Progress Report on the Lapchi Children Education Program, March 1, 2017



May all be auspicious! Thank you for your kind attention.

1. Currently there are 14 children under the care at Lapchi Compassion Home, Kathmandu which is operated by Lapchi Association. So far only four children are sponsored: two sponsorships from Sweden and one from France of one year, and one half-year sponsorship from Singapore. Thus, more sponsorship is needed in order to continue the program. Temporarily, the Lapchi Association is channeling fund to make up for the project deficit. The biggest challenge right now is to find enough financial support to all the children since the fund from Lapchi association may not be sufficient to continue with the children home operation.

2. One of His Eminence Nubpa Rinpoche's generous patron has recently donated a home in Kathmandu to Rinpoche to run this charity project so that the sponsorship cost has now reduced to 100 USD per child per month (from 138 USD) and 1 200 USD per year. See the cost breakdown table below.

Items	Particulars	Monthly	Annually
1	Education fee	2,950 Rs	35,400 Rs
2	House Maintenance fee	100	1,200
3	Food	2,700	32,400
4	Staff pay	27,000/11= 2,454	2,077*12=29,450
5	Medical	300	3,600
6	Electric/water/phone	400	4,800
7	Clothing	1,300	15,600
8	Stationery	300	3,600
IN NEPALI Currency Rs:		10,504	126,037
Total fee for sponsoring a child in US \$			
Exchange rate:105 Nepali rupee		\$ 100	\$ 1,200

- 3. Children are living happily together because they are from the same village and they know each other well and they like to play village games together. The caretakers are doing a great job to provide good care to all the children.
- 4. The children are receiving good education from the Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School in Kathmandu. They like to go to school learning new things and meeting good friends. They are all doing very well in school.
- 5. Seeing that the children are doing so well, their parents are all very pleased with the situation. Sometimes they will go to the lower village to get phone connection and call the home to talk to the children. They all came to Kathmandu to visit their children during the Mani-retreat in December and received blessings from His Eminence Nubpa Rinpoche. The children all went home during the winter break to unite with the parents. They are now happily back again from home.
- 6. The children received blessings from His Holiness Chetsang Rinpoche, His Eminence Nubpa Rinpoche, Venerable Khenchen Rinpoche and Venerable Dhondup Palden Rinpoche recently at the end of December. The Lapchi Association staff also received advice and blessings from His Holiness.
- 7. His Eminence Nubpa Rinpoche encourages all of us to donate whatever amount you can to support this project. Rinpoche said, "This kind of virtuous deed when it is done with good motivation, the amount is not important. One simply donates whatever one can. Most important is how we do it. If the act is done from the heart of love and loving kindness, it is a virtuous act. Once the virtuous act is performed, there is no need to think about the result. If we perform virtuous deed without expectation, one is free from attachment and self-grasping; thus, one can live peacefully." We are grateful for the precious opportunity that Rinpoche gives us to practice bodhicitta, generosity and to accumulate merits.

8. Any donation amount will be GREATLY appreciated.

For sponsoring any child, please contact Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association and wire sponsorship to

Account Name: Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association

Receiver's Address: Nayapati-5, Gokarneshowr, Kathmandu, Nepal

Account Number: 01800105200136

Swift Code: EVBLNPKA

Bank Name: EVEREST BANK LIMITED

Bank Address: Branch Chabhil, Kathmandu, Nepal

For donation of any amount either regularly or as a one-time donation, there are two options:

Option 1: Ratnashri Meditation Center, Sweden

Plusgiro:1287806-2

Name & address of bank: Nordea Bank Sweden, 10571 Stockholm, Sweden

Swift address: NDEASESS

Account holder: RATNASHRI MEDITATION CENTER

IBAN Account number: SE91 9500 0099 6026 1287 8062 (within European Union)

Bank Account number: (Clearing 996026) 1287806-2

**Please write "Lapchi Children", your name and email address on the payment.

Option 2 Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association (see the Association account information above)

Contact

Dawa Tsering, Lapchi Association Secretary at lapchigonpa@gmail.com

Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association (NLKMA) Web: www.lapchimilarepa.org

Facebook: Lapchi Restoration

Children live happily together









Happy school days and children's engagement in their studies







Children are having fun







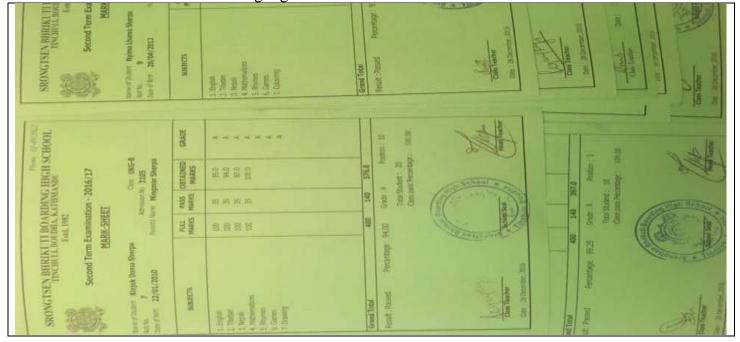
Children grow under the great care of the staff

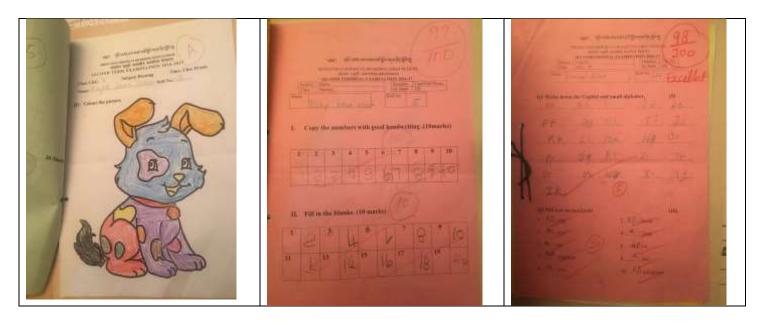






Children like the school work and get good result





Since roads to or from Lapchi are in bad condition, journey to or from home is hard-work for the parents. It can mean a 7-hour of carrying the child on their back.





Concluding Words

The Lapchi Association hopes that these children will in the future bring new hopes to the community and the holy place of Lapchi in their own ways, whether it is about morally and spiritually nourishing themselves, teaching the younger generation, or serving to preserve the holy place of Lapchi, etc. The association is very grateful for your interest and attention paid for the well-being of the Lapchi village children who are under the care of our Lapchi Compassion Home (Lapchi Jamtse Kyi Khang). They are sincerely thankful for your kind support. They guarantee that every cent of your donation will be spent on covering the expenses of the children.

Background information of the program can be found at http://www.ratnashri.se/Nepal_ChildrenEducation.htm

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