance and value of guru devotion. At the end of the precious teaching the KIBI staff and student representatives presented tokens of appreciation to

Rinpoche. On behalf of all the staff and students they thanked Rinpoche and requested that he return to KIBI regularly to turn the wheel of the Dharma.

Likewise, we were fortunate to have Ven. Dupsing Rinpoche with us in the month of December as Rinpoche also led the Public Meditation Course 2013-14. During this period, Ven. Rinpoche gave a Dharma talk to the teachers and students of Diwakar Buddhist Academy, Kalimpong. One of the main focuses of the talk was to contrast the divergent views of Buddhism in the east and west.

In the month of January 2014, yet again we were fortunate to be blessed by the presence of Ven. Nyeshang Maniwa Drupon Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche, who was invited to KIBI to impart teaching and blessings.

On 23rd of January 2014, he gave general teachings to the KIBI students and guests. In his teaching he emphasized the three great points which underlay Mahayana practice. These are:

- 1) preparation
- 2) actualization and
- 3) dedication

The teaching concluded with the Chenresig meditation.



Hong Kong Empowerment - 2013



Hong Kong Teaching - 2013

achieved through material comfort alone, but needs to be associated with the development of our inborn potential.

On May 19th His Holiness granted the empowerment of Guru Rinpoche to approximately 1,500 devotees. He first emphasized the preciousness of our human existence, and then explained that the rituals and methods practiced in Vajrayana Buddhism are not an end in themselves, but ultimately serve the purpose of cultivating inner wealth, and most of all contentment.

On the last evening of his stay in Kuching the Gyalwa Karmapa visited Kuching Bodhipath centre to meet with organizers and devotees, give teachings, answer questions and conduct a Chenresig puja. During his teachings His Holiness warned everyone against what he referred to as the "microwave factor" which is so characteristic of our day and age: just like so many of us when hungry tend to grab

some food and shove it into the microwave, in search of instant gratification, instead of taking the time required to cook a proper and nutritious meal. In the same way we tend to use Dharma practice with the expectation of a "quick fix" for our problems. He then explained that this tendency was largely due to the materialistic influence of our modern times, where we have so many "magical things."

Before starting the practice of Chenresig he gave explanations about the kind of compassion that aspiring bodhisattvas should strive to cultivate, and how to go about it. At the end of the session he joined the assembled Rinpoches, monks, organizers and devotees in a group practice of Chenresig.

Hong Kong

The official programme of the Gyalwa Karmapa in Hong Kong started on January 18th with the empowerment of Buddha Amitabha (Buddha Limitless Light).

Before starting the empowerment, His Holiness gave refuge to several hundred people: he explained that taking refuge was not about converting "because our nature is known as the enlightened nature. It is unborn, unconditioned – so it doesn't need any conversion, changes or alterations. We take refuge only to realize this nature which is already ours." He explained the meaning of the various stages of the empowerment, and by the time the blessing line was completed it was past midnight.

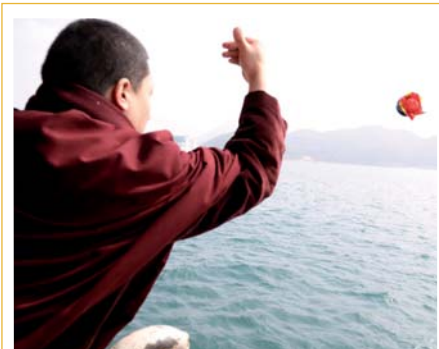
On the morning of January 19th His Holiness joined his monks for a naga vase puja at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Before starting he explained that the term puja "basically means accumulating joy, and in that particular case, accumulating wealth: In this material world in which we live material wealth is also equally important. Why? Because if and when there are kind, generous, positive intentions, then in order to convey these positive intentions, material wealth and material resources become a very valuable tools".

On the evenings of January 19th and 20th the Gyalwa Karmapa transmitted the empowerments of Green and White Tara to a gathering of approximately 2,500 devotees.

