FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIMALAYAN BUDDHISM
November 22-24, 2011
Agenda

November 23

10:00-11:00AM Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies Acharya Norbu Sherpa introduces the special guests and invites them on stage:
Chief Guest: Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Vijay Kumar Gachadhar
H.E. Khamba Lama Gabu Choijamits Demberel, Abbot of Gandan Tegchenling Monastery and Head of the Center of Mongolian Buddhists
Hon. Spalzes Angmo, Member, National Commission for minorities, Government of India
Hon. Khenpo Chemid, Member of Constituent Assembly and Advisor Buddhist Academic Foundation.
Dr. Gregory Kruglak, President, Conservancy for Trans-Himalayan Arts and Culture.

Lighting of the lamp by the Vijay Kumar Gachadhar

10:10-10:15 Welcome speech by Khenpo Nyima Dorje.
10:15-10:20 Hon. Spalzes Angmo
10:20-10:25 H.E. Khamba Lama Gabu Choijamits Demberel
10:25-10:30 Gregory Kruglak
10:30-10:35 Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Vijay Kumar Gachadhar
10:35-10:40 Vote of thanks by Hon. Khenpo Chemid

Inaugural Session closes.
10:45-11:15 Tea break

11:15-12:45 Trans-Himalayan Buddhism: A shared history
Mynak Tulku
Telo Tulku
Arjia Rinpoche
Dr Roshan Lal Negi
Tsoknyi Rinpoche
Moderator: Tashi Densappa

12:30-1:30 Luncheon on site

1:30-3:00PM Challenges to Himalayan Buddhism in the 21st Century
Gelek Rimpoche
Professor Lobsang Tsewang  
Phakchok Rinpoche  
Mr G.S.Lama  
Moderator: Prof. Bruce Kneaff

3:15-4:30  **Continuation: Challenges to Himalayan Buddhism in the 21st Century**  
Tsering Samphel  
Geshi Kunchok Wangyal  
Geshi Tenzing Soepa  
Moderator: R.K. Khirme

4:30  *Evening prayer:*  
All delegates seated in front of the Maya Devi Temple.  
Delegates are invited on a guided walking tour of Lumbini following the prayers

6:30 Dinner

November 24th

9:00- 10:45 AM  **Women and Trans-Himalayan Buddhism**  
Prof. Anne Klein  
Prof. Jamyang Gyaltsen  
Hon. Spalzes Ango  
Moderator: Prof. Vesna Wallace

11:00- 12:00  **Buddhist Education in the Trans-Himalayan Region**  
Khenpo Gyurme Tsultim  
Vesna Wallace  
Phakchok Rinpoche  
Moderator: Dr. T.R. Gyatso

12:00- 1:00 Luncheon on site

1:15-2:15  **The Himalayan Contribution to the Preservation of the Nalanda-Tibetan Buddhist Tradition**  
Prof. V.S. Negi  
P.T. Gyamtso  
Dendup Chophel  
Moderator: Namgzey Dorje

2:30- 3:00  **Keynote Speech by H.E. Gaden Tripa Rinpoche**

3:30-4:30  **Concluding Session and Adoption of the Lumbini Declaration**

4:30  **Closing Remarks** by Ven Thupten Jigdrol, Vice President, Buddhist Academic Foundation, Nepal; followed by 4:45 PM  **Reception**