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PREFACE

The year 2018 is over and we are happy to be able to offer you an annual report with the events of this past year.

The composition of the board changed in February. Mrs. E. van Weelden has been appointed vice-chairman, Mrs. P.C.G. Hendriks as secretary and Mrs. L.H.F.M. Teunissen-van den Ende has taken over the treasurer from Mrs. M.M.H.L.T. van der Bom-Tjoa, who remains a general member of the board.

In 2018, much has happened around the heating project for the monastery which has now grown into a major renovation project. However, TDEF is a capital fund and is not equipped to manage such projects or actively raise funds. That is why a new foundation has been set up for the management of the project and the fundraising, which is called The WHISE Foundation (Wisdom Housing In a Sustainable Environment).

You will find in this report the developments surrounding this project and our other activities. We cordially invite you to read it.

In the 2018 annual report you will first find general information about the TDEF foundation and the composition of the board. Then the activities and the most important developments in 2018 are mentioned and explained, after which a short conclusion is given.

GENERAL

The Dagpo Educational Fund (TDEF) was established with the aim of supporting the cultural, educational and philosophical aspects of the Buddhist traditions of the monastery university Dagpo Shedrub Ling, wherever in the world, so that these traditions can continue to exist and be shared with those who are interested. The TDEF Foundation uses its financial means for this objective. It does not have a profit objective.

The objective of the TDEF Foundation implicitly has a social aspect because people who live from the traditions of Dagpo Shedrub Ling will, where necessary, contribute to education, health care and other forms of humanitarian aid.

BOARD MEMBERS

February 2018

- Chairman: Mr Lopsang Jhampel Jhampa Gyamtshog
 - Vice-President: Mrs. E. van Weelden
- Secretary: Mrs. P.C.G. Hendriks
- Treasurer: Mrs. L.H.F.M. Teunissen-van de Ende
 - General members: Mrs. M.M.H.L.T. van der Bom-Tjoa, Mrs. M.H. van den Eijkhoff and Mrs. T.L. Tideman

The board has the intention to meet at least once a year. Furthermore, contact is maintained through meetings throughout the year, by email and telephone.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN 2018

Contact with the donors



In February 2018 the annual release card was sent to all donors on the occasion of the Tibetan New Year 2046 of the Earth Dog. On the card there was the above photo of an old painting of the state of Dagpo Dratsang a few centuries ago in Tibet

Visit to the monastery university Dagpo Shedrub Ling in Kullu, India

This year was a happy year for the monastery: in October, Venerable Dagpo Rinpoche could visit Dagpo Shedrub Ling and teach for the first time after three years. Unfortunately, an intended visit by His Holiness the Dalai Lama scheduled in the same time, was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

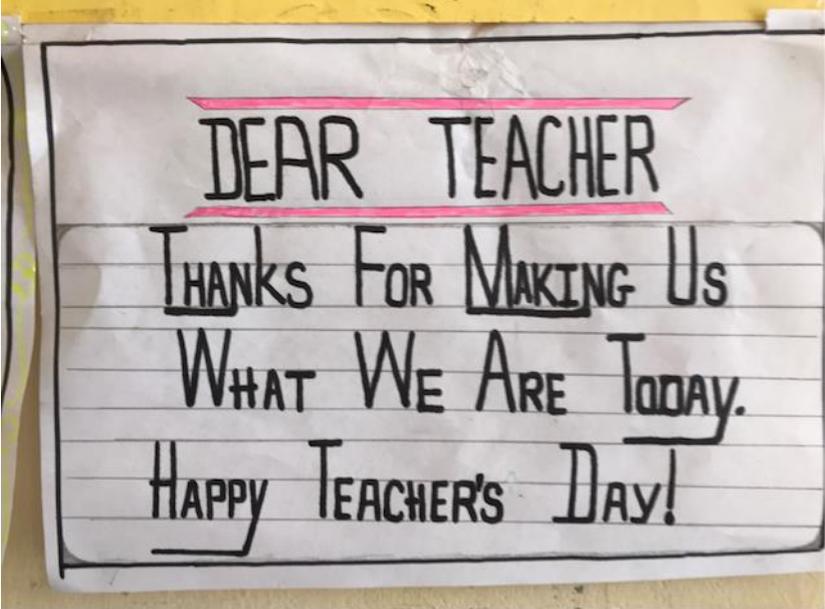
Esther and Elly attended the teachings of Venerable Dagpo Rinpoche. Their visit also coincided with the research of two Arup engineers. They have been able to follow and support this research. For more on this, see: Heating / Renovation project.

Thosam Ling school



Things are going well with the school. Partly because the salaries could be adjusted there is now a team of ten teachers with good qualifications and two 'amalas' (carers). There are classes in mathematics, biology, physics, social subjects, English, Hindi and Tibetan. There is a big focus on the (good handling of) the environment and sustainability. There are regular sports days.

Finding a director is still a challenge. For the time being, a multi-headed management has been chosen, consisting of the teacher who has been teaching at the school from the very beginning (she had already taken on many management duties in practice) and a board member of the monastery, the Reverend Sangye lags. They are supported by an experienced head of a school in the immediate vicinity.