On both occasions hundreds of attendees took refuge for the first time, and His Holiness gave profound and detailed explanations on the purpose and benefits of taking refuge in what is known as the "Three Jewels". The Gyalwa

Karmapa later explained that the absolute benefit of an empowerment is the accomplishment of the complete understanding of mind's nature, and that the temporary benefits of practicing Green and White Tara was to unbind the practitioner from the eight kinds of obstacles, and to attain longevity.

On the evenings of January 21st and 22nd the Gyalwa Karmapa gave two sessions of teachings on the topic of Pure Land at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. His Holiness started by cutting through our fascination with Pure Lands, and bringing us back to the basics of the Buddha dharma. He concluded both teaching sessions by giving plenty of time for questions and answers, and the participants made ample use of this opportunity.



PMC Conclusion - 2013



Guest Teaching - 2013

Seminars and Workshops

In the past year KIBI has actively hosted a philosophical workshop on the tenets of Buddhism and a guest lecture on the meditation trends in the wake of Tibet's great debate.

Guest Lecture

Can We Reason our Way to Enlightenment?
Meditation Trends in the Wake of Tibet's Great Debate

Speaker: David Higgins
ISTB, University of Vienna

A guest lecture was given in KIBI by Mr. David Higgins in the May 2013 on the topic **Can We Reason our Way to Enlightenment?** He spoke about the Meditation trends in the Wake of Tibet's Great Debate. This lecture took us to the scene of an important Sino-Indian debate hosted by the Tibetan emperor Trisong Detsen at the end of the 8th century to decide the future of Buddhism in his country.

At issue was whether enlightenment is realized gradually through analytical meditation, as argued by the Indian participant Kamalaśīla, or all at once through contemplating the nature of mind, as proposed by his Chinese Chan (Zen) counterpart Heshang Mohoyen.

David Higgins is a post doctoral research fellow in the Institute of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna, where he is exploring the synthesis of "Great Seal" (Mahāmudrā) and "Other-emptiness" (gZhan stong) traditions in Tibetan Buddhist scholasticism during the 15th and 16th centuries.

He holds a doctorate from the University of Lausanne and his thesis on the philosophical foundations of the Tibetan Great Perfection (Dzogchen) tradition has been published by the University of Vienna.

Awards and Sponsorships

One of the objectives that the Karmapa International Buddhist Society strives for is to make sure that every deserving student gets access to an education. In light of this KIBS makes an effort to award deserving students scholarships.

In the past year KIBS has played a great role in helping students who are in pursuit of academic excellence. KIBS announced on 21st December, 2013 the establishment of

a yearly **Karmapa Award for Buddhist Studies** in cooperation with the Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna.

The prize is awarded on behalf of KIBS Europe e.V. to honor excellent PhD theses in the field of Buddhist studies, particularly works focusing on topics related to the Kagyu traditions of Tibetan Buddhism and Mahāmudrā doctrine. Outstanding MA theses may also be considered.

The Philosophical workshop of DBA

Twenty-five teachers and students of the Diwakar Buddhist Academy participated in a month long philosophical workshop at KIBI, New Delhi. The workshop was led by Ven. Professor Sempa Dorje and focused on Buddhist and non-

Buddhist tenets. Moreover, the workshop involved an active and healthy exchange of ideas and knowledge between KIBI students about the different approaches of the Orient and Occident towards Buddhism.

Upcoming courses: The Karmapa Public Teaching course

H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa will hold public teachings and empowerments from March 17 – 22, 2014. The theme of this six day teaching is Shantideva's **Bodhisattva-charyavatara** (Bodhisattva's Way of Life.) In addition, distinguished scholar Ven. Lama Jampa Thaye will also give teachings on Dorje Chang Thungma (Six Essential Points of

Mahamudra Meditation by Benkar Jampal Sangpo). Khenpo Tsering would be teaching classes in the earlier half of the day on Dependent Origination and Ven. Professor Sempa Dorje will be giving the opening and closing classes of the course. Additionally, there will be empowerments of both Manjushri and Buddha Amitabha.



