Happy Losar, the Tibetan New Year!

Wishing you a year of joy and abundance

On February 22, Tibetans all over the world will celebrate Losar, the Tibetan new year, traditionally a time of prayers, ceremonies and festivities. According to the Tibetan calendar, we will be transitioning from a Rabbit year to a Dragon year. Considered powerful and auspicious, Tibetan dragons are often depicted holding gems that symbolize the fulfillment of the wishes of all beings, especially regarding spiritual goals. We at Tibetan Aid Project hope it will be a year of positive change for you and for the Tibetan people.

Every spring, hundreds of thousands of monks, nuns and laypeople gather at Bodh Gaya, India to receive books integral to the survival of their language and culture. Your support of the Tibetan Aid Project has made it possible for us to send 216,860 books this year. We offer our deepest thanks for your generosity and hope you know how much you are helping to build a better future for the Tibetan people.
For over 40 years the Tibetan Aid Project has worked to help preserve Tibetan wisdom and culture by helping to fund the printing and free distribution of important Tibetan-language books. We have helped print not only books of ancient wisdom but also more recent literature, including the works of Patrul Rinpoche, an important 18th century teacher and proponent of the preservation of Tibetan wisdom. Works of poetry, grammar, language studies, psychology, medicine and many other subjects have been printed and given out to Tibetans over the years, restoring and building libraries throughout the Himalayan region and revitalizing schools.

Since the book distribution project began, literacy rates have been rising in all segments of the Tibetan population, especially among women. Nuns, who in the past did not have the resources to learn how to read and write, now have the unprecedented opportunity to study for advanced degrees. Tibetan children are receiving an education in the language and wisdom tradition of their forefathers, which they likely would never have received without the help of generous people like you.

Of course, the scope of what you are helping to accomplish is not limited to the Tibetan people. Imagine not only the survival but the flourishing of teachings that promote developing the mind, cultivating compassion and working toward world peace. The wisdom contained in Tibetan literature and culture is like a gem that can bring true happiness to all of humanity. It must be treasured and protected so that it can be shared with the world.

We hope you will continue to join us in this important work.

May the power of the Dragon year aid in our work and in the manifestation of your wishes!

Best regards,

Judy Rasmussen
Executive Director

The influx of books is ushering in a renaissance of Tibetan wisdom and culture

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