



## TARA PUJA FUND – ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Please find below the details of the TARA PUJA FUND for the year 2019. By your generous contributions we were able to cover all the expenses for the activities arranged on Saka Dawa, Lord Buddha's Enlightenment day, June 17, 2019.

I am very happy to report to you about these meritorious activities and I hope that this will inspire you to take the opportunity and participate again next Saka Dawa, June 5, 2020.

### AUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Recitations of 100,000 Praises to Tara performed at each of the three great monasteries of Sera, Drepung and Ganden with a total of about 10,500 monks. Breakfast, tea and Rs 50 was offered to all participating geshe, lamas and monks.

The following other activities were also sponsored on Buddha's Enlightenment Day:

- A donation of US\$2000 was made to the FPMT Puja Fund. Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche sponsors extensive pujas at all the major Gelukpa monasteries in India and Nepal throughout the year.
- A donation of US\$1000 was made for 21,000 light offerings at the Mahabodhi Stupa in Bodhgaya. Our sponsors' names and special dedications were read for 3 consecutive nights under the Bodhi Tree.
- A donation of US\$500 was made towards the Animal Liberation Ceremony of Amitabha Buddhist Centre (Singapore), where hundreds of thousands of animals were freed from being slaughtered.
- A donation of US\$500 for gold powder was made which will be used to write the Perfection of Wisdom and Sanghata Sutra texts that are to be placed at the heart of the Maitreya Buddha Statue.
- A donation of US\$500 was made towards the decoration and white washing of the Swoyambhunath and Boudhanath stupas in Nepal.
- A donation of US\$250 was made to the Maitreya School in Bodhgaya.
- A donation of US\$500 was made to Maitri Leprosy Project in Bodhgaya.
- A donation of US\$250 was made to the Animal Liberation Shelter in Nepal
- A donation of US\$250 was made for care of dogs at Maitri Leprosy Project in Bodhgaya.
- US\$310 was spent on feeding dogs in Bodhgaya and Kathmandu on Saka Dawa.

During the year of 2019 TARA PUJA FUND received donations amounting to US\$ 17,692 from over 160+ individuals and businesses. Total expenditure for 2019 was US\$16,624. Adding this year's surplus, the balance of Tara Puja Fund as per 31 December 2019 is a little over \$93,000.

I would like to express my gratitude to Ven. Holly Ansett, Ven. Fred Cheong, Ven. Paldon and Root Institute staff, Eamon Walsh, Aruna Prakash, Claire Isitt, Just Jenkins as well as Pramila Tamrakar for their continuous and kind assistance.

Please find below the financial report for 2019 and all benefactors in alphabetical order.

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions and making this project so successful.

With our very best wishes,

Marcel Bertels  
Kari Cuelenaere

Coordinators

## FINANCIAL REPORT ANNUAL TARA PUJA 2019

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Donations received through FPMT International office	17315	
Interest	280	
Cash Donations	377	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>17972</b>
<b>Meritorious Activities Sponsored</b>		
100,000 Praises at Sera Monastery	3906	
100,000 Praises at Gaden Monastery	1814	
100,000 Praises at Drepung Monastery	3480	
Contribution to FPMT Puja Fund	2000	
Gold writing of PrajnaParamita and Sanghata Sutra for Maitreya Statue	500	
Animal Liberation by Amitabha Buddhist Centre in Singapore	500	
Painting & Decorating of Stupas of Bodha & Swayambhu, Kathmandu	500	
Donation to Maitri Charitable Trust in Bodhgaya, India	500	
Donation to Maitri Charitable Trust in Bodhgaya for Animal Welfare	250	
21,000 Light Offerings at the Mahabodhi Stupa in Bodhgaya	1000	
Donation to Root Institute's Maitreya School	250	
Contribution to Animal Liberation Shelter in Kathmandu	250	
Feeding of dogs in Bodhgaya on Saka Dawa	160	
Feeding of dogs in Kathmandu on Saka Dawa	150	
<b>Total Meritorious activities sponsored</b>		<b>15260</b>
Credit Card Fees and IOF Administration Fees	1163	
<b>Total Admin Charges</b>		<b>1364</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>16624</b>
<b>SURPLUS FORWARDED TO TARA PUJA FUND</b>		<b>1349</b>

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