Kuala Lumpur - 2013



Kuching Airport - 2013

KARMAPA SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

KIBS CHIEF PATRON, H. H. 17TH GYALWA KARMAPA TRINLEY THAYE DORJE, WHO IS THE SUPREME HEAD AND LINEAGE HOLDER OF THE KAGYU ORDER OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM, PERSONIFIES KINDNESS BY CARRYING OUT VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT VAST NUMBERS OF BEINGS. HIS HOLINESS HAS BEEN HONOURED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA BY BEING CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE PEACE AMBASSADORS FOR 2013. HE HAS EMERGED AS A GLOBAL ICON OF PEACE AND COMPASSION. THIS SECTION PRESENTS AN OUTLINE OF HIS ACTIVITIES DURING 2013-14.

Overseas Tour

Over 800 Buddhist centres and monasteries of the Karma Kagyu lineage, in 51 countries, follow the 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje. During the last year he visited a number of his centres located abroad. He often visits these centres, to encourage Buddhist practitioners, and inspire the seed of loving compassion in them.

Bodhi Path Kuching, Malaysia

On the evening of May 15th the Gyalwa Karmapa left for Malaysia to visit and bless the Bodhipath Kuching Centre, its students and other devotees. From 16th – 20th May activities such as a fish release, teaching and discourses and group meditations were undertaken. His Holiness also visited a palliative care unit at Sarawak General Hospital, as well as a cancer unit, and spent some time with those patients confined to their beds.

On the morning of May 17th, 2013 His Holiness paid a visit to Kuching Bodhipath Society. He was welcomed by Lama Palden and members of Kuching Bodhipath Society, as well as Ven. Shangpa Rinpoche, Ven. Nendo Rinpoche and the

Rumtek monks. As a welcome gift to His Holiness a Sarawak Lion Dance was performed, followed by a mandala offering. He then blessed birds, turtles and fish, which had been brought by the sangha for the Life Release. They were released immediately after the blessing. At the end His Holiness performed a Rabne (consecration) ceremony for the centre.

On the morning of May 18th the Gyalwa Karmapa performed the Red Chenresig Jang-chok ritual for the deceased. In the evening he transmitted the blessing empowerment of Kubera - a wealth deity. **In his introductory teaching he pointed out that true wealth cannot be**



Prof. Lokesh Chandra - 2013



Dr. David Higgins - 2013

CHARITABLE ACTIVITY REPORT

ASSISTING THE NEEDY BY IDENTIFYING AND WORKING WITH THE IMPOVERISHED, WEAKER AND MOST VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF SOCIETY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDAS OF THE KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY. TO FULFILL THIS GOAL KIBS HAS HOSTED NUMEROUS CHARITABLE EVENTS IN 2013-14.

H.H.17th Karmapa celebrated his birthday with blind children

On the occasion of the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje's 30th Birthday, the Karmapa International Buddhist Society engaged in charity. Gyalwa Karmapa, along with Professor Sempa Dorje and about 100 volunteers and students of KIBI, visited The Delhi Blind Relief Association, Delhi. Karmapa toured the institution, blessing the students. All 300 students of the Blind Relief Association

were given items to meet their basic necessities, like bed sheets, slippers, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

The donation was followed by the cake cutting ceremony. The children of the Blind Relief Association were then given refreshments. In addition, staple food like rice was also donated by KIBS to this NGO.

Helping Others Give Back Great Joy

In June 2013, a boy from Darjeeling named Yougen Tamang and his mother, through the intermediary of Mr. Barun Tamang, a government employee in Delhi – approached Gyalwa Karmapa's Private Office, requesting His Holiness' help in getting the boy an artificial limb after an accident in which Yougen Tamang lost his right leg. Gyalwa Karmapa referred the matter to Karmapa International Buddhist Society (KIBS) for examination and quick action.

