

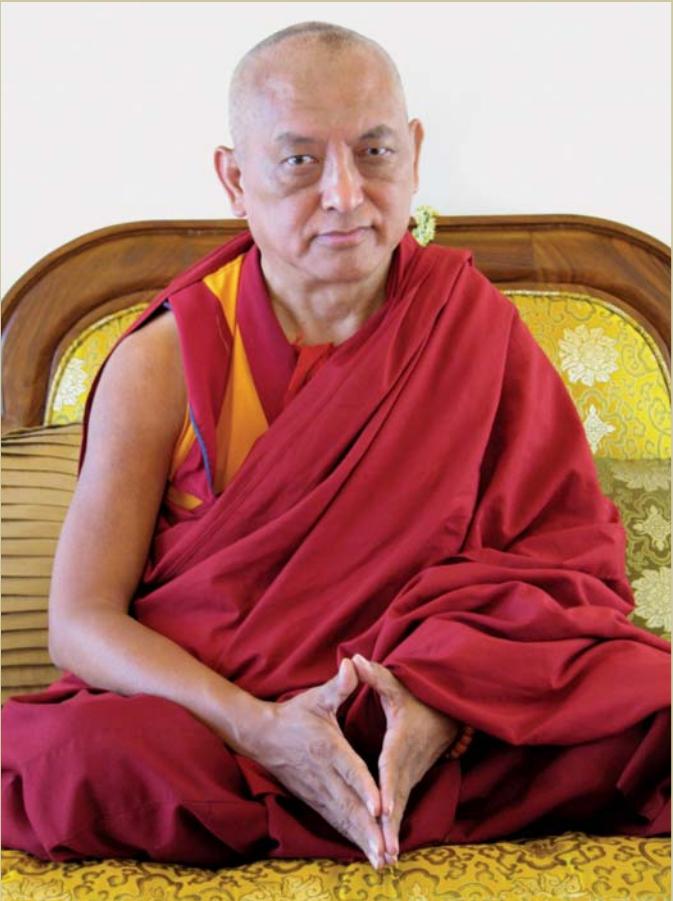
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ANNUAL REPORT 2007

FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION  
OF THE MAHAYANA TRADITION

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

# *Lama Zopa Rinpoche*



All the problems in the world come from ignorance, a lack of understanding karma, and a lack of the good heart, basically a lack of understanding Dharma. Therefore, learning Buddhism and practicing – especially the lam-rim – is the best life, the richest life, the most meaningful life in the world. That is the answer to world problems. Therefore, the activities of FPMT are most urgent.

We are extremely fortunate in FPMT because we have so many qualified teachers who spent their lives in monasteries, living in the vinaya and studying extensively. These teachers are not only scholars in words, but actually live in the practice. They have good and sincere hearts. That is an extremely important model for the students – for inspiration to have a deep, clear understanding of Dharma and inspiration for practice. We are also very fortunate to have qualified Western teachers who have been ordained for many years and who teach from their experience, and many lay teachers who have studied Dharma and practiced for a long time.

By practicing the knowledge we receive from these qualified teachers, we are able to liberate and enlighten sentient beings. That is the best service to sentient beings and the best service to the world. Therefore, you can see how much of an emergency it is to have Dharma centers, because that is where people can learn the whole path to liberation and enlightenment, how to get out of suffering. This is never taught in schools, colleges, or universities.

Everything we have accomplished so far comes from the kindness of the Guru, His Holiness the Dalai Lama – who is the only object of refuge of all us sentient beings and the originator of all our happiness – and the founder of this organization, Lama Yeshe,

## MESSAGE FROM

*Osel Rinpoche*

whose holy name is extremely difficult to mention, who is kinder than all the three time buddhas. It is through the kindness of many other gurus as well. What we have been able to accomplish so far depends on how much we were able to practice guru devotion correctly. From guru devotion you achieve everything! That's the main cause. It's like a big department store where you can get everything!

For many years, FPMT had so much hardship and so many problems. However, many people gave a lot of effort and sacrificed their lives for the organization, and the result is that now we are able to benefit so many beings for such a long time. Everything we have accomplished depends on the kindness and offerings of all the previous and current teachers, board members, directors, spiritual program coordinators, staff, volunteers, and benefactors of all the centers and projects. Therefore, I would like to offer my **THANKS EQUALING THE NUMBER OF ATOMS OF THIS EARTH** to all those who make the centers and projects beneficial.

Overall, I see the people of FPMT becoming more compassionate and wise. I am very happy with the good heart that has developed. That is what we really need, because that is what benefits the world. That is what benefits all sentient beings and helps them achieve enlightenment in a short period of time.

Thank you very much.

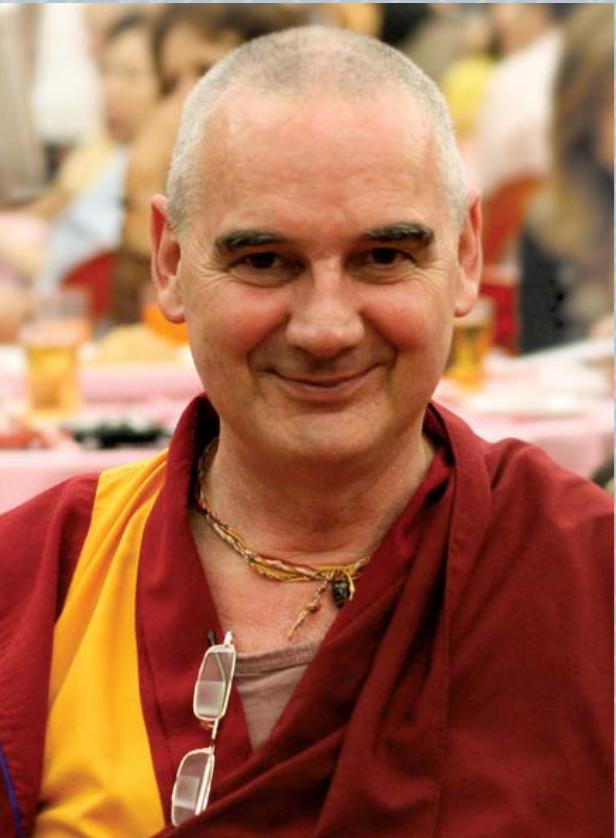


Osel Rinpoche is the young Spanish reincarnation of FPMT's founder, Lama Thubten Yeshe. Osel (as he prefers to be called) recently shared his thoughts about the progress of FPMT:

**PERSONALLY I THINK THE  
FPMT IS DOING WELL.  
THE BASIC MEANING OF ITS  
EXISTENCE IS MAINLY TO  
HELP PEOPLE REALIZE THEIR  
INNER SELF, AND TO REACH  
OUT TO HUMANS WHO ARE  
TOO LOST IN THE MATERIAL  
WORLD, OR FAR AWAY FROM  
THEIR TRUE BEING.**

He also said:

**SILENCE IS THE SPACE IN  
WHICH ONE AWAKES.  
VIGILANCE IS A PATH; FOLLOW  
IT OBSERVING ONESELF.**



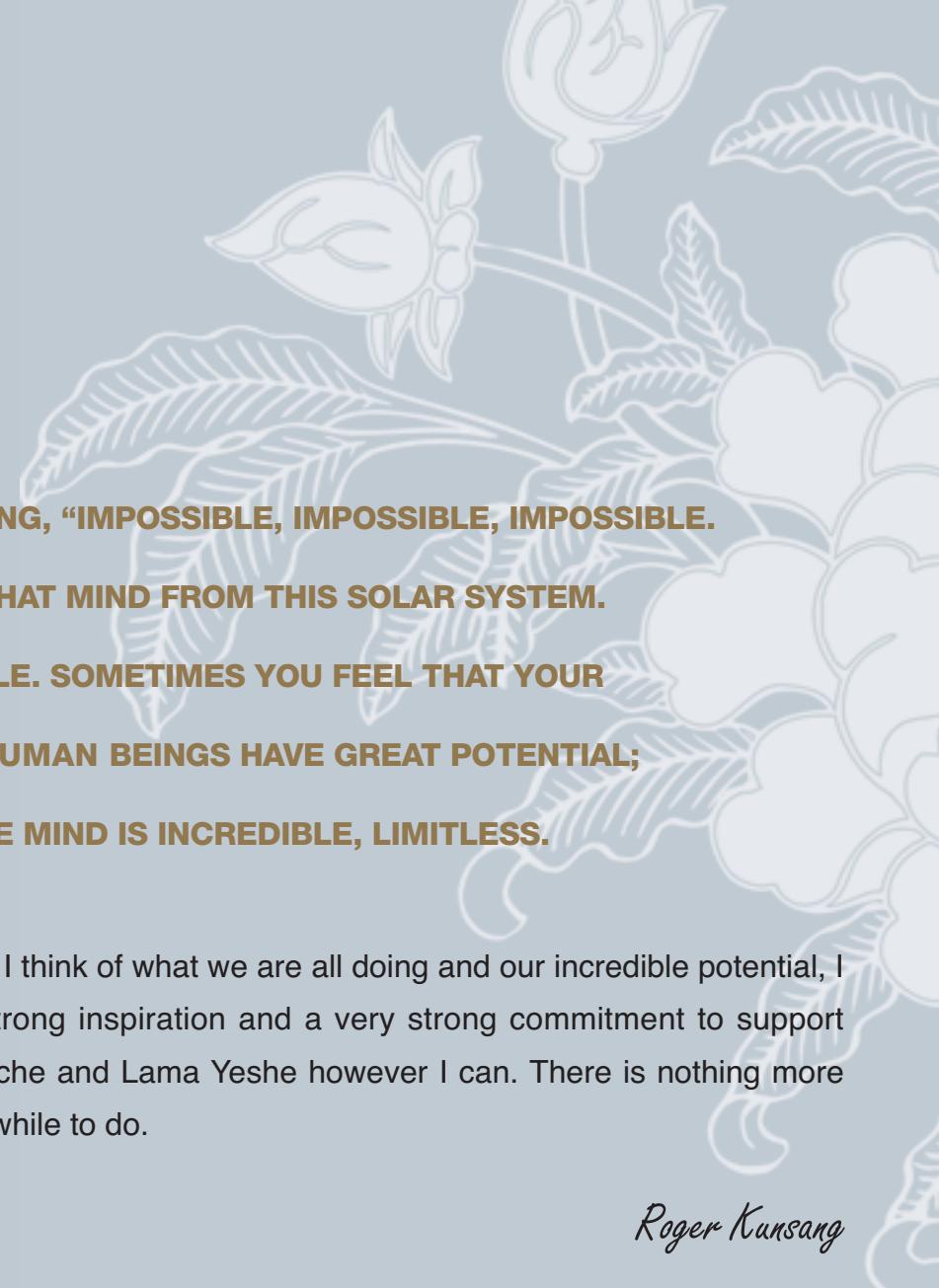
## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*Ven. Roger Kunsang*

I spent most of my time in 2007 on the road with Lama Zopa Rinpoche as usual. From time to time when Rinpoche was in retreat, I was able to make quick trips to FPMT International Office for periods of two to three weeks.

In 2007, International Office (Rinpoche's office) and the FPMT Board of Directors started to really become clear on Lama Yeshe's and Lama Zopa Rinpoche's vision for FPMT and how all of us together can achieve it. This vision is vast, and as Rinpoche recently said, it will take lifetimes to actualize, though in many ways it is already happening with so many centers and projects around the world involved in compassionate service.

Recently Rinpoche commented to me: "If you visualize how we were in 1970 - two very poor lamas with no place to live and no worldly education, if we said that we would have hundreds of Dharma centers, monasteries, nunneries, hospice services, retreat centers, social service projects, etc., and to top it off, a 500-foot statue of Maitreya Buddha that would last 1000 years, I think you would probably smile and walk away, thinking we were crazy. Now look at what FPMT is, what we have all achieved. It is truly amazing! Something to really rejoice about!"



**LAMA YESHE SAID:**

**OUR PROBLEM IS THAT INSIDE US THERE'S A MIND GOING, "IMPOSSIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE.**  
**I CAN'T, I CAN'T, I CAN'T." WE HAVE TO BANISH THAT MIND FROM THIS SOLAR SYSTEM.**  
**ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE; EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. SOMETIMES YOU FEEL THAT YOUR**  
**DREAMS ARE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT THEY'RE NOT. HUMAN BEINGS HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL;**  
**THEY CAN DO ANYTHING. THE POWER OF THE MIND IS INCREDIBLE, LIMITLESS.**

**B**y serving in FPMT, we have such an exceptional opportunity to serve our gurus and all sentient beings. FPMT is different from many organizations because we try to alleviate suffering permanently. The Dharma gives real meaning to our lives, real hope, and real happiness. The Dharma has changed our lives and it will change the lives of so many others in the future. There is a story of the blind tortoise swimming in the ocean who surfaces every hundred years to put its head through a small yoke floating on the surface. Like that tortoise, our opportunity to serve the Dharma is unbelievably unique.

When I think of what we are all doing and our incredible potential, I feel strong inspiration and a very strong commitment to support Rinpoche and Lama Yeshe however I can. There is nothing more worthwhile to do.

*Roger Kunsang*

*Ven. Roger Kunsang  
Chief Executive Officer*

## MESSAGE FROM

# *The Board of Directors*

Lama Yeshe gave FPMT its name. In the early days, we wondered why it had to be so long and complicated. We requested Lama Yeshe to change it to something quick and easy to say, but he refused, and we gradually came to realize just how profound it is.

A foundation is an organizational form, but also a solid base upon which structures can be built. The FPMT Board of Directors ensures that the foundation is strong and solid – not always easy in an organization with as much movement and growth as this one!

The goal of our foundation is preservation, and since our task is to preserve a tradition, that means keeping the tradition alive and intact, rather than preserving a specimen under glass for study. Since keeping a living tradition alive requires nourishment, plans must be made for its continuity and future, and that is also the work of the board of directors.

**T**he tradition we have been founded to preserve is the Mahayana tradition. This is the big heart, the true motivation for our organization. The lineage that has come down from Shakyamuni Buddha through Nagarjuna, Shantideva, Atisha, and Je Tsongkhapa all the way to Kopan Monastery in Nepal and now the Dharma centers of FPMT is truly an unbroken one. By developing our own way of expressing the Mahayana tradition, we preserve it without letting it become a dry and dead path, an imitation of Tibetan culture,

or just trendy hype. As Lama Yeshe pointed out, we are not interested in promoting Eastern or Western culture, only wisdom culture.

**O**ur teachers – His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Lama Thubten Yeshe, and Lama Zopa Rinpoche – are constant examples of profound wisdom and great compassion. They show us it is possible to put such a high ideal into practice and they encourage us to do the same. For mere mortal board members, this is always a great lesson!

