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Annual Report SCTG, Amsterdam, 2017

Like everyone, we were seriously disturbed by the news of the 3 ½ month strike in the Darjeeling area.

This was not only a socially and economically difficult situation for all locals, but it also affected all the schools and colleges in this area, including the Chagpori College in Takdah.

Fortunately, the pharmacy is situated outside the affected area!

That's why the students had to shift temporarily to the pharmacy building to continue their classes there, until the end of the strike at the beginning of September. We believe they were camping out in the building.

And we hope the postponed 25th-year celebration of Chagpori will be held soon in the coming year.

We are happy that Yangsi Trogawa Rinpoche is still enthusiastically continuing his Buddhist studies in Ven. Kyabje Dodrubchen's Monastery in Gangthok.

Sponsor Activities

As usual, we sent out our annual letter to the sponsors, which motivated some of them to make their annual, or even an extra, donation.

In January the Bep Aten (BA) Foundation kindly donated **6,000** euro for the windows of the 1st floor of the pharmacy.

Last year the BA Foundation donated 6,000 euro to solve the problems of the poor electrical power and we hope this is solved by now!

As general donations, the SCTG received **2,436** euro and towards the pharmacy construction additional to the donation for the windows **1,700** euro.

The Chagpori donation box in Nel's clinic collected **3,055** euro.

The sponsoring of students in 2017 was **10,173** euro.

We have a sponsorship of **750** euro towards the salary of a clinic doctor.

The Yangchen Drolma Fund donated **12,000** euro till November, of which 9,000 euro is for additional compensation for the staff salary in CTMI, the remaining money, 3,000 is to bear part of the expenses of the Seminar on Tibetan Medicines in Sarnath, febr. 25th-March 1st.

From Losar onwards next year this support for the salaries will be reduced by 50 %.

This year we received **1,508** euro for the education of our Yangsi Rinpoche.

The bank interest was **98** euro.

So altogether we have raised **37,622** euro and this year in total we have sent **30,000** euro to CTMI.

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Activities in Holland

We are happy that we found a few new sponsors who were willing to sponsor a part of the study of some students. We are aware though, that not everyone has found complete financial support for their studies.

Unfortunately, this year we couldn't welcome any of the workers from the Chagpori Institute.

And partly because of the strike there were not many, for us noticeable, activities at the Institute, and therefore we couldn't be as active as we used to be in the previous years.

From our side we are also worried about how to find the needed support to continue and complete the big plans that Chagpori has for the future institute.

Some good things to mention is that we have found a new webmaster in Ivo Vanderbusse for the three websites which run from Holland. We want to thank our previous webmaster Bert Kuipers who kindly and generously developed the 3 sites and over many years he kept them up to date as much as possible.

Please do help the new webmaster with pictures and news, so he can continue with an up to date inspiring and juicy website.

And last but not least, just before leaving for Darjeeling, one of our earlier student-sponsors offered to do fundraising work for us! She has lots of experience, and has also used it to help building schools in Tibet. We hope that this inspiring news can help us towards fundraising for the College building.

And it's inspiring to know that Chagpori is co-organizing a seminar on Tibetan medicine in Sarnath from February 25th till March 1st, 2018.

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