A happy event is celebrating Happy Teacher's Day.

Retreat and study centre

This year, the official transfer of the land in Haripur finally became a fact. The land was already purchased in 2013. TDEF contributed to this purchase between 2011 and 2013 with a donation. In order to keep the building permit for this site, something has to be constructed within two years. We are now contacting an architect who can make this first design.

Healthcare



In the past year, a doctor also held consultations twice a week in a room, specially designed for this purpose. : the basement of the school with the entrance on the street side. This office is visited by monks and local residents.

In a conversation with the doctor, we learned the following:

Many younger monks suffer from fungal infections on the head. In the autumn of 2018, there were about twenty-five little monks suffering from it. They also regularly have boils. Both conditions are contagious. Although the children are not really sick, it deprives them of energy and reduces mental strength so that learning becomes more difficult. The children are treated with ointment and antibiotics if necessary.

The doctor's advice to help cure and prevent these disorders is:

- Improve the immune system of the children through good food with sufficient protein and vitamins.
- Improve hygiene.

Work is being done on both points. A lot of attention is paid to protein-rich food and, among other things, a large institutional washing machine has been purchased to be able to wash linen and clothing regularly.

No further research has been done into infections with the *Helicobacter Pylori* bacteria. According to the monastery management, there are currently no monks with serious complaints. However, it has been discussed that a pro-biotica cure for all monks will benefit their health.

The renovation of the school building, including isolating, heating and adapting the medical post and extending it with a stay for the doctors, will hopefully be one of the first major projects that we can tackle.

Heating / renovation project



As stated in the preface, the heating project has become a complete renovation project. After the last TU Delft students' research, it was concluded that it is essential, before investing money in the improvement of the various buildings, to ask experienced engineers to carry out an in-depth investigation into the safety of the site and the technical condition of the buildings. At the end of 2017, Arup, a globally renowned construction consultancy firm, was contacted. A request was submitted to include the project in their 'Community Engagement Program'. After all conditions were met in 2018 and all formalities were completed, two engineers left for the monastery in October and did an investigation. There was a geological engineer and a construction technician with a great deal of expertise in the field of the influence of earthquakes on existing buildings. They worked intensively in the monastery for a week.

The geological survey concerned the conditions of the foundation, the composition of the soil, indications of erosion and starting landslides etc. By digging five holes in the foundation of various buildings at different levels of the site, insight was gained into the composition of the soil, the height and quality of the foundations, the water management, etc.

The construction engineer has carefully examined all rooms in the buildings for cracks, moisture and other damage. The strength of walls, columns, the proportions of vertical load and horizontal bearing capacity, etc. has also been mapped. This research provides insight into the general conditions of the buildings and especially what can be expected to happen in the event of an earthquake (or other disaster).

All data are analyzed and interpreted by both engineers with the help of special Arup software and other Arup specialists and recorded in a report. We hope to receive this report soon. The results will be discussed with the management of the monastery and with Dagpo Rinpoche. An action plan will be developed to optimize the conditions of the site and the buildings.

WEBSITE

In 2018 we have started with the preparations to adjust the navigation through the website, so that visitors can find the information they are looking for faster. In 2019 we hope to complete that and make the website even more accessible.

The WHISE Foundation

It is now clear that the renovation project, including making the site and buildings safer and more comfortable, will cost a lot of money and time. To support this process properly, a new foundation has been established: The WHISE Foundation (Wisdom Housing In a Sustainable Environment). This foundation takes over the management of the renovation project and will work together with the management of the monastery. She will also make efforts to get the necessary funds for it. Of course we will continue to follow the project and support financially if required.

The money that was collected last year with the aid of the Kadam Chöling Foundation and the Wilde Ganzen for the renovation of the medical post is waiting in the account of the Wilde Ganzen until it can be used for the renovation of the medical post (and the school).

Interim measures

Meanwhile, the heating for the monks is long overdue. Therefore, cheap temporary improvements have been considered, which can help to prevent the dangers to further weakening of the buildings and increase their comfort, such as:

- a. Where possible, arrange the drainage.
- b. Measures to keep the heat inside the buildings such as:
 - * thicker and wider curtains (or a double curtain) in front of the windows,
 - * draft strips at the bottom of the door,
 - * carpets / warmer carpets,
 - * wooden signs against the wall on the main side of the beds and so on.
 - * Anything else that can be thought of to prevent heat loss and drafts.

The French organization Entraide Franco-Tibétaine that supports the monastery for the daily needs will provide the financial resources for this.

MEETINGS

The board has met three times. In addition there was consultation by telephone and via the mail.

CONCLUSION

Looking back on the past year, we see that the number of donors has grown gradually again. In 2018, a great deal of time and energy was put into getting an investigation into the safety of the site and the buildings. It was therefore very gratifying that this investigation took place in October. The results will come out early next year and the next steps will become clear. We are delighted that The WHISE Foundation will take over the further supervision of this project and wait confidently for the further development of the project.