Private Secretary Rabjam and Khenpo Mriti, studied Yougen Tamang's case, found his claims to be justified and the boy indeed was deserving of help.

As young Yougen Tamang was already deeply saddened and discouraged, having tried hard and failed to get sufficient financial support to pay for his artificial limb, His Holiness, in his boundless love and compassion towards sentient beings, agreed to provide the full remaining amount of Rs. 74,000 in payment for the prosthesis, which will enable the boy to lead a fruitful and productive life.

This story once again shows that Gyalwa Karmapa's great compassion and kindness towards sentient beings is ever present to everyone equally – the form in which they receive his blessings depends on each person's devotion.

economically weaker sections of society. Students from Anmol School, accompanied by their Principal Bipin Kumar, and the founder of Garav Niketan School, Madam Garavmata Snehlata Hooda were invited to commemorate the event. The Garav Niketan School strives to educate the children of the slums and daily wage labourers.

The students of the Anmol School, Delhi and a few children from the Chakkarpur Village of Gurgaon who go to government schools, participated in the celebration by singing peace songs and speaking on world peace. Teachers, who are the guardian of education, also shared their views on how world peace can be attained.

Towards the end of the events, HH Gyalwa Karmapa gave a speech expressing gratitude towards all who could join in this event and celebrate such a worthy cause as striving for world peace. The Karmapa mentioned in his speech that if everyone who had come up on the podium and spoken of world peace started practicing what they spoke of they would be able to attain peace within themselves.

H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa, Professor Sempa Dorje and the guests of honour also engaged in the bird release ceremony where five white pigeons, which are representative of love and peace, were set free.



Afterwards prayers and wishes for world peace were conducted. Then a vegetarian lunch was served and chocolates were given to all students as a token of love.

By the end of the day's celebration KIBI was wrapped in peace and tranquility, and a renewed resolve for attaining both inner and outer peace was strengthened in many.

Kagyu Monlam 2013

December 14th - 20th, 2013, many Rinpoches and Lamas once again assembled for this annual event at the sacred place of Bodhgaya to join His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa in the aspiration prayers for the benefit of all beings and for world peace. His Eminence Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche holds a supreme position among them.

Thousands of devotees gathered under the Bodhi Tree to make great aspiration prayers for the benefit of all sentient beings. Samantabhadra's Aspiration Prayer for Excellent Conduct (Zangcho Monlam) also known as the King of Aspiration Prayers, is the main prayer recited during the Kagyu Monlam.

His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa has recently described this prayer as being a perfect example of Buddha speech: "It is perfect in every way. There is simply not one sentence – in fact, not one word or even one syllable – that is not Buddha speech."

Thousands of monks and nuns from different monasteries across the Himalayan regions, as well as lay people from around the world, had also come to Bodhgaya to join in the

auspicious event of the Great Kagyu Monlam under the Bodhi Tree in Bodhgaya.

His Eminence Beru Khyentse Rinpoche, who played host to the Mahakala pujas and arranged for Lama dances to be performed at his monastery (Karma Tharjay Chokhorling) before the Monlam where devotees recited aspiration prayers together with the Gyalwa Karmapa.



15th August, 2013 India's 65th Independence Day

India celebrates the 15th of August as its Independence Day. This day marked the commencement of a two day program (organized by Karmapa International Buddhist Society) in KIBI to celebrate the 65th Independence Day of India. This program involved the active participation of 150 students from the Anmol School, Delhi accompanied by the school's Principal Mr. Bipin Kumar and staff, who joined in this event to celebrate the spirit of Indian independence.

The program started with the flag hoisting ceremony by H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa. This was followed by the singing of the Indian national anthem. H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa then addressed the gathering by speaking of the significance and importance that freedom and independence have in developing the Nation and its citizens.

