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An Historic Opportunity to Help

The Jokhang Temple in Lhasa, Tibet is considered the most sacred Buddhist temple in Tibet. It is the only temple that represents all of Tibet's various Buddhist schools of practice. For many centuries, the Jowo Rinpoche Statue in the Jokhang Temple has been the most important object of devotion for Tibetan Buddhists. They aspire to visit the Jowo Rinpoche and receive its blessings, at least once in a lifetime. Many walk for days and months to see the precious Jowo in Lhasa and receive its blessings.

Tibetan Buddhists in the West sorely wish to visit the Jowo Rinpoche but cannot, due to the distance and other limitations. A replica of the Jowo Rinpoche was installed at the Drikung Meditation Center in Arlington, MA, in 2008. Now, there is an opportunity for them to visit the precious Jowo and fulfill this need, in the U.S.A. However, a very special place is needed, for a proper site of pilgrimage to serve for generations to come. The Center currently occupies an unsuitable, rented space. A larger space, owned not rented, is required.

The Center has been in the Boston metropolitan area since the 1980's. The arrival of the Venerable Lama Konchok Sonam, in 2003 made a significant difference. As the Center's resident Lama, he has benefitted many people. He created the Jokhang Institute, to establish an authentic Jokhang Temple in the U.S.A. The Drikung Meditation Center's core activities are the study and practice of the Buddha Dharma (i.e., wisdom and compassion). People in today's world need to perform such altruistic activities, even more urgently than ever. An appropriate place is needed, to facilitate these noble deeds.

Besides a site of Buddhist pilgrimage, the Western Jokhang Temple will to be a place where those of different faiths can gather, to share their common wisdom and compassion. We want many different lecturers, so it becomes a center for all. We want people from all backgrounds to participate, not just Tibetans and other Himalayans, but Westerners and all others.

Members of the Center and the resident Lama, Konchok Sonam, have been working tirelessly to fund and find such a place, for many years. When there is a core group working sincerely for others, this ensures great benefit for many others, for years to come.

In life, there are many projects to support. They are all important. Finding a proper home for the Jowo Rinpoche in the West is not only important but extremely urgent. This project is not just for one generation, but for many to come.

I urge you, regardless of faith, to support this noble effort, however you can.

Sincerely,

Khenchen Konchog Gyaltsen

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