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Programs for Vietnamese
Vajrayana Practitioners

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Study is the lamp
to dispel
The darkness of
benightedness.
It is the best of
possession —
Thieves cannot rob
you of it.

It is a weapon to
defeat your enemy —
Your blindness to all
things.
It is your best friend
Who instructs you
on the means;
It is a relative who
will not desert you
when you are poor.
It is a medicine
against sorrow
That does you no
harm.
It is the best task-
force
To dispatch against
your misdeeds.
(Jataka Tales)

To:



Viet Nalanda Foundation
Tibetan-Buddhism for Vietnamese Vajrayana Buddhists



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Blessed by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama

*One of our organization's aspirations is to cultivate a fertile ground for the precious teachings of **Tibetan Vajrayana Buddhism** to be transmitted to Vietnam, and flourish within the overseas Vietnamese Buddhist communities. On October 16, 2007, **Viet Nalanda Foundation** (also known as*



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***Viet Vajra Foundation**) was granted an audience with H.H. the Dalai Lama in Washington, D.C. Recognizing the urgent need for Vietnamese ordained members, translators and lay practitioners to be well-versed in both Tibetan Buddhism and Tibetan language, Viet Nalanda Foundation brought to His Holiness's attention our aspiration in creating opportunities for Vietnamese ordained members, translators and lay practitioners to undergo extensive monastic and Tibetan language training in India and Nepal. His Holiness blessed the concept, and instructed us to work closely with his representatives in realizing this vision.*

About the Zangpo Project

The **Zangpo Project** is inspired by a young Vietnamese monk from Vietnam, **Ngawang Tsultrim Zangpo**, who is a devoted student of Trulshik Rinpoche. Ngawang Zangpo's genuine wish is to travel to Dharamsala, India for the Tibetan language training and basic Buddhist philosophy studies.

The **Zangpo Project** does not limit its sponsorship to monks and nuns from Vietnam but we sincerely encourage overseas Vietnamese ordained members, translators and lay practitioners to also consider this precious Tibetan language and Buddhist training opportunity.

The **Zangpo Project** coordinates and works directly with representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama as well as representatives of various Buddhist institutes such as the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah (Sarah College), Library of Tibetan Works and Archives (LTWA), Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Thosamling Nunnery... with the aspiration to establish a consistent and systematic approach for future sponsorships.

Viet Nalanda Foundation's vision is to continue to sponsor Vietnamese monks, nuns, translators and lay practitioners who aspire to follow the footsteps of the authentic Tibetan Buddhist Masters in seeking the pure Dharma knowledge in the Land of the Buddha.

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Your Support is Vital to the Success of the Zangpo Project!

It costs approximately 3,000 US dollars each year to sponsor a person for his/her study in Dharamsala, India. Our pure motivation is the guiding lamp but Viet Nalanda Foundation alone cannot guarantee the success of the Zangpo Project. We need your support and no contribution is too small. We welcome you to contribute to this project by either making a one-time donation or offer monthly on-going support. Please fill out the attached pledge form and mail it together with your donation to:

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Founded in January 2006 by a group of Vietnamese Tibetan Buddhists worldwide to promote networking among Vietnamese Vajrayana practitioners and friends. **Viet Nalanda Foundation** seeks to establish mutual understanding and cooperation between Vietnamese and Tibetan ordained members, scholars, translators, spiritual friends and lay practitioners, as well as to generate an appreciation for both Vietnamese and Tibetan histories and cultures in the context of Buddhism.