International Conference on Himalayan Buddhism
Lumbini, Nepal
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Photo1:
The Delhi Airport

Photo2:
Two Buddhist members of the Nepalese government confer with arriving participants prior to the Lumbini conference. Hon. Lhakyi Sherpa, MP, Nepal and Hon. Khenpo Chemid, MP, Constituent Assembly and Advisor, Buddhist Academic Foundation, Nepal (R)

Photo3:
Khenpo Nyima Dorje, Chair, Buddhist Academic Foundation, Nepal, and Chair, Buddhist Philosophy Promotion and Monastery Management Committee, Government of Nepal, and Conference Organizer
Photo 4: Leading Lamas of Mongolia en route to the conference: H.E. Khamba Lama Gabju Choijamts Demberel, Abbot of Gandantegchinlen Monastery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (L) and Arjia Rinpoche, Director, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, Bloomington, Indiana, USA (R)

Photo 5: Conferences arrive at the conference venue, Lumbini Nepal – the location of Buddha Shakyamuni’s birth.

Photo 6: Conference sign at the entrance to the venue.
Photo 7: Conference organizers from The Conservancy for Trans-Himalayan Art and Culture, Washington, D.C.: Dr. Greg Kruglak, President (L) and Amy Head, Executive Director (R).

Photo 8: Opening conference address delivered by Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Vijay Kumar Gachadhar.

Photo 9: Buddhist deities portrayed on the domed interior of the conference venue.
Photo 10: More than 150 delegates listen to presentations by their Himalayan Buddhist colleagues.

Photo 11: Conference presentation by Tsoknyi Rinpoche (second from left), Left to Right:
- Mynak R. Tulku, Bhutan
- Tsoknyi Rinpoche, Director, the Pundarika Foundation
- Arjia Rinpoche, Director, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center
- Tashi Densappa (Sikkim)
- Telo Rinpoche, Buddhist spiritual head of Kalmykia, Russia
- Dr. Roshan Lal Negi.

Photo 12: Discussion among conferees during a recess. Lodi Gyari Rinpoche, Chair of The Conservancy for Trans-Himalayan Art and Culture, is second from the left, Sher Singh Khampa (L), Rajendra Thakuri, and Yuvraj Ghimere (R).
Photo 13:
Conference presentation.
Left to right: Phakchok Rinpoche, Mr. G. S. Lama, Professor Lobsang Twewang, Bruce Knauft, Gelek Rinpoche.

Photo by Greg Kruglak

Photo 14:
The conference is addressed by Gelek Rinpoche, Founder and President, Jewel Heart, International, Ann Arbor MI, USA.

Photo 15:
Presentation by Phakchok Rinpoche, Abbot, Chapagaon Monastery, southern Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.
Photo 16:
Offering goddess, Lumbini conference site.

Photo 17:
Conference presentation by Anne C. Klein, Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA. To the right are Vesna Wallace, Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA, and Hon. Spalzes Angmo, Member, National Commission for Minorities, Government of India.

Photo 18:
Photo 19:
A conferee makes a remark from the floor.

Photo 20:
Conference remarks by Shree R. K. Khrimey, former Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, India. Looking on is Geshe Kunchok Wangyal President, All Ladakh Gonpa Association.
Photo 21: Amy Head of CTAC with Bhutanese conference delegate Dendup Chophel.

Photo 22: Address by Khenpo Gyurme Tsultrim, advisor to the Buddha Shakyamuni Foundation.
Photo 23: Conference keynote address by the Gaden Tripa – Rizong Rinpoche - the spiritual leader of the Gelug Tibetan tradition.

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Photo 25:
A motion for adopting the Lumbini Declaration is proposed to the assembled gathering by Telo Tulku of Kalmykia.

Photo 26:
Senior delegation members at the conclusion of the conference.

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Photo 27:
Organizers following the conclusion of the conference.
From Left to Right: R. Thakuri, Amy Head, Lodi Gyari, Greg Kruglak, Jamyang Dorjee (CTAC’s Regional Coordinator)
Photo 28: Mongolian delegates meditating at Buddha Shakyamuni’s birth place.

Photo 29: Swayambhunath Stupa, Kathmandu