

## **New Future For and With FPMT's Tibetan Interpreter Training Program?**

Would you like to serve FPMT, sentient beings, and simultaneously build a career as the director of FPMT's Tibetan interpretation school, [LRZTP](#)?

LRZTP (the Lotsawa Rinchen Zangpo Translator Program) is a 4-year Tibetan language training program aimed at providing native speaker interpreters from and into Tibetan in FPMT centers worldwide. To date, the program has comprised two years of classroom study in Dharamsala, India followed by two years of training at an FPMT center as an interpreter for a geshe. There have been five LRZTP programs completed so far, and the sixth finishes the classroom segment in October this year.

Over the years LRZTP has developed an excellent reputation for training well-qualified interpreters via its intensive program. It has also developed to meet changing needs - the current LRZTP was open for a higher fee to those who wanted the benefit of its immersion Tibetan-language training without the commitment to the second two-year training as an interpreter for a geshe resident in an FPMT center; additionally a short Tibetan language program has been successfully offered.

We now offer the opportunity for a suitable individual to 'adopt' LRZTP for FPMT and run it as their project long-term, being responsible for it academically and financially, as a career/business. This would enable LRZTP to get the long-term in-depth attention it deserves in order to develop further. There would be a commitment to offer the core LRZTP interpreter-training program every few years (as FPMT centers will always have a need for new interpreters), and then the new director is encouraged to look at other ways to develop LRZTP: perhaps via an online Tibetan language course, and be the 'go to' Tibetan language interpreter body for the organization.

Would you be interested? If so, you are invited to contact [Claire, Center Services director](#) at FPMT International Office, to discuss this further. Please accompany your expression of interest with a brief letter explaining why you would be interested, how you might take LRZTP to the next stage, what relevant experience you have had – and any questions.