The students of the Anmol School then gave speeches about the victorious Indian struggle for independence. This was followed by the students singing patriotic songs and performing a cultural dance. The event also involved an interactive session with H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa and the

students. The students eagerly asked questions to the Gyalwa Karmapa and expressed deep and thoughtful opinions on the subject of inner wealth and compassion.

Ven. Prof. Sempa Dorje also addressed the gathering, speaking of the importance of never giving up in life, to set goals and achieve them. His speech revolved around how important it is to carry on in life, despite obstacles and that without obstacles there would be no growth in human life.

To make the program more interactive competitions were conducted. The drawing competition and the word game competition delighted the children. The winning contestants were awarded prizes by H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa. The students enthusiastically sang patriotic songs and read poems, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The students were blessed with the opportunity to have lunch with His Holiness. The program ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Khenpo Mriti, expressing gratitude and appreciation towards everyone who had been a part of this joyful celebration.

21st September, 2013 International Day of Peace 2013

The International Peace Day was celebrated at the Karmapa International Buddhist Institute with lots of vigour and enthusiasm. H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa, the Chief Patron of the NGO has been honoured by the United Nations, Geneva by being chosen as one of the Peace Ambassadors for the year 2013. The International Day of Peace celebrated in KIBI was presided over by the Chief Guest H.H. the Gyalwa Karmapa, the President of KIBS - Professor Sempa Dorje, and the guests of honour - Dr. Agam Bhatnagar, Dr. Ramakant Shukla and Dr. IR Dwivedi. The celebrations began with a lamp lighting ceremony by the panel of distinguished guests. The lighting of the lamp was symbolic of the dispelling of ignorance by the light of wisdom and knowledge, for it is knowledge alone that can lead one to a greater understanding of how peace is attained.

After the lamp lighting ceremony Professor Sempa Dorje gave a speech welcoming all guests. He mentioned in his speech that **it is only through the path of education and knowledge that one can achieve everlasting peace**. All honourable guests then spoke about the importance of attaining world peace and how inner peace can help us attain the bigger goal of world peace. Dr. IR Dwivedi mentioned in his speech that he felt very blessed to be in

the presence of H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa on this occasion and very honoured to celebrate the International Day of Peace with an NGO enshrining Buddhist values, especially because Gautama Buddha is seen as the ultimate symbol of peace.

Dr. Ramakant Shukla spoke about how the responsibility of attaining peace rests on our shoulders. He mentioned that it is through proper conduct that peace can be attained. He also talked about the compassion of Gautama Buddha and that Buddha has said that peace is not only an individual prerogative, but it is in fact very necessary that peace be attained by all, and hence Buddha declared that until all sentient beings are in peace he could not stay in happiness himself. Dr. Agam Bhatnagar also addressed the audience, expressing how blessed he felt to be sharing the stage with H.H. the Gyalwa Karmapa.

The theme of the 2013 International Day of Peace was education as a path to peace. Therefore, students from underprivileged schools were invited to the celebrations. This was a gesture to encourage the activities of NGOs and individuals who wished to make a difference in the world, by imparting knowledge and education to all by reaching out to



Charity and love are the same - with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead.

— Mother Teresa

KIBS Charity Activity at National Association for the Blind

On January 19th, 2014, the Karmapa International Buddhist Society greeted the new year by engaging in its first charity event, bringing cheer and hope to the hearts of the visually challenged students. On this bright Sunday afternoon the KIBS Chief Patron, H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, the Society's President, Professor Sempa Dorje along with an entourage of monks visited the National Association for the Blind; an NGO that works to empower visually impaired students. The visit was made to benefit the blind children by encouraging them to pursue education, emphasizing its importance and strengthening the student's resolve to make a difference in the world.