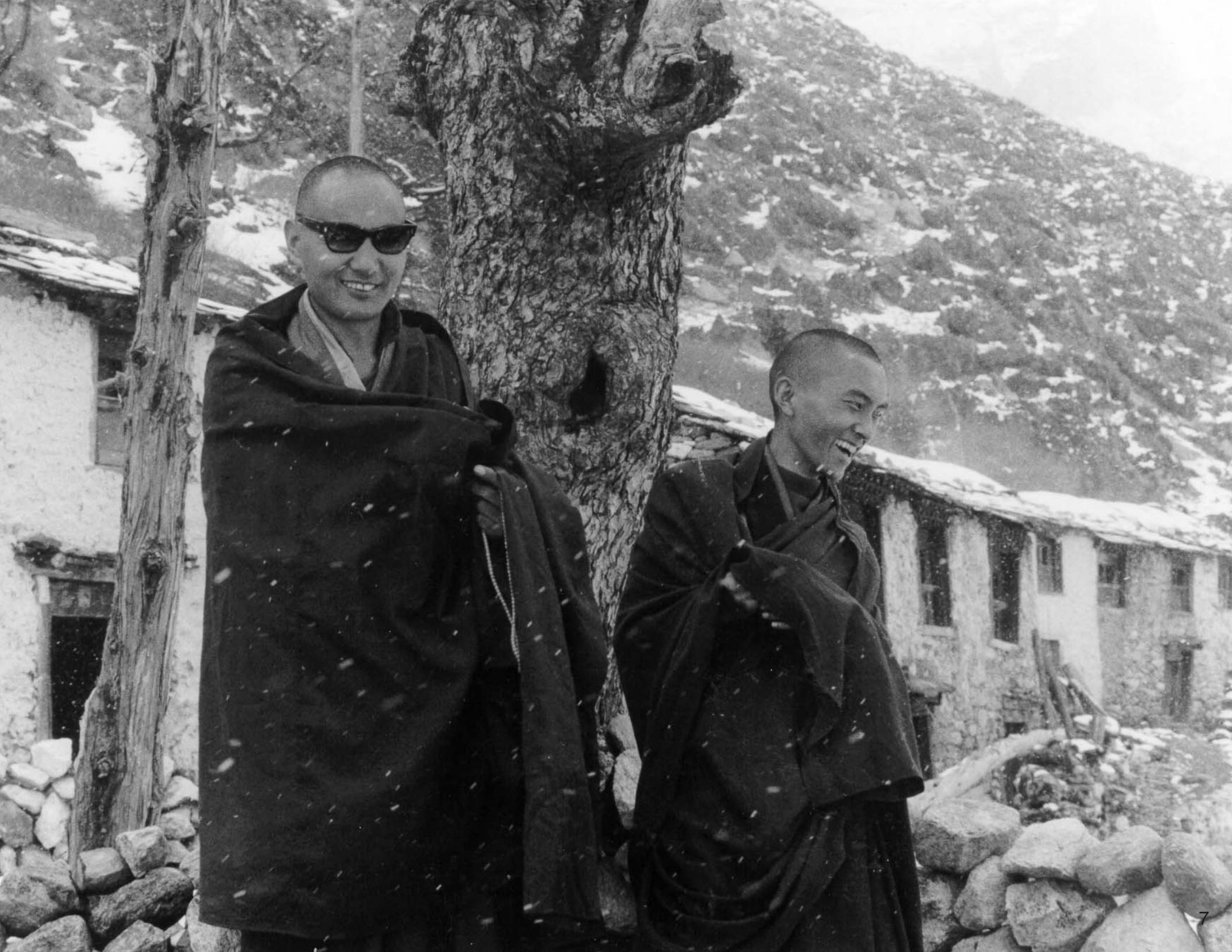
In 2007, the FPMT Board of Directors established a basis for the visions of Lama Zopa Rinpoche. We explored funding possibilities for FPMT Inc., clarified ethical points for the organization, and completed many other tasks. The work of a board of directors is not often apparent, and that is as it should be. The board protects the organization and creates policy, and these are implemented by the dedicated people at International Office, and FPMT's centers and projects throughout the world.

With hope that our efforts help create a strong foundation for preserving the Mahayana tradition and bring real benefit to all living beings,



Paula de Wijs  
Chairperson

FPMT Board of Directors



# *The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition*



The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition is an international, non-profit organization, founded in 1975 by Lama Thubten Yeshe, a Tibetan Buddhist monk. The Foundation is devoted to the transmission of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and values worldwide through teaching, meditation, and community service.

We provide integrated education through which people's minds and hearts can be transformed into their highest potential for the benefit of others, inspired by an attitude of universal responsibility. We are committed to creating harmonious environments and helping all beings develop their full potential of infinite wisdom and compassion. Our organization is based on the Buddhist tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa of Tibet as taught to us by our founder Lama Thubten Yeshe and spiritual director Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

## OUR WISDOM CULTURE

Every organization has its own distinctive culture. Around the world, in FPMT Dharma centers and projects, in its policies and educational programs, that culture is infused with the wisdom and compassion of our founders, Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche. Here are the key points of the FPMT Wisdom Culture:

**OPENNESS AND BREADTH IN PRESENTING THE DHARMA.** Lama Yeshe's teaching style was non-traditional, yet completely pure in source and content. In this way, we make the Dharma accessible according to the culture and needs of our students.

**DETAIL AND DEPTH OF INSTRUCTION.** Lama Zopa Rinpoche's teaching style emphasizes how to practice and making each moment deeply meaningful through bodhichitta and emptiness. Education in FPMT is rigorous and emphasizes regular meditation, retreat, and practice.

**EXPERIENTIAL LAM-RIM TEACHING METHODS AND KOPAN-STYLE COURSES.** We encourage realization of the lam-rim teachings in the heart, not just intellectual study.

**CONSTANT PRACTICE OF MERIT ACCUMULATION AND PURIFICATION.** These practices are emphasized as essential to bringing temporal happiness and preparing the mind for realization.

**RELIANCE ON TANTRA; ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO HAVE SPIRITUAL CONFIDENCE.**

**RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR ORDAINED SANGHA.** We consider ordained Sangha as essential to the tradition.

**CULTIVATION OF A CLOSE FAMILY FEELING.** FPMT is a worldwide family of practitioners, united by our culture, devotion to our teachers, and standard practice materials.

**THINKING BIG.** We cultivate the wish to be of great benefit to countless beings, and then put that wish into practice!

**BIG LOVE.** Cherishing others. Imparting a universal love for all beings.

# Lama Zopa Rinpoche Update!

Lama Zopa Rinpoche traveled extensively in 2007. Rinpoche taught, gave initiations, and led retreats in India, Nepal, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United States. In the United States, Rinpoche visited and taught in Portland, New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Nevada, California, and Vermont.

