

**Sponsorship Information for His Eminence Ayang Rinpoche's  
Retreat Centre in Nepal  
The Garden of Happiness Meditation Centre  
Drubde Gatsal Ling**

**Special message of support from His Holiness 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Centre**

The retreat centre will be part of the Amitabha Foundation temple and retreat centre complex, Opak Khilkhori 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 centre.

The retreat centre itself will contain 64 self-contained retreat cottages arranged in clusters of 8, with each cluster being dedicated to a particular practice.

The retreat centre 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 \$U.S12,000 or Euro 9,000.

All contributions, large and small, to this project are most warmly welcomed and invited by Rinpoche.

**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 6 months of retreat per year in your cottage, up to a life-time total of 40 months (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 Gomba.

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

You will have your name inscribed on the cornerstone of your 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 \$U.S. 2000 and above: 38 weeks of retreat time.

\$U.S. 1000: 16 weeks retreat time

\$U.S.800: 10 weeks retreat time

\$U.S.300 3 weeks 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 Centre on a pro rata basis.

### **How to Make Your Contribution**

Please deposit your sponsorship or donation into the following bank account to ensure it goes directly to this project:

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Ltd.,

Naya Baneshwar

Kathmandu, Nepal

Account Holder: Ayang Rinpoche, Lama

Swift Code: SCBLNPKA

Savings Account #19-1008080-01

To ensure your personal details are recorded correctly as a contributor to the retreat centre, please notify True Lhamo on [amitabhafoundation@yahoo.co.in](mailto:amitabhafoundation@yahoo.co.in) with your name, the amount of your contribution, and the date on which you deposited it.

### **Disclaimer**

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