The National Association for the Blind is an NGO that teaches visually impaired children from the age of 3 onwards to read in braille, helps them to get admission in mainstream schools and tutors them in every subject after the school hours, offering any extra assistance that may be needed. The NGO has qualified teachers amongst its staff members and strength of about 300 blind children. It also has hostel facilities for the students. The teachers and volunteers work hard to help the visually impaired students to compete with their counterparts in mainstream schools that offer inclusive education. Many visually impaired students, with the help of donations and scholarships that are given to this NGO, have pursued further education and are now working in multinational companies and studying in colleges abroad, serving as an inspiration to many.

H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa, Professor Sempa Dorje and KIBS staff were greeted warmly by a gathering of 185 visually

impaired students, brimming with joy and excitement. At this charity event organized by KIBS, H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa awarded an annual scholarship to ten visually impaired children. Addressing the students he conveyed how he felt emotional at first to see all of them but was happy and strengthened to see that they had a platform that could be used to become independent and helpful for society. **His Holiness encouraged the visually challenged students to keep fighting and moving ahead in life, asking them to never give up hope.** He told the children that they were blessed with capabilities beyond normal people - that they did not have eyesight, but they had a vision. Wishing them all the best he assured them that KIBS would offer them assistance in the future too.

Snacks and chocolates were then distributed to all the children. H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa, along with the monks, distribute snacks and chocolates to every student. The representative of the National Blind Association requested H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa and Professor Sempa Dorje to tour the hostel and other available facilities, explaining the basic need and support required by this modest institution. H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa assured future help in providing basic necessities to the students along with more annual scholarships. The entire institution was full of gratitude and cheer by the experience of this wonderful day.

This charity event, that involved sponsoring the education of the visually impaired students, was just the beginning. Karmapa International Buddhist Society plans to extend such support to more students every year.

Losar Charity Event

Karmapa International Buddhist Institute celebrated the Tibetan Losar (New Year) of 2141 Tibetan Male Wooden Horse Year, which fell on the 31st January, 2014, according to the Tsurphu calendar.

There were around 100 devotees who participated in the ceremony to mark their New Year as well, as that day was not only the Tsurphu New Year but was also the New Year for those in some parts of the Himalayan region, the Chinese and Koreans.

Aside from the traditional Losar ceremony, in accordance with the Gyalwa Karmapa's wishes, KIBS conducted charitable activities on this auspicious day by distributing blankets to street workers who sleep on the roadside, and are struggling in their lives. KIBS also decided to sponsor two of their small daughters, so that they will have a chance to go to school.



KIBI, New Delhi - 2013

listed as significant causes of disability and death among women worldwide. The educational, cultural and charitable efforts of organisations like KIBS are therefore more crucial than ever. In the cultural context of Siddhartha Gautama, the supreme Buddha, women were subordinated in the brahmanical patriarchy so much that their self-determination was inconceivable. The Buddha however preached a different doctrine.

The Buddha recognised women's inherent equality with men, a radical attitude in a culture that treated women as chattels, in order to sustain its vertical power structure. KIBS vision is to promote peaceful social life based on the guiding principles of knowledge, wisdom, right path and compassion.

25th May, 2013 Successful Buddha Purnima celebration

Vesak day/ Saga Dawa full moon day/ Buddha Purnimais the most sacred day in the Buddhist tradition. It is celebrated because it marks the three most important events in the life of Gautama Buddha that occurred on this day - his birth, enlightenment and Maha-parinirvana.

The Karmapa International Buddhist Society celebrated this auspicious occasion in a grand way. Around 500 devotees of H.H. Gyalwa Karmapa and various Buddhist centers from different parts of Delhi participated in the celebrations. The day of Buddha Purnima began in KIBI early in the morning, around dawn, with His Holiness granting the Sojong vows to all the devotees who had gathered in the

At Gandhi Smriti on 8th March, KIBS Sangha and representatives and exemplars of dignity and ethical discipline, Pema Tsering, Lekshey Gyatso, Jinpa Thaye, and Tsering Tobgye, recited prayers on stage in a program with members of other spiritual traditions, including Christianity, Sufism and Baha'i, with an audience of around 60 people.

