

Viet_Vajra Foundation



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Viet_Vajra Foundation, a non-profit charitable educational organization, was founded in 2006 by a group of Vietnamese Vajrayana practitioners worldwide to promote networking and a deeper understanding of Tibetan-Buddhism and culture in the Vietnamese communities in the United States and abroad.

Viet_Vajra Foundation is non-sectarian and has representatives from all four major schools of Tibetan-Buddhism.

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Most Precious and Compassionate Gyalwa Rinpoche,

First of all, we would like to express our greatest joy at Your Holiness's acceptance of the Congressional Gold Medal Award tomorrow, and to express our deepest gratitude to Your Holiness for granting Viet Vajra Foundation this precious opportunity to seek for your blessings and advice.

Our most sincere appreciation also goes to Lodi Gyari Rinpoche and Lesley Friedell of the International Campaign of Tibet for making this audience possible.

Our organization was founded in January 2006 (1) to establish a network among Vietnamese-Tibetan Buddhists, (2) to promote a *non-sectarian* spirit with equal respect and appreciation for the Three Vehicles and all four traditions of Tibetan Buddhism, (3) to translate and distribute Vajrayana materials to Vietnamese practitioners, and (4) to generate an appreciation for both Vietnamese and Tibetan histories, languages and cultures in the context of Buddhism.

Our Board of Directors, Advisors and members come from all four lineages of Tibetan Buddhism. We live in different parts of the world, including the United States, Canada, Australia, and Vietnam.

We would like to humbly request for Your Holiness's **(1) blessings, (2) letter of support and (3) advice for Viet Vajra Foundation**, especially for our approach to *non-sectarianism*.

1. For Vietnamese Buddhists who wish to practice Tibetan Vajrayana, we seek for Your Holiness's advice on how to best include and reflect the traditional aspects of the Vietnamese Mahayana culture so that some of the unique characteristics pertained to each tradition can be harmonized and complement each other?

2. We seek for Your Holiness's advice on long term training and support for the Vietnamese ordained living in Vietnam, whose wish now is to enter the monastic life of Tibetan-Buddhist monasteries in India or Nepal.

3. Your advice on how to best disseminate and infuse the essence of "mind training" according to the Mahayana and Vajrayana approach into the daily life of the Vietnamese Buddhists, especially of the younger generations in Vietnam.

4. Your blessings and support for Tibetan lamas living and giving teachings in Vietnam and overseas with less focus on the ritualistic aspects and more on the essence of the Vajrayana teachings.

5. Your blessings and support for language training and exchange programs between Vietnamese and Tibetan translators, as well as social-cultural exchange programs between the two cultures.



6. The Vietnamese people in general and Vietnamese Buddhists in particular sympathize with Tibet and the Tibetan people. As Vajrayana practitioners, we seek for Your Holiness's advice on how to best contribute to the cause of the Tibetan people without forsaking the teachings of compassion?

Your Holiness, words cannot express how grateful we are for this precious opportunity to be in Your presence and receive direct teachings from You.

We would also like to present to You a letter from a Vietnamese novice monk, Ngawang Tsultrim Zangpo, who is currently living in Vietnam and whose wish is to enter long term monastic training in India or Nepal.

Moreover, we would like to present to Your Holiness the following offering of heart and mind:

*Gang ri ra way kor way zhing kam dir
Pan dang de wa ma lu jung way nay
Chen re zig wan ten zin gya tso di
Zha pay si tay bar du ten gyur chig*

*May our eyes one day become one with Your thousand eyes...
Our arms with Your thousand arms...
Our heart with Your heart...
Our mind with Your mind...
May we never be separated in this, and all future lifetimes...*

*As long as space remains...
As long as sentient beings remain...
May we too remain...
To dispel the darkness of the world...*

Yours in Sublime Three Jewels,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Puchu" with a flourish at the end.

Founder/ President
Viet_Vajra Foundation