

Collection & Grant Application Information 2011

Dear International Merit Box Practitioners and Coordinators,

We rejoice that you have joined our International community of practitioners dedicated to bringing generosity into daily life, while supporting FPMT's worldwide projects.

You may make a donation to the International Merit Box Project at any time, and you may donate online by using the <u>Virtual Merit Box</u>. You may also wish to establish an automatic <u>monthly recurring donation</u>. We have established a formal collection period later in the year in order to coordinate the worldwide efforts.

On December 20, 2011, Lama Tsongkhapa Day, we will begin formal collection of 2011 International Merit Box donations.

From November 30, 2011 through March 31, 2012, individual practitioners who have donated using their Merit Box over the course of the year are asked to do the following:



- 1. Open your Merit Box
- 2. Practice the visualization
- 3. Count the total amount you have donated this year.

After you have totaled your donations, your total 2011 donation may be sent to FPMT International Office in one of the following ways:

- 1. Your center's Merit Box Coordinator can receive your donation and your donation will be submitted along with other center members' donations for the year;
- 2. You may make a secure online donation of the total amount by credit card at https://secure.commonground.convio.com/FPMT/meritbox/, if the total is \$500 or below;
- 3. You may send a wire transfer of your total donation to FPMT International Office. Please contact meritbox@fpmt.org for account information.
- 4. Finally, you may send a check in USD or an international bank draft payable to FPMT Inc., with Merit Box in the memo line, to the following address:

The International Merit Box Project
FPMT, Inc.
1632 SE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214-4702
USA

Please do not send in your Merit Box or place cash or coins in the mail. You will want to retain the Merit Box for future use. Coordinators may also use the same methods outlined above for submitting their Centers' donations.

<u>Donations for 2011 will be accepted until March 31, 2012</u>. Donations received after March 31st are welcome and will be honored as part of the 2012 cycle.

Applications for 2011 International Merit Box grants are also due on March 31, 2011. For an application, email meritbox@fpmt.org.

Questions about collections or applying for 2011 Merit Box funding? Please contact meritbox@fpmt.org or by phone at (503) 808-1592.