The Buddhist prayers recited included The Refuge Prayer, Generating Bodhicitta, Shakyamuni Buddha Twelve Deeds Prayer and the Kagyu Dedication Prayer.

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Lakhang to start their day with spiritual practice on this auspicious occasion. The Sojong practice was followed by Chenrezig meditation.

Later in the morning, around 9:00 am, Professor Sempa Dorje gave teachings on the significance of Buddha Purnima, which was attended by many people. This was followed by a vegetarian lunch being served. In the evening HH Gyalwa Karmapa gave Chenrezig Wang/ Empowerment, followed by a grand lamp lighting ceremony with a 1000 lamp offerings and prayers for World Peace. The whole institute was decorated with long strings of golden light and KIBI was enveloped in a beautiful serene environment.

22nd July, 2013 Program on the Dhamma Chakra Pravartan Day (ChokorDuchen).

It was a day of great significance for Buddhist practitioners all over the world and especially in India, as on this day 2603 years ago Gautama Buddha delivered his 1st sermon at Sarnath, after attaining enlightenment.

On this pious occasion, KIBI monks were invited by Bhante Sumedho of the 'Friends in Dhamma' group to a program held at the Delhi National Museum - where some of Lord Gautama Buddha's relics are located.

On this auspicious occasion, Khenpo Mirti was requested to give a speech on the relevance of Buddhism in the contemporary era. Khenpo mentioned in his speech that developing a moral sense of being, stable concentration, awareness and knowledge will be helpful not only for

monastic life but also for lay life in general. Training in these three aspects will serve as an asset in leading an independent life, and if followed by the society at large, it can lead the whole nation in the right direction, bringing progress and prosperity.

The essence of Khenpo's teaching can be summed up in a quote by the Buddha: "all phenomena are impermanent, therefore lead your life with great vigilance".

The ceremony was concluded with prayers in front of the holy relics of the Buddha, conducted together by the KIBI and Theravada monks.



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CULTURAL PROGRAM

ONE OF THE AIMS OF KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SOCIETY IS THE PRESERVING OF TRADITIONAL BUDDHIST STUDIES, LANGUAGES AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, AND PROMOTING VARIOUS SCIENCES AND ARTS THAT HOLD SIGNIFICANCE IN THE BUDDHIST TRADITION, TO THE NATION AND TO THE WORLD - SUCH AS BUDDHA PURNIMA, INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY. KIBS ALSO EMPHASIZES ITS BELIEF IN THE CORE VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY MARKING ITS SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER NGOs WHO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL. VALUING CULTURE AS A THREAD THAT BINDS US ALL, KIBS CELEBRATES WITH VIGOUR AND ENTHUSIASM THESE OCCASIONS.

8th March, 2013

International Women's Day Prayers for Peace

KIBS celebrated International Women's Day by participating in a Global Interfaith Peace Prayer (Sarvadharmā) in New Delhi, India on Friday 8th March, 2013.

International Women's Day is held annually on March 8th to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

At the invitation of Dr. V. Mohini Giri, Chairperson and Mrs. Diana Khambatta, Trustee of Guild for Service and the War Widow's Association, KIBS Sangha joined a collective effort of caring for the liberation of all humanity, well-being and international peace. Guild for Service is a non government organisation in Consultative Status with the Department of Public Information & Economic & Social Council of the United Nations and, in association with the War Widow's

Association, upholds the rights of women in Indian society. Like KIBS, Guild for Service and the War Widow's Association recognize that historical and social circumstances can result in inequalities that lead to injustice, abuse, poverty and the oppression of women and therefore work is to be done for the support of the deprived, and to help those in need of improving their lives, as a human right.

Much progress has been made to protect and promote women's rights in recent times. However, nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men, according to the UN. The majority of the world's 1.3 billion absolute poor are women. On average, women receive between 30 and 40 percent less pay than men earn for the same work. Women also continue to be victims of violence, with rape and domestic violence



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Buddha Purnima - 2013