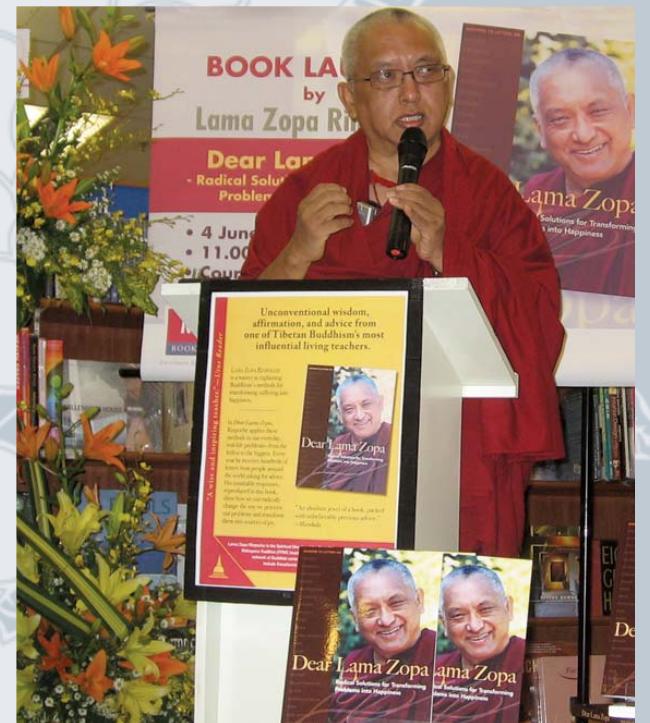
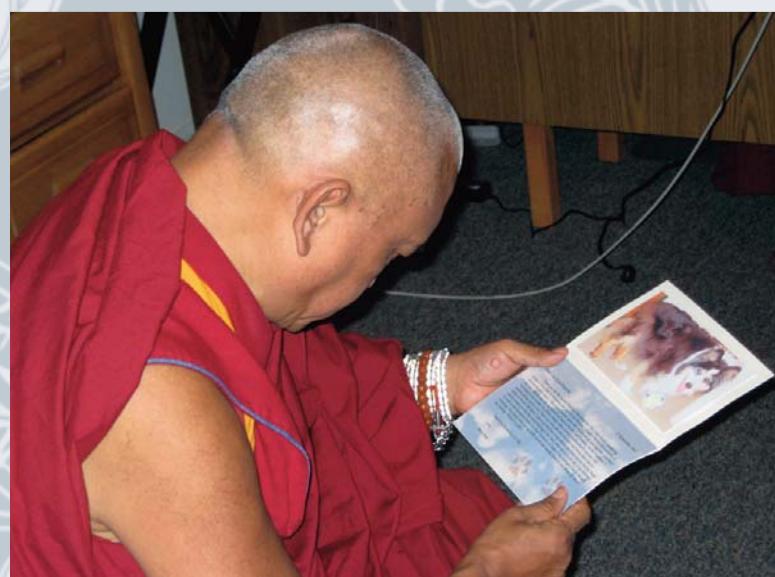
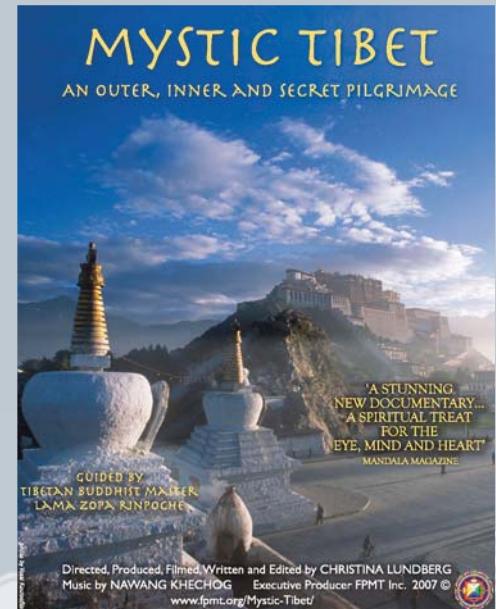
Rinpoche sponsored and attended extensive pujas for the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Bouddhanath Stupa, near Kathmandu, Nepal, and attended the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony for His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Washington D.C., USA. On the Day of Miracles, Rinpoche participated in a large animal liberation ceremony conducted by Chinese Master Hai Tao in Taiwan.

A new book by Rinpoche, **DEAR LAMA ZOPA: RADICAL ADVICE FOR TRANSFORMING PROBLEMS INTO HAPPINESS** was published by Wisdom Publications, and Rinpoche attended book

launching parties in Malaysia and the United States, teaching and signing books for capacity crowds. **DEAR LAMA ZOPA** was among the top selling books for Wisdom in 2007!

A stunning documentary film about Rinpoche's pilgrimage to Tibet in 2002 is now available! **MYSTIC TIBET** follows Rinpoche and fifty students from every walk of life on a profound journey to Tibet's most sacred caves, monasteries, and temples. *Mandala* magazine called it, "a visual treat for the eye, mind, and heart." *Mystic Tibet* is available on DVD through the Foundation Store.

Rinpoche received over 3000 letters in 2007, giving much personal advice and guidance to students around the world. Much of Rinpoche's advice is available to everyone via **LAMA YESHE WISDOM ARCHIVE'S** online advice book.



## SUPPORTING

# *Global Centers, Projects, and Services*

The FPMT family grew in 2007! FPMT International Office now supports 151 centers, projects, and services in thirty-three countries around the world. Through our relationship with the larger FPMT mandala, FPMT International Office communicates and preserves the lineage of Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche. Through communication, organizational development and support, we help sustain the FPMT family as they serve Lama Zopa Rinpoche and benefit sentient beings.

## STAYING CONNECTED ACROSS BORDERS - COMMUNICATION

Staying connected is the biggest challenge in an international organization. In 2007, over 13,000 readers received the FPMT News each month, getting updates on Lama Zopa Rinpoche's activities and recent advice, news from around the organization, and much more. In addition, dedicated egroups continue to keep the mandala in touch and informed.

FPMT International Office coordinates Rinpoche's teaching tours and communicates Rinpoche's personal advice directly to the centers and individuals involved. We encourage regional and national meetings and help ensure that key organizational information is discussed. When possible, International Office staff attend the meetings to hear how centers and projects are doing, and help with the process of development. In 2007, meetings were held

in the Americas and Europe, and plans are underway for the next CPMT, the international meeting of FPMT, in 2009 in France.

## CREATING STRUCTURES FOR BENEFIT - ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2007, eleven new study groups formed under the guidance of Lama Zopa Rinpoche and FPMT. Many remarked that they wanted to be part of an international organization that has the structures in place to last beyond just this lifetime. They wanted support that is based on experience, and the leadership FPMT provides in both Dharma education and center development.

In 2007, fourteen centers completed their affiliation with FPMT Inc., bringing the total number of affiliated centers to fifty-nine. The remaining unaffiliated centers and projects all made substantial progress toward this goal. Affiliation creates the legal link between the centers, projects, and services and their spiritual director. It protects the assets of each part of the community, and ensures that the investment of time and resources made by so many individuals over the years is never lost. It also helps individual centers update their legal standing in their own countries and avoid future difficulty. Affiliation strengthens the FPMT organization and helps keep its standards high. It creates the structure to most effectively move forward and create even more benefit for even more beings.



Upper left: Lama Zopa Rinpoche at Losang Dragpa Centre. Lower left: with members of FDCW. Right: with Kurukulla Center director Wendy Cook and LYWA director Nick Ribush.

FPMT provides clear structure, policies, and programs that help centers know exactly how they function in the organization and how they can develop for maximum benefit. Whether it is a hospice service, a Dharma center, a retreat facility, or a social service project, the structures are in place to help that organization flourish!

## NOURISHING THE MANDALA – SUPPORT AND TRAINING

FPMT has offices at the international, regional, and national levels that aid centers, projects, services and teachers through every stage of development. In addition, the FPMT Handbook and supplementary service manuals provide support for those serving as spiritual program

coordinators and directors. In 2007, in addition to providing support via phone and email for centers around the world, International Office established preliminary guidelines and support for our teachers.

In 2007, FPMT International Office continued training programs for those who serve within the organization. The popular Rituals Training was held at Institut Vajra Yogini, with nearly sixty people attending. The new Inner Job Description Training, which provides guidance on working with a Dharma attitude, was introduced in May at International Office, where it is being incorporated into every aspect of daily work. It was repeated with great success at Vajrapani Institute in September.

