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## 1. Chairman's Message

Greetings and Tashi delek to every dedicated readers of the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine's official newsletter. In this first issue of the year 2009, I have 3 good news and 1 bad news to bring to your kind attention.

At the outset, in accordance with the wishes and plans laid much earlier, in the auspicious Tibetan Year of 2126, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> day of lunar calendar of the monthly star *WO*, and Roman Year 2009, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March, the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine took great pride in organizing the much awaited and most sacred Yuthog Nyinthig Chos-sKor's empowerment and Initiation which is a must for the successful healing service of our Tibetan Medical Practitioners. Yuthog Nyinthig, following the lines of one of the esoteric and sacred Buddhist practice of All accomplishing Tantric tradition, is seen as a jewel from the heart of Yuthog Yonten Gonpa, the Father of Tibetan Medicine.

As per the request and prayers offered by CCTM members, the 84 year Taglung rTze-sPrtul Rinpoche, one of the precious surviving legends and highly placed Lama of the Nyingma-pa Buddhist tradition, has very compassionately bestowed the complete empowerment and initiation of Yuthog Nyingthig to almost 150 Tibetan Medical Practitioners and other fortunate people totaling up to 400 devotees at Ne-chung Drayang Ling monastery in Dharamsala. This Nyingthig practice, in essence, is one of the most sacred, esoteric and sophisticated Buddhist Tantric tradition where all the essence of esoteric Tantric practices are consolidated together into one highly specialized spiritual practice capable of achieving enlightenment in one lifetime only. Sumton Yeshe -zun, the chosen disciple of Yuthog Sarma has nurtured and propagated this tradition like deathless nectar from the heart of his own Master. The 84 year old Taglung Rinpoche, one of the rare Spiritual Masters who have received, practiced and mastered this highly sacred Initiation, by virtue of the power of compassion, was intuitively, seen and felt as the Master Yuthog Yonten Gonpo himself by many fortunate disciples during the course of the Initiations. This indeed was a very special blessing and the whole 4 day was a historic one in the evolutionary process of Tibetan Medicine. Hence, it is the first Good News.

The good news number two is that during the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the executive meeting of CCTM members from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, while reading the annual working report of the CCTM, it was found much to the delight of all the members, that as per the fervent request that was made in our 2008 newsletter, the annual membership fees from our registered doctors has increased manifold. Besides, CCTM has received handsome donations from some new circles and supporters from US, Russia and Germany. All this will certainly boost the falling financial strength of CCTM to carry out its various frontline activities.

Good News number three is the successful completion of the long standing policy draft of the standardization of Tibetan herbal drugs, pharmacist and pharmaceutical company/ units. Since a year, we have been working on this

and have brought out the first draft which was send to several of our experts and Institutions for their valuable suggestions. During this 11<sup>th</sup> session, members have worked on the suggestions received from which, the important points were included in the text and some amendments are made with full revision of the original draft to bring out new complete draft. Members have really worked very hard on this and did their best to balance the equation by bringing up all the necessary elements of standardization which are must in terms of maintaining International standard and at the same time, adding some special clause to make it more convenient for our Tibetan standards to follow. After formatting the draft with all other necessary inclusions, it will be reproduced in book form. In due course of time, proper announcement will be made before it is implemented as an official rule and regulation.

Now it is the time to tell the bad news. In accordance with the constitutional rights and responsibilities of CCTM and in line with the qualified suggestions received from some of our senior Tibetan doctors and right thinking people, we have endeavoured to bring out with a Policy Act of regularizing a standard syllabus and certificates of sMenpa Kachupa(Bachelor of TMS) and other higher medical degrees like sMenrampa and Bumrampa. Unlike the past where the medical Institutions follow their own respective syllabus, CCTM aims to bring out a standard uniformity and comprehensive package rule to see that it is not burdened with so many textual liabilities and denominations which all look good in paper, yet largely impracticable. It is, as per the similes given in our medical text: placing female yak's goods on female yak and sheep on sheep's back and where, we could see the real difference of professionalism between the degrees of gold and copper. Accordingly, based on Yuthog's existing traditions in Tibet and in accordance with the existing syllabus of Mentsee-Khang, Dharamsala and Sorig department of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, coupled with some new innovations in keeping with the modern medical educational system of Bachelor , Master and other higher specialized degrees, more specialized and comprehensive package draft was produced . The first draft was then send to many experts and medical institutions under CCTM for their valuable suggestions following which, during the 11<sup>th</sup> CCTM session, members deliberated upon the various suggestions received and accordingly brought out the newly revised comprehensive packaged policy draft. And on 24<sup>th</sup> March,2009, this policy draft was placed before the specially convened high level meeting of experts from Mentsee-khang and private practitioners, principals and representatives from the three registered Sorig medical colleges, director and deputy director of Mentsee-khang, and also the specially invited representatives from Health and Education department of CTA and director of the Norbu linga's department of traditional knowledge all totaling up to more than 20 participants including the members of CCTM. Media coverage was given by the representative from Bod-ki dus-bab.

