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Words of Wisdom from His Holiness the Dalai Lama

“Whether one believes in a religion or not, whether one believes in rebirth or not there isn’t anyone who doesn’t appreciate kindness and compassion.”

The Tibet Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1981 under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Tibet Fund is the primary funding organization for the health, education, refugee rehabilitation, cultural preservation, and economic development programs that enable Tibetans in exile and in their homeland to sustain their language, culture and national identity.



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The Tibet Fund’s Field Office in Dharamsala Inaugurated

The Tibet Fund’s field office in Dharamsala was inaugurated on November 23rd, 2012, as part of an opening ceremony for the Tibet Education Project (TEP), a new USAID-funded initiative. The ribbon-cutting was done by USAID India’s Mission Director William Hammink and Sikyong Lobsang Sangay. The Tibet Fund’s President, Rinchen Dharlo, and the two dignitaries spoke on the occasion.

Also in attendance were Bob Ankerson, The Tibet Fund’s Vice President, Sang Lee, USAID Agreement Officer Representative, and senior officials from the Central Tibetan Administration. The field office is staffed by three newly hired employees: Sherap Therchin,



TEP Deputy Project Director, Tsering Yangkey, TEP Monitoring and Evaluation Director, and Tenzin Jigme, Financial and Administration Officer.

The Tibet Education Project aims to strengthen the Tibetan educational system in innovative ways that equip young Tibetans to succeed in modern professions, become strong and visionary leaders, and thrive in the global economy while sustaining their unique identity and culture.

The two-year project aims to improve the overall educational system. It supports teacher training, scholarships, student career counseling, test preparation coaching, and a range of innovative strategies to strengthen science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.



Outside New Office, left to right: Yankey, Jigme and Sherap

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Tibetan Scholarship Program Enjoys Continued Success

The Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) continues to enjoy great success as the alumni return to serve the Tibetan community in key positions and continue to pursue advanced research degrees. In 2012, eight students completed their studies under the TSP. Pema Tashi and Chokyi, both of whom studied international development at

Brandeis University, now work at the Department of Health and the Department of Information and International Relations, respectively. Trinley Palmo, who received an MPH from Stony Brook University, works at the Department of Health. Karma D. Namgyal, who studied international law at American University, now works at the Department

of Information and International Relations. Tenzin Ngodup continues to pursue his PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Buffalo. Kelsang Wangdu and Sonam Wangmo, who studied Education at Columbia Teacher’s College, are at the Department of Education and the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, respectively.

Dorothy Berger Memorial Scholarship Launched

Friends of Dorothy Berger have established a Memorial Scholarship in her name to enable young Tibetan refugees living in exile to earn professional degrees in the fields of healthcare, science, and community development. Dorothy Berger was a friend and beloved leader of the Tibet movement before her sudden death from cancer in March 2011. She was a member of the International Tibet Network’s

Steering Committee beginning in 2003 and was Co-Chair from 2005 to 2008. She became involved with Tibet almost 20 years ago. During much of that time she was on the board of San Diego Friends of Tibet and served as its Coordinator. A portion of the Professional Scholarship Program (PSP), administered by The Tibet Fund, will be supported by this fund. The PSP was established in 2008

to help the Tibetan community overcome the shortage of trained professionals in the medical and healthcare fields mainly caused by a shortage of scholarships and funding.

As of 2013, a total of 51 students have been supported by PSP scholarships, with 40 students currently enrolled in the program. To learn more, please go to www.tibetfund.org

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Tibetan Scholarship Program: Mid-session 2013 Workshop in DC



TSP Program Coordinator, Tenzing Choephel Chumeego, and Lisa Kraus, Program Officer for the TSP at US Department of State Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (BECA).

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In an effort to further incentivize Tibetan graduates to serve their community, the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) held its Mid-session 2013 Workshop in DC between January 10 and 11, 2013. It was organized by the TSP Program Coordinator, Tenzing Choephel Chumeego, along with Lisa Kraus, Program Officer for the TSP at US Department of State Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (BECA). The participants for this workshop included students

who came to the US in Fall 2012.

The workshop is based on best practices culled from other BECA programs targeting similar populations. During the workshop, meetings were arranged between the TSP students and the US DoS staff at BECA. The students also visited Capitol Hill, the Library of Congress, International Campaign for Tibet and Voice of America. In addition, they also visited Swanson Middle School in Arlington, VA

where they shared their experience.



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The Tibet Fund President Rinchen Dharlo Visits Nepal

In November 2012, President of The Tibet Fund, Rinchen Dharlo, visited Nepal to monitor and evaluate current programs and to meet with The Tibet Fund's partners.

Rinchen attended meetings to further coordinate The Tibet Fund's partnership in new dental care initiatives with the NYU College of Dentistry and coordinate a project with Starkey Hearing Foundation, which is providing free hearing-aids for Tibetans & ethnic Tibetans in Nepal. Rinchen also visited four Tibetan settlements in Pokhara

Valley in order to evaluate the implementation of programs under the PRM grant.



He was accompanied by Tsering Topgyal, General Secre-

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tary of the Snow Lion Foundation, Nepal. He visited schools and clinics within these settlements and also attended a workshop on TB awareness at the SOS children's village high school, where he spoke. He visited Pema Ts'al Saky Monastic Institute at Hymja in Pokhara to discuss outreach by Starkey Hearing Foundation. Rinchen also met with Amanda S. Jacobsen, Regional Refugee Coordinator and Patricia A. Mahoney, Deputy Chief of Mission, both of U.S. Embassy in Katmandu.

Seattle's Modernist Event a Great Success

On February 20, world-renowned Chef Maxime Bilet hosted *The Modern Feast to Honor Tibet* at the VUDE, a food performance space generously donated by Jon and Joel Staenberg. President Rinchen Dharlo said a few words about The Tibet Fund, while new friends and longtime supporters, like photographer Phil Borges, sampled 12

delicious courses inspired by Chef Bilet's work with modern techniques. Wine was donated by Hand of God Vineyards. The event raised over \$12,000 for health and education programs in India and Nepal. The memorable evening featured a silent auction and traditional Tibetan music performed by well-known Tibetan

singer and teacher Tsering Lodoe.



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The staff, board and beneficiaries of The Tibet Fund would like to thank you for your generosity and friendship this past giving season. You, and people like you, helped us by donating to our annual appeal, buying the KARMA mala, and by participating in the matching gift challenge. We cannot thank you enough! The Tibet Fund is deeply appreciative of your loyalty and devotion to our mission. You can find out more about how your funds are being used by going to www.tibetfund.org