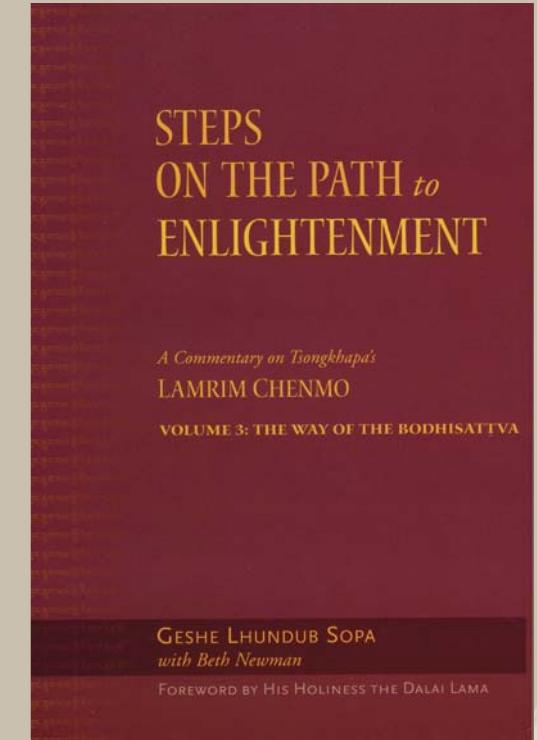


# *Managing Charitable Projects*

In 2007, the scope of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's charitable projects increased. Rinpoche's generosity and that of his students allowed us to give a total of US \$1,954,246 directly to charitable projects this year!

The **SERA JE FOOD FUND** offered over three million meals to the monks of Sera Je Monastery ensuring they were well-nourished and had sufficient time to study. The **LAMA TSONGKHAPA TEACHERS FUND** provided stipends to all of the teachers of the seven great Gelugpa monasteries, sponsored the annual winter examinations, and offered robes to monks who memorized difficult texts, such as Tsongkhapa's *Lekshe Nyingpo*. The **AMDO EYE CENTER** continued construction on their hospital this year, completing three floors, while **FPMT MONGOLIA** continued to provide Dharma teachings and publications to the Mongolian people, supported a nunnery and local monasteries, offered food to the homeless, and many other projects. The **INTERNATIONAL MAHAYANA INSTITUTE** (IMI) established new managerial, policy, financial, and support structures to take IMI into the future in the most beneficial way. We continued sponsorship of Geshe Lhundub Sopa's monumental commentary on the **LAM-RIM CHENMO** (in 2007, work on Volume Three was completed!), and continued to support the building of holy objects around the world.

**LAMA ZOPA RINPOCHE'S OTHER PROJECTS** covered the costs for innumerable offerings of light offerings, water bowl offerings, flower and torma offerings made daily for FPMT in Rinpoche's house. It supported up to fifteen Sangha members who directly offer service to Rinpoche, making offerings as well as prayers for students

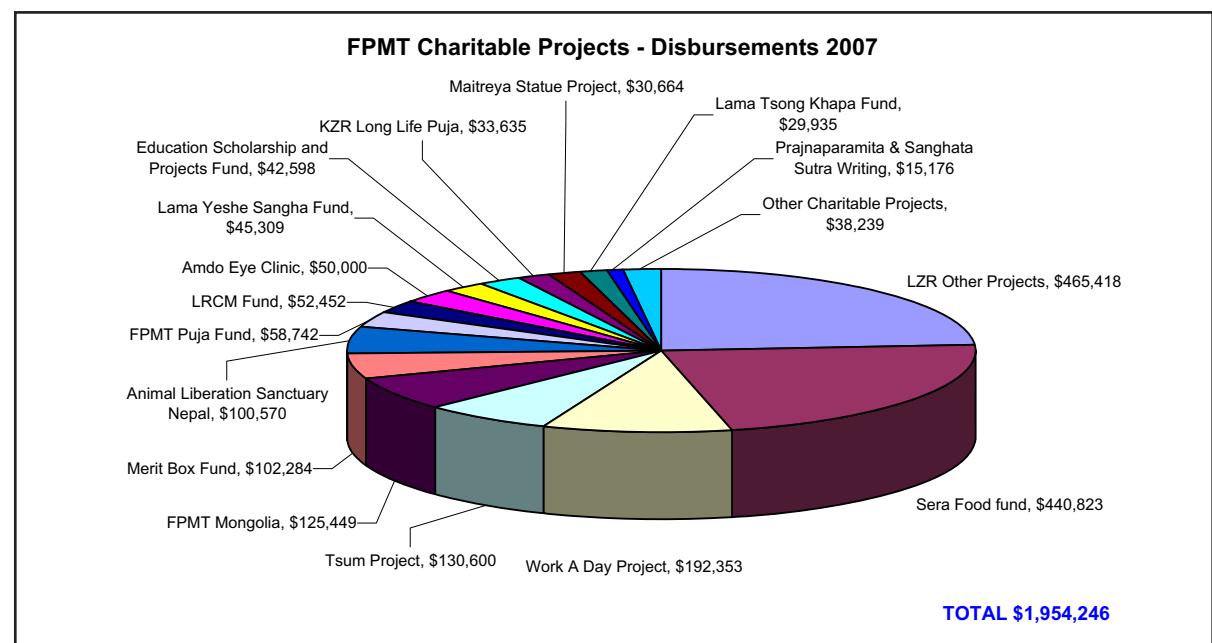




who are sick or have passed away. Rinpoche also personally allocates and uses this money. In 2007, this included offerings to Nalanda Monastery in France, to the new temple at Geshe Lhundub Sopa Rinpoche's monastery in the USA, to the Sera Je Food Fund, and to International Office activities.

The **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND** continued awarding scholarships and supporting creative initiative. Support continued for the **TSUM PROJECT**, the **ANIMAL LIBERATION SANCTUARY** in Nepal, and many other **CHARITABLE PROJECTS**.

Two **WORK A DAY FOR RINPOCHE CAMPAIGNS** were very successful, raising over \$200,000 in support of Rinpoche's projects. In all these ways, International Office helps lay the groundwork and actualize the vast visions of Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche.







Geshe Tashi and Geshe Jamyang with Basic Program graduates, Chenrezig Institute.

# *Creating Educational Programs*

**E**ducation is the very heart of FPMT. Through a vast range of comprehensive study programs, practice materials, training programs, downloadable advice from the FPMT website, and scholarships, International Office nourishes the development of compassion, wisdom, kindness, and true happiness in individuals of all ages.

## **SUCCESS IN STUDY!**

**DISCOVERING BUDDHISM** continues to flourish! It is taught in the majority of FPMT centers around the world. This year, center materials were updated, provided to centers, and posted in the Members Area on the FPMT website. Work also began in 2007 to create a Spanish homestudy version.

Three centers offered the first **BASIC PROGRAM** final exam in 2007. Twenty-eight center and homestudy students took the exam, completed their retreats, and became the program's first graduates! Many Basic Program graduates are already teaching and serving in FPMT centers around the world. The program is available in English and Italian, and work began in 2007 to translate it into Czech.

Maitripa Institute welcomed a new cohort of students into its **ADVANCED BUDDHIST STUDIES PROGRAM** in 2007, while current students completed their second year with Yangsi Rinpoche and Dr. James Blumenthal. Guest lecturers included Ven. Robina Courtin, Jeffrey Hopkins, Jose Cabezon, and Anne Klein. Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Gyume Khensur Losang Tenzin Rinpoche each visited Maitripa, giving teachings, initiations, and ample blessings.

Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa prepared for the beginning of a new **MASTERS PROGRAM** in 2007. Centers that wish to offer Masters Program subjects but can't undertake the full course may now do so. Work is already underway to present this Abridged Masters Program at Maitreya Institut in the Netherlands.

