



## THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF **RATO** DRATSANG

Rato Dratsang is a Tibetan Government Monastery under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who appoints its Abbot and generally guides the Monastery. Rato Dratsang is also a Society registered in Uttar Kannada District, Karnataka, and is run in accordance with the rules and regulations governing Registered Societies in India. The Abbot of Rato Dratsang is the President of the Society, and the Administrators of the Monastery are its Officers, elected by the Rato monks who are the Society's Members.

Rato Dratsang is a tax exempt, charitable institution, and is registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. The Society follows all FCRA rules and procedures.

The Rato Dratsang Foundation was established in New York, U.S.A., in 1988, by the Reverend Rato Khyongla Rinpoche, Geshe Nicholas Vreeland, Anthony Spina, Alexander Vreeland, Anthony Portago, and Darren J. Smith, with the purpose of enabling tax deductible donations to be made toward the support of Rato Dratsang. The Foundation is a distinct and separate organization from the Monastery.

Since its creation the Rato Dratsang Foundation has provided Rato Dratsang with \$2,000,000 (USD) to support the Monastery in the following ways:

In 1990 the Foundation funded the construction of 20 monks' rooms.

The Foundation funded the purchase of one acre of land and the construction of the Rato Guesthouse, completed in 1998.

The Foundation funded the purchase of three more acres of land and the construction of 22 monks' rooms, including four lama's apartments and four rooms for senior monks, completed in 2000.

The Rato Dratsang Foundation has provided a vehicle for the Monastery, as well as all funds necessary for the upkeep of Rato Dratsang, such as food, clothing, books, beds and bedding, maintenance costs, all medical expenses and staff salaries.

From 2007, at the Monastery's request, the Foundation has devoted itself to funding the

construction of the Rato Dratsang Temple and monastic campus. The Foundation continues to provide Rato Dratsang with a monthly donation toward feeding the monks of Rato.

To accommodate the new temple and monastic campus, the Rato Dratsang Foundation provided funds to purchase another four and a half acres adjacent to the land already acquired. In accordance with Indian law governing the purchase of real estate, as a Registered Society, Rato Dratsang has always sought the permission of the Reserve Bank of India as well as the Karnataka State Government. The Foundation has provided all funding for the construction of the Rato Dratsang Temple and the expansion of the monastic campus, which is composed of 66 additional monks' rooms including six lama's apartments and twelve individual rooms for senior monks, a kitchen, a dining hall, a debating court, and an administrative building.

The Rato Dratsang Temple, campus, guesthouse, and all landscaping, were designed by Pradeep Sachdeva, Vidya Tongbram, and Madhu Shankar of PSDA, New Delhi. The Monastery was constructed by the Rato Dratsang Building Committee comprised of Geshe Tashi Lhakpa, George Samuel, the Venerable Gyaltsen Palden, the Venerable Drakpa Gyaltsen, the Venerable Gyaltsen Choklang, and Geshe Nicholas Vreeland, with engineering help from A. Padmanabha. Suresh Enterprises was contracted to construct the monks' rooms.

As part of a capital fund drive to construct the new temple and monastic campus for Rato Dratsang, a traveling exhibition of photographs by Geshe Nicholas Vreeland has raised \$400,000 (USD). This was organized by Beatrice Caracciolo, Emanuela Cattaneo, Nadia Tazi, Alexander Vreeland, Martine Franck, Olivier Thual, Aurora Lopez, Tonne Goodman, Colombe Pringle, Laurence Bungener, Darren Smith, Tony Spina, Wendy Goodman, Priscilla Ratazzi Whittle, Nessia Pope, Valentina Moncada, Carlo Traglio, Bebetta Campeti, Rebecca Schanberg, Jack Polsky, Pradeep Sachdeva, Vidya Tongbram, Madhu Shankar, David Abraham, Shekhar Bhatia, Gianantonio and Emma Garzilli, Alberto and Enrica Sifola, Desiree von la Valette, with vital help from Laurent Girard, Charles Griffin, Robert Delpire, Agnes Sire, Pamela Morgan,

Joseph Ferriso, Jason Grabowski. The temple structure was funded by \$375,000 (USD) from the sale of a property donated to the Foundation by Steve Varon. \$52,000 (USD) toward renewable energy technology was provided by The Gere Foundation and Peter Wilhelmsen. The construction and furnishing of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's apartment were provided by contributions totaling \$100,000 (USD) raised by the Rato Dratsang Foundation's Taiwan Fund-Raising Committee comprised of Lee, Yen-Chung, Sun, Hui-Chuan, Huang, Sheng-Jing, Huang, Chao-Hung, and Ling Chan.

Rato Dratsang's running expenses have been provided by very generous donations from a number of friends: \$160,000 (USD) from Michael Gordon and \$120,000 (USD) from Ling Chan in particular. The Monastery's vehicle was a gift from Blanca and Atilio Brillembourg.

The Rato Dratsang Foundation has held a variety of fund-raising events. To construct our initial 20 monks' rooms, dinners were hosted by Priscilla Ratazzi Whittle in New York, Beatrice and Eric de Rothschild in Paris, and Clive Arrowsmith in London. To fund the Rato Guesthouse, a photographic raffle was organized in London by Koo Stark with help from Daphne Astor, Marita Crawley, Nicole Hambro, and Irene Danilovitch; a gift from the Venerable Tenzin Jamchen of Fongsan Monastery contributed to its funding. A dinner and concert by Van Morrison with musical participation from Sting and Richard Gere was held in London and organized by Daphne Astor and friends to raise funds for the second set of monks' rooms. Adam Yauch and the Beastie Boys gave a concert in Taiwan in support of the Monastery.



THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE DONATED \$10,000 (USD) AND ABOVE TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RATO DRATSANG TEMPLE AND MONASTIC CAMPUS:

Steve Varon, Ruth, Chiang, and Jonathan Wang, Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Richard Gere, Michael Gordon, Ling, Jimmy, Patrick, and Edward Chan, The Venerable Dr. Barry Kerzin, Koo Stark, Lee, Yi-Jung, Stefan Kochs, Daniel and Ada Chow, Adam Yauch, Theresa Meng, Rosa Shen, Chen Ching-Chuan, Ardent Foundation, Professor Kai Yun Yang — Khentrul Lhundup Choden Rinpoche, Beatrice Caracciolo, Milarepa Foundation, Yi-fu J. Wang, Ann Marie Pico, Geshe Nicholas Vreeland

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE MADE SPECIAL DONATIONS OF \$8,000 (USD) TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MONK'S ROOM:

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HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA'S APARTMENT WAS CONSTRUCTED AND FURNISHED WITH DONATIONS FROM:

Nita Ing, Barry Li, Chen Li-Xuan, Philip Huang, Cho H.T., Liu Shi-Min, Zhou Cui-Fen, Lin Dong-Cheng, Wei Shi-Jun, Huang Shu-Yi, Lin Sheng-Yu, Lin Wen-Qing, Lee Yen-Chung, Ku Gi-Hsiang, and many friends of the Rato Fund, Taiwan

