

**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:

**Khenpo Nyima Dorje**, Chairman. Buddhist Academic Foundation, Nepal and Chair, Buddhist Philosophy Promotion and Monastery Management Committee, Government of Nepal.

Chief Guest: Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister **Vijay Kumar Gachadhar**

**H.E. Khamba Lama Gabju Choijamts 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

Auspicious Prayer led by Ven. Khenpo Ngawang Ludup with monks and nuns.

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 21<sup>st</sup> Century-**

Gelek Rinpoche

Professor Lobsang Tsewang  
Phakchok Rinpoche  
Mr G.S,Lama  
Moderator: Prof. Bruce Kneaff

3:15-4:30 **Continuation: Challenges to Himalayan Buddhism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
Tsering Samphel  
Geshe Kunchok Wangyal  
Geshe 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 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00- 10:45 AM **Women and Trans-Himalayan Buddhism**  
Prof. Anne Klein  
Prof. Jamyang Gyaltzen  
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 Chopel  
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**