

Ewam Taiwan & Hong Kong Centers

Initially, in 1994 Rinpoche appointed Namchak Dorje Loppön Chökyi Lodrö to be responsible for founding dharma practicing group. In 1999 the first center, Sang-ngag Phurba Ling, was established in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan. It was legally registered accord with government regulations. Dr. Trashi has been running the administration of the centers and extensively helping the Institutes and retreat centers of Ewam Nepal.

In a similar fashion, the necessity was felt for another center in the Yonghe district of the Taiwanese capital Taipei, and so especially to fulfill the hopes and wishes of the students an application was made to the government for a new association to be registered a Buddhist organization acknowledged throughout Taiwan.

Every year, in response to hopeful requests from the dharma centers within that whole jurisdiction, Rinpoche has engaged in propagating dharma activities on a great scale, such as transmitting empowerments to mature people and teachings to liberate them, and the number of students has gradually increased. Numerous subsidiary centers have been established in all major places. Thus, such new Ewam centers as Taichung, Taoyuan, Kaohsiung, and Banqiao have been founded, and an additional circle of centers for the teaching and study of Buddhism, and for spiritual practice and meditation, have been founded in districts in which the Chinese population live.

A new center, Ewam Hong Kong, was formed as part of the aforementioned associations of centers in Taiwan, with the help of the Namchak Foundation. An application was made to the government and permission was obtained to establish this center. Up to the present, this center has served as an avenue for the practice of the dharma focusing on Lama Pema Traktung, and the groups of students have proved to be dedicated practitioners. Nowadays there are numerous students who have carried out practice from the preliminaries through *tsalung* and Dzogchen teachings of Namchak treasure cycle.

Over the years the excellent Namchak Khenpo Ngawang Gelek, Lama Tsomo, and others have visited these centers, conferring teachings and thus fulfilled the hopes and wishes of the students of these centers.

Most especially, Namchak Dorje Loppön Chökyi Lodrö established the Namchak Charitable Trust of Taiwan in order to restore the Buddhist teachings in general and the extensive Namchak tradition in particular, with Lama Tsomo providing the main support. This also allowed new auxiliary centers to be established in the United States, Hong Kong, and other places. In addition, this Charitable trust has provided support for many Buddhist centers—monasteries, nunneries, study centers, retreat centers, and so forth—primarily in India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Tibet. It has established capital endowment for some sixteen ongoing drupchen rituals associated with the Namchak tradition. As illustrated by its efforts to found new centers and restore older ones, and

to publish the entire cycle of the Namchak teachings in China, this association has proved to be a matchless source of gifts to benefit the Buddhist teachings.

In addition, the Namchak Charitable Trust of Taiwan has organized empowerments, oral transmissions, and instructions to be conferred at these centers—including *The Four Higher Collections of the Heart Drop (Nyingthig Yapzhi)*, *The Noble Vase Yielding All that is Wished For (Dödjo Bumzang)*, and all the profound terma cycles of Namchak Tsasum Lingpa and *The United Intent of the Three Kayas (Kusum Gongdü)*. It has had many profound teachings translated into Chinese—teachings that are the heart essence of these cycles, including the preliminaries, tsalung, and Dzogchen teachings—so that up to the present students continue to practice these teachings. As well, this Charitable Trust is helping underprivileged women and children, and especially has founded two new medical clinics in Tibet and the Nangchen region. In such ways the activities to benefit others are enormously effective, and Rinpoche rejoices in these.