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Annual Report SCTG, Amsterdam

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Visit of Amchi Teiny Trogawa to the Netherlands

This year we were happy that, after 2 years, we could receive Amchi Teinley Trogawa, director and president of Chagpori Tibetan Medical Institute (CTMI), Darjeeling, in the Netherlands.

It was a good coincidence that the European Buddhist Film Festival (BFFE) was in Amsterdam in the same weekend. At the Festival the film about late Trogawa Rinpoche, which was made in 2002 in Friesland and Amsterdam, would be shown. Following the film both Amchis Teinley Trogawa and Nel de Jong gave a talk on the Chagpori tradition, CTMI now and Tibetan medicine in Europe, followed by a Q&A session for an enthusiastic audience. We were also able to offer everyone a book on Tibetan medicine and could enclose our new brochure on legacies in it.

He also saw some people who wanted to meet him after the talk privately.



During Amchi Teinley's visit we had a meeting with some of our sponsors. Amchi Teinley was also able to meet our webmaster, who is taking care of the website of CTMI as well. We ended his visit with a dinner with the SCTG board in a Tibetan restaurant to discuss his visit and to look at ideas for the future. Altogether we are satisfied with the successful visit and we really do hope that Amchi Teinley Trogawa will be back again soon.

Yangsi Trogawa Rinpoche

The incarnation of Trogawa Rinpoche is continuing his Buddhist Dharma study in Gangtok diligently. We here in Holland hope that soon he may start his Tibetan medical study, too.

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AYUSH and its consequences

In India CTMI falls under the AYUSH, the alternative medicine department of the Indian Government. This implies that Tibetan medicine is now recognized by the Indian government; a big achievement with many consequences and requirements for CTMI.

And as long as these requirements are not met no new students can be admitted!

So this is really serious. The aim is to have new students coming in annually.

The requirements that must be met are:

- There must be a 10 bedded teaching hospital connected with the College, a museum and a library.
- The students must train in the hospital as well as in the pharmacy.

To organize all of this is still a lot of work, beginning with locating both the hospital and the college in the pharmacy compound.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, Chagpori could not yet start with the construction of the housing for the students on top of the pharmacy building.

Only then can the students shift from Takdah, which is a 2 1/2 hour drive from Salugara, to where the pharmacy is.

During his visit, Amchi Teinley expressed the wish to start in December 2019 with the construction. But most likely this will be in 2020 and for the construction an amount of € 70,000. in total will be needed.

Financial matters in 2019

As mentioned in our previous annual report, in 2018 we received a legacy of € 10,000. which was mainly used for the furnishing of the shrine room, the entrance room of the pharmacy and the offices in the pharmacy complex. We are very touched and grateful for this generous gesture.

In 2019 we received several funds through a relative of our late fundraiser and also some general donations. In total 20,935,- euro, which will all go towards the construction of the 2nd floor.

The donation box in Amchi Nel's clinic collected € 4,915.

The sponsoring of students in 2019 brought in € 10,728. We also received an advance for the sponsorship of some students for 2020 from the Rigdzin Foundation, which is included in this sum.

The sponsorship of € 750. for the salary of a clinic doctor has continued.

The Yangchen Drolma Fund donated 12,000.-, from which € 8.000.- for the construction, and € 4.000. towards the staff salaries.

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However, at Losar 2020 the support from the Yanchen Drolma Fund for the staff salaries will end.

In 2019 we also received €1.656.- for the education of our Yangsi Rinpoche. There was no bank interest accrued. So altogether we have raised € 50.253. and to date we have sent a total of € 37.536,- to CTMI, Darjeeling.

Activities in Holland

We are still very happy with the sponsors of the individual students, without whom the students would not be able to study.



Some photos of the meeting of Amchi Teinley Trogawa with some of the sponsors and the SCTG board members.

The Board made a brochure to encourage people to support the activities of Chagpori Darjeeling via a legacy in their testament. Because of the ANBI status of the Foundation legacies will be tax deductible. The brochure is on the SCTG website and available in the clinic in Amsterdam.

We really do hope that the activities in Darjeeling will encourage our sponsors to continue their support for the wonderful aim of the late Ven. Trogawa Rinpoche to keep the Chagpori tradition alive and to have it flourish again like in Tibet.

Amsterdam, 31 December 2019,

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