FPMT Centers requested shorter and more introductory courses, and three new programs were developed in 2007 in response. **MEDITATION 101** and **BUDDHISM IN A NUTSHELL** are already available as center programs. Homestudy versions are being created! A new course offering all Rinpoche's instructions on death and dying is being created as well, in both center and homestudy formats.

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

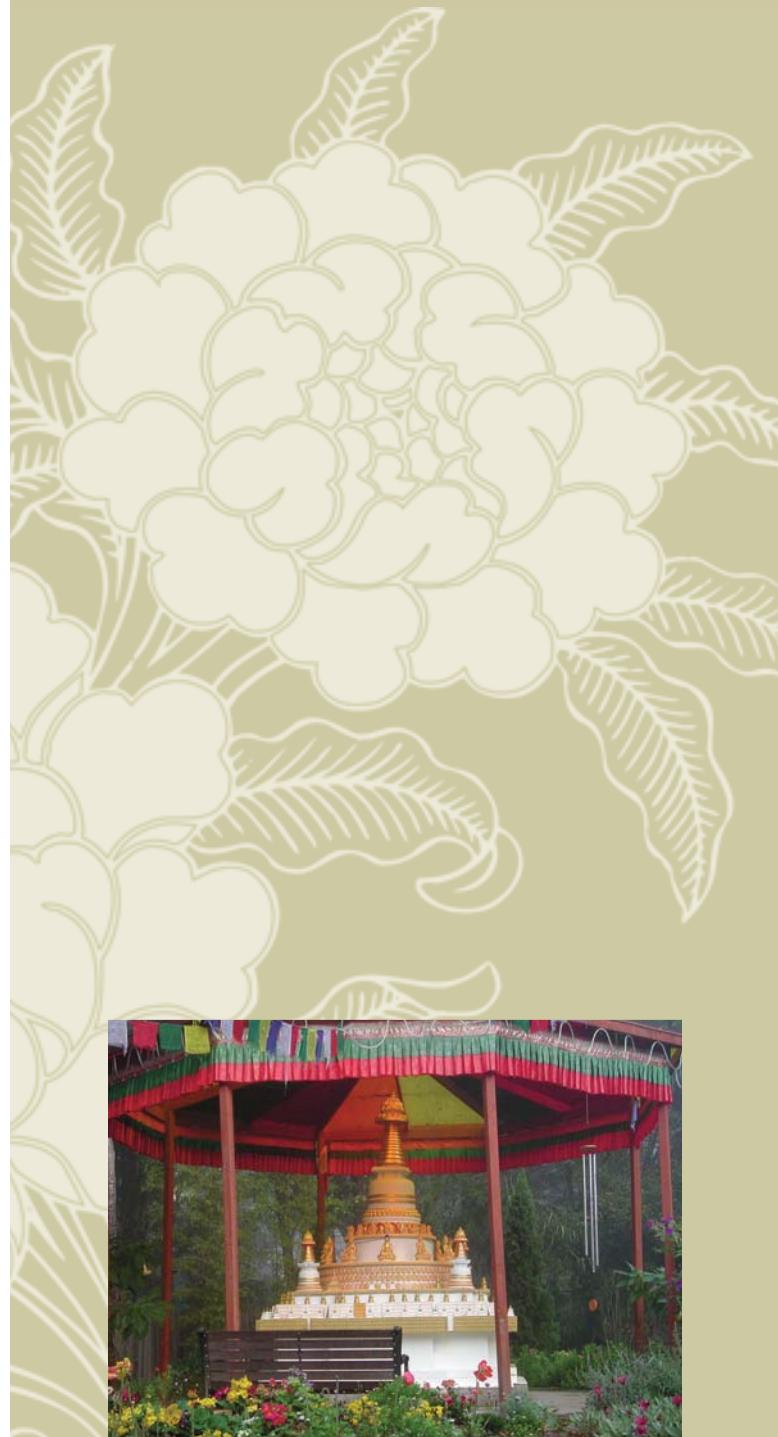
In 2006, all FPMT centers were provided with free copies of *Essential Buddhist Prayers*, Vol. 1. In 2007, with the support of a kind benefactor, centers received free copies of *Essential Buddhist Prayers*, Vol. 2. In 2007, International Office sent out over 1000 copies!

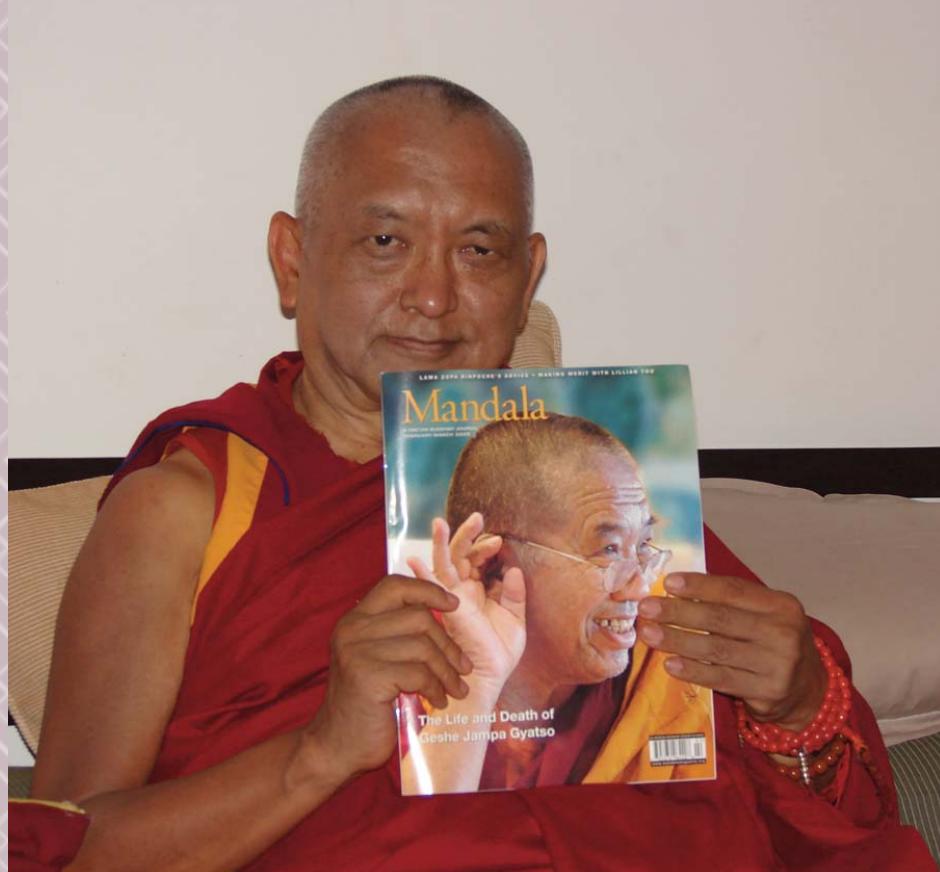
In support of the Foundation Training in Rituals, a new rituals manual was completed, containing advice on how to lead pujas according to the style of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, inspiring commentary from Khenrinpoche Lama Lhundrup and Lama Zopa himself, and a disc of tunes. Other new practice materials of 2007 include an advice book on dealing with *lung*, a comprehensive version of the Long Life Puja, and the long-awaited commentary on Six-Session Guru Yoga by Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

## TRANSLATION

In 2007, International Office continued to fund translation offices in Spain, France, and Germany, and opened a new office in Brazil. These offices are translating FPMT's standard prayer books and educational programs so that our larger FPMT family may literally be on the same page!

