



## **THREE ORGANIZATIONS, ONE GOAL!**

Dear Friends,

In Dagpo Dratsang, the teachings of the Buddha and especially the traditions of the Lamrim are kept alive by studying, practising and sharing them with all who are interested in them. In this way a strong counter-force against all sorts of negative elements is created. For example, compassion and wisdom are timeless and indispensable values, so is loving kindness. We very much want the monks to be able to continue with their efforts 'for eternity', as a beacon of constant hope in a world full of turmoil.

There are three organizations that work the long-term continued growth of the Dagpo Dratsang and its traditions, also called lamrim-traditions: The Dagpo Educational Fund (TDEF), The Dagpo Educational Fund Asia (TDEFA) and The WHISE Foundation (TWF). They are supporting Dagpo Dratsang in different ways and we would like to explain the differences and the similarities between these organizations.

If you are interested in how the long-term survival of the Dagpo Monastery is taken care of and how the long-lastingness of the lamrim-traditions is ensured, which is a deep wish of Venerable Dagpo Rinpoche, then we invite you to read this letter.

With our warmest wishes,

*The Dagpo Educational Fund*

*The Dagpo Educational Fund Asia*

*The WHISE Foundation*



**THE DAGPO EDUCATIONAL FUND**

and

**THE DAGPO EDUCATIONAL FUND ASIA Trust**

The Dagpo Educational Fund (TDEF) has its base in The Netherlands and The Dagpo Educational Fund Asia Trust (TDEFA) in Malaysia. Both are set up under the guidance of Venerable Dagpo Rinpoche with the aim of supporting and preserving the cultural, educational and philosophical aspects of Buddhist traditions of the Dagpo Shedrup Ling monastic university, also called Dagpo Dratsang.

They are sister organizations, one in the Netherlands (2007) and one in Malaysia (2009). Currently, the funds received from well-wishers and benefactors are being invested by established asset management firms in order to cater for the future long term needs of the monastery and also other institutions and projects which contribute to the continuation of the lamrim-traditions.

The growth and return of the capital guarantee the livelihood of the monks in Dagpo Dratsang in a more distant future.

TDEF and TDEFA could also be described as the pension insurance for the monks. For this reason its capital cannot be used for large one-off expenses. Its capital is being invested for capital preservation, for use to support the cause going well into the future. The main aim is to grow enough capital that the fruits will be enough to foresee the running costs of Dagpo Dratsang in the future.

Information about TDEF and TDEFA can be found at respectively: <https://www.thedagpofund.org/> and <https://www.thedagpofundasia.org/>



### **THE WHISE FOUNDATION *Wisdom Housing In a Sustainable Environment***

Although it is called The WHISE Foundation, TWF is actually an association, not a fund like TDEF and TDEFA.

Since 2017 it became more and more clear that Dagpo Dratsang is struggling with a very precarious situation of the buildings and the associated school and medical centre. The monastery is located in the foothills of the Himalayas in a very earthquake-prone area. There are also regular landslide and

water running downhill. The buildings are not designed for this. Furthermore, the buildings have various technical defects, are damp (a very bad irrigation), are not insulated and there is no heating. This is especially difficult for the young monks. A thorough approach to these problems is necessary. Therefore the WHISE Foundation was established in 2019, under the guidance of Kyabje Rinpoché.

TWF, together with the monks, has organized an extensive investigation on the basis of which a renovation of the buildings and a reinforcement of the site can be carried out. In this way TWF works on a healthy, safe and sustainable environment for the monks, the children and the whole community, thus ensuring the continued existence of Dagpo Dratsang.

In order to find the means for this big restoration project, TWF will raise funds from large and small organizations, but also incites those who feel concerned to think of creative ways and start projects, small or big, to generate money for this important cause.

For further information and details see our annual report on our website:

[www.thewhisefoundation.org](http://www.thewhisefoundation.org)

**May we all together help to preserve Kyabje Rinpoché's Precious Traditions until all suffering has come to an end...**