International Office also coordinated the English translation of the sadhanas of Kunrig and Secret Hayagriva, the philosophical text *Wisdom Debating Ignorance*, and the thirty-one chapter version of the *Sutra of Golden Light*. Watch out for these in 2008!





## REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD

# *Our Magazine, Websites, and Foundation Store*

International Office connects to the growing network of FPMT students and friends and to the general public through a vibrant magazine, a comprehensive website, and an online retail store.

### **MANDALA MAGAZINE** – <http://www.mandalamagazine.org/>

For over two decades, *Mandala* has presented authentic Buddhist teachings by Tibetan masters such as Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Lama Yeshe, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. With additional contributions from scholars, FPMT teachers, and practitioners worldwide, *Mandala* seeks to use the medium of print to eliminate suffering for all beings.

In 2007, subscribers in fifty countries received our bi-monthly magazine, created by an editor in Australia, an Art Director in New

Mexico, a Subscriptions & Advertising Manager at International Office in Portland, an Associate Editor at home with a new baby, and contributors around the world. Ours is truly a global enterprise staffed by a small but dedicated team.

*Mandala* debuted several new offerings on its website in 2007: banner advertising, Editor's Choice "Best of *Mandala*" articles, easier purchase of the current and back issues, and overall improvement of the design of the *Mandala* site, with more web offerings in the works for 2008.

The work of *Mandala* was financed by subscription dues, individual issue sales through center shops and other select locations, advertisers, donations, funds from the purchase of "Mandala buttons," sponsorships of subscriptions for prisoners, and support from the International Office. Critical additional support came from FPMT centers who subsidized subscriptions to *Mandala* for their own members as a benefit.

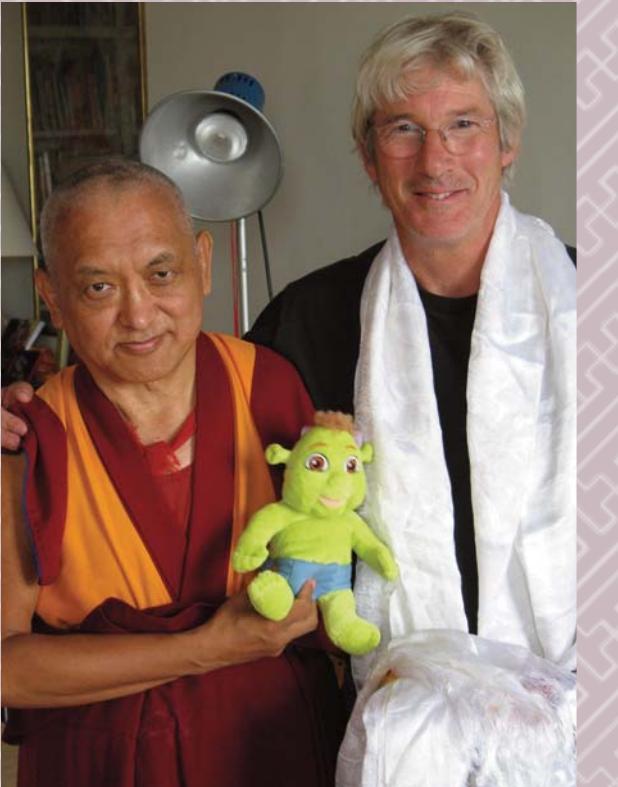
*Mandala* finished 2007 with a series of strategic meetings aimed at increasing *Mandala*'s reach, financial stability, depth and breadth of

coverage, and overall attention to the heart of the teachings and FPMT's mission to bring those teachings to life in the hearts of us all.

## THE FPMT WEBSITE - [www.fpmt.org](http://www.fpmt.org)

The FPMT website had almost 500,000 visits from over 100 countries in 2007, amassing a total of 1.5 million page views. Under the skilled eye of our web developer, the FPMT website continued to expand and improve. It now offers many new features: a font size tool that allows the viewer to choose how large the type is, updated center locations using Google maps, and tightened security in database interaction and web forms. Scrolling announcements were added to keep everyone informed of the most recent news and advice, hundreds of new photos of Rinpoche were added to the photo galleries, and current advice and practices from Rinpoche were updated often.

International Office created a web standards document and wrote an article on the FPMT website's style sheet to aid member centers in creating their own websites, thereby offering support in a new way to the FPMT community.



## THE FOUNDATION STORE - [www.fpmt.org/shop](http://www.fpmt.org/shop)

The Foundation Store supplies affordable high quality educational and practice materials to practitioners from around the world. The Foundation Store continued to grow and develop in 2007, with its practices and educational programs reaching new students daily, and the Discovering Buddhism DVD reaching larger audiences than ever before.

International Office provided the text of the Vajra Cutter Sutra for an event sponsored by Richard Gere's Foundation. In return, his foundation printed numerous copies of the sutra for free distribution in the Foundation Store.

In 2007, orders and revenues increased dramatically, with the increased revenue directly supporting Lama Zopa Rinpoche's projects. All Dharma proceeds above the cost of production are strictly categorized and used to support the charitable mission of FPMT. A link on the Foundation Store website explains to the customer exactly how their money is spent, making the store unique in Buddhist online shopping.

# Portland Update!

## THE NEW ALTAR

The new altar at International Office is finished! Designed by Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the altar is of traditional Tibetan design. The statues sit in sky-blue bays and are backlit, creating the appearance of emerging from the dharmakaya. The Kangyur and Tengyur are kept on shelves on either side, and the base contains cupboards for storage. Built by Maitripa student Max Leiber, the altar was hand painted by Tibetan master artist Thubten Gelek. Lama Zopa Rinpoche suggested that this new altar could serve as a model for altars in FPMT centers.

The altar contains a larger than life-size statue of Shakyamuni Buddha in the sambhogakaya aspect. This stunning statue is a copy of the Buddha statue in the Jokhang in Lhasa, and gives the International Office gompa its official name, the Jokhang. To the Buddha's right is thousand-armed Chenrezig, and to the Buddha's left sits a breathtaking statue of Tibet's first Dharma king, King Songtsen Gampo (created by artist Bernhard Cayla). To the left of King Songtsen Gampo is a life size statue of the founder of FPMT, Lama Thubten Yeshe. This Lama Yeshe statue is a model for Lama Yeshe statues in FPMT centers.

FPMT International Office and Maitripa Institute share this holy space, and were fortunate enough to have Gyume Khensur Losang Tenzin Rinpoche present to fill and consecrate the Shakyamuni and Chenrezig statues, and Yangsi Rinpoche to fill and consecrate the Lama Yeshe statue.

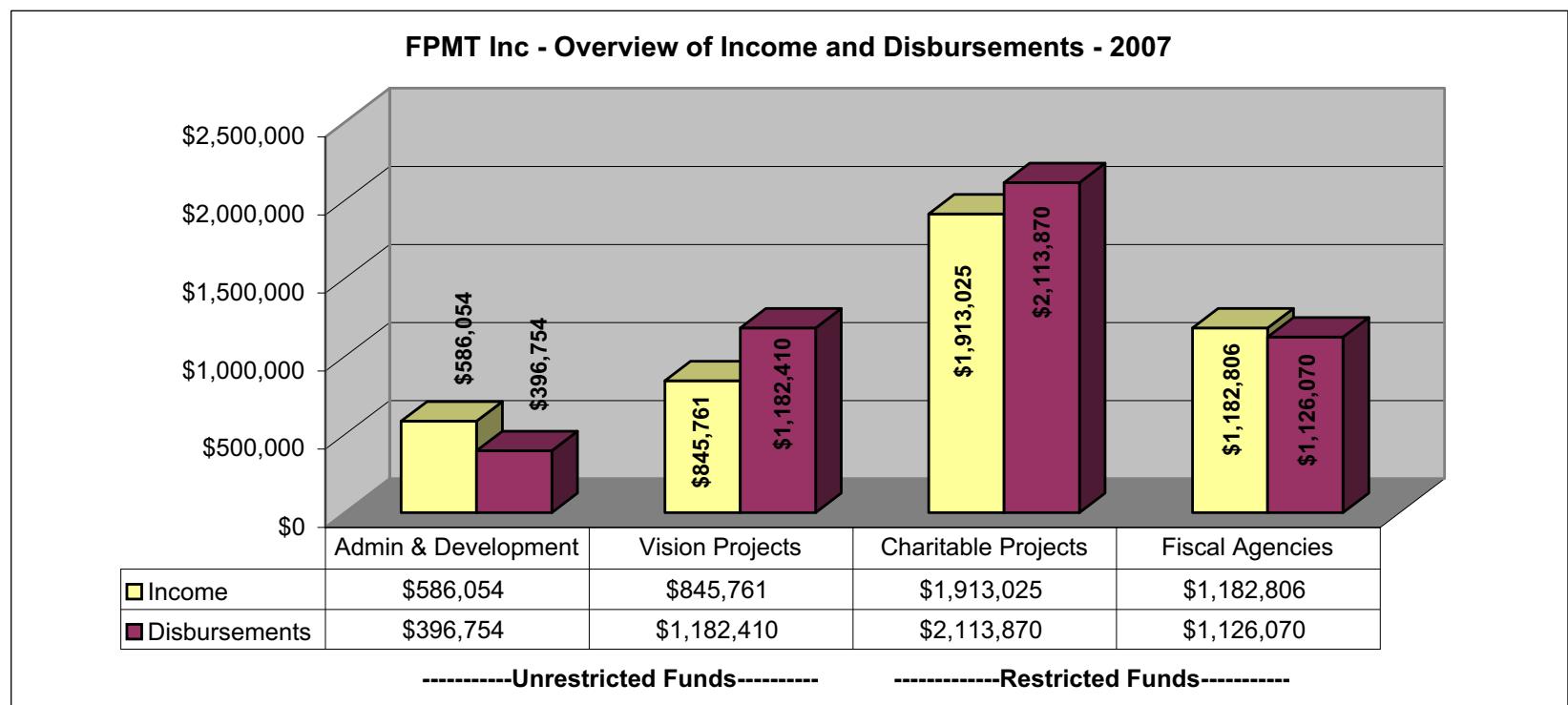


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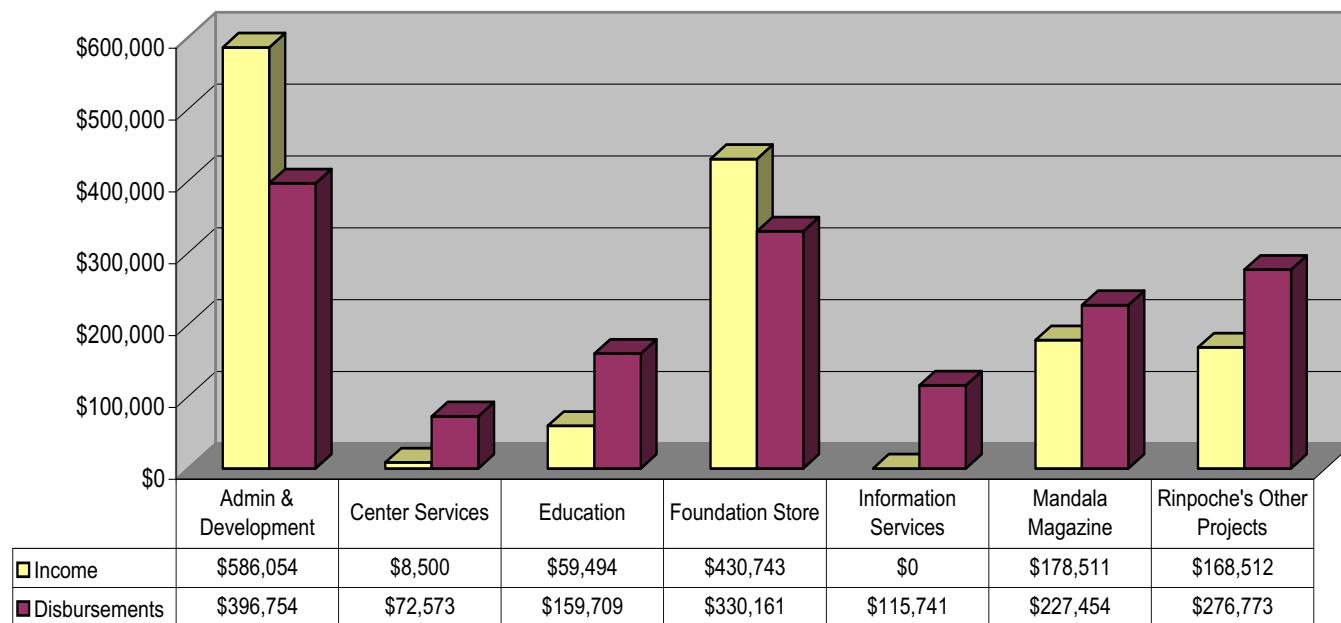
# *Financial Performance in 2007*

**FPMT INC.'S** finances are divided between general (unrestricted) funds, and funds earmarked for certain projects (restricted funds). Unrestricted funds are further divided into Administration & Development funds and Vision Projects funds. Restricted funds are further divided into Charitable Projects funds and Fiscal Agencies funds.

The following charts give an overview of the income and disbursements for 2007.<sup>1</sup>



### Admin & Development and Vision Projects Overview



A breakdown of the direct project disbursements from the charitable projects can be seen on page (16). The chart above gives a summary of the income and disbursements for Administration & Development and for the various Vision Projects during 2007.

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<sup>1</sup> The figures presented in this report are the un-audited financial figures for 2007. They exclude depreciation and exceptional items such as gains or losses on the sale of fixed assets and special project disbursements that are privately financed. These figures are subject to adjustments (such as interfund offsets) during our annual audit which is conducted each year by our auditor, Respass and Respass PC.

A more detailed **FINANCIAL SUMMARY** is available on our website.

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### A VISIT FROM THE BOARD

The FPMT Board of Directors met at Land of Medicine Buddha in April 2007, and International Office hosted them in Portland in October. Lama Zopa Rinpoche attended and also gave teachings and a Most Secret Hayagriva initiation at Maitripa Institute. The Board continued its work of strengthening and fortifying the organization, while laying the groundwork for Rinpoche's increased activity over the coming years.



## THANK YOU!

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE** would like to express our very deep gratitude for the help and inspiration given by all the centers, teachers, students, benefactors, and donors throughout 2007. We would especially like to recognize and thank those who volunteered at International Office in 2007: Mary Oberdorf for her tireless help and generosity, Sharon Overbey for her enthusiastic and perseverant help in the Foundation Store, Megan Evart for her help with Mandala magazine, Cheryl Gipson, Dylan Gold and John Licata for their incredible work helping us convert our database systems, Dave Webb for coming all the way from Australia to help us with marketing, Gordon Ruby for all his IT support, and Amy Cayton for inspiring and teaching us during the Inner Job Description Training. Dedications at the pujas sponsored by Lama Zopa Rinpoche at the great monasteries are made especially for all of you, in thanks for your kindness and generosity.

It has been a wonderfully successful year, and we look forward to 2008!

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