On 24<sup>th</sup> morning, we opened the session with a great hope that all the participating members will sincerely deliberate on this vexed, yet very important issue, and very earnestly thought that with their valuable suggestions and constructive support, CCTM will be able to bring out the 1<sup>st</sup> ever comprehensive and standard regularization of the syllabus and degree

certificates of sMenpa Kachupa( Bachelor of TMS) and other higher medical degrees. Unfortunately, on the very first day of post noon session after the morning function, as the Tibetan saying goes, “do not argue on words, do so on the issue”, instead of arguing on the issue, members started their war of words and some even questioned the legal rights of CCTM in its effort to bring out such an Act. So despite all three days of intensive brain storming sessions, we regret to inform that it could not yield any positive result. Consequently, the issue of sMenrampa and Bumrampa Medical degrees and its syllabus was temporarily postponed until further notice by CCTM. This is indeed a bad news. Yet, to lend some semblance of credibility to this exercise, the members agreed to work on the Kachupa syllabus and so the last few hours were spent completing the revision with some valuable additions and alterations. CCTM will reproduced this revised syllabus on Kachupa and will then send the final draft copies to respective medical colleges for their final suggestions before it is implemented. This entire unfortunate episode, from my point of view as a chairman, was not discouraging at all, but it did succeed in disheartening me a bit.

Lastly, but not the least, without much obstacles seen in the various activities of CCTM and, because of the concerted and dedicated effort of its devoted members, we could see, unlike the past, much appreciation from our registered doctors, supporters as well as critics for our overall performance. Please take this as my parting good news.

## 2. Yuthog Nyingthig Empowerment & Oral Transmission by Kyabje Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche

Yuthog Nyingthig Empowerment and Initiation remains one of the most sacred and esoteric practice of Buddhist Tantric Traditions capable of rewarding complete enlightenment in one’s life time for the most fortunate and dedicated practitioners. It falls into the sublime category of Nyingmapa’s rZogs-chen or Great Accomplishment Tradition. Yuthog Yonten Gonpo, the Father of Tibetan Medicine who attained rainbow body while on his final departure to the glorious land of Medicine Buddha, transmitted this sacred knowledge to his chosen disciple Sumton-Yeshe-zun. Sumton in turn nurtured and cherished this practice like a jewel from the heart of his own Guru and, very secretly passed the precious knowledge down through the centuries of legendary spiritual Masters and physicians to maintain the continuum of its sacred lineages. It is said that Yuthog, throughout his lifetime, practiced and cherished two jewels from his own heart: Yuthog Nyingthig and Sowa Rigpa( Tibetan Medical System) hand in hand together.

Realizing the great need of such a profound empowerment and Initiation in today’s degenerating era, and particularly for the practitioners of Tibetan Medicine, the members of the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine (CCTM) made a fervent and repetitive request to Kyabje Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche, one of the rare Buddhist Spiritual Masters who holds the precious lineage of this sacred Initiation, to bestow the empowerment and oral transmission to our Tibetan doctors for the glory of Sowa Rigpa. Our prayer was answered when Rinpoche, disregarding his age, health and all the travel hardships, on the

most auspicious date of 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> day of celestial star 'Wo' month of Tibetan Earth Ox Year( 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009),blessed and satisfied all the fortunate devotees numbering about 400( including many devoted practitioners of Tibetan Medicine in the Himalayan regions of Ladakh, Spiti, Bhutan and Nepal).

Kyabje Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche is the throne-holder of the Dorje Drak Monastery, and the head of the lineage of the Northern Treasures, the tradition which originated from the treasures of the great Tertön Rigdzin Godem. Rinpoche is renowned as being the holder of all the great Kama and Terma traditions of the Nyingmapa, as well as being a great exponent of the Rime (non-sectarian) tradition. Currently, Rinpoche is one of the senior-most teachers in the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. When Rinpoche was fifteen years old, the elder Khenpo from Gotsa monastery, who was a personal disciple of the previous Dordrak Rigdzin, gave empowerments and transmissions of the Jangter lineage to the current, great Dordrak Rigdzin Namdrol Gyatso. At that time, Rinpoche was fortunate to have received most of these empowerments and transmissions, as well as other Zogchen instructions.

Our Rinpoche was born in central Tibet in the year 1926. He was recognized, at the age of five, as reincarnation of the great Master Ngok Chöku Dorje. He began his studies at Taklung Tse monastery and was appointed as the throne-holder of Dorje Drak monastery at the age of eight. Rinpoche underwent rigorous training at Dorje Drak monastery, and having gained proficiency in all rituals and arts, he mastered all the teachings and empowerments of the Northern Treasures. At fourteen, he began his studies on the major canon of Buddhism with Pawo Rinpoche, who was a student of Khenpo Thupten Gyaltzen, a personal student of the great Dzogchen Khenpo Shenga.

At twenty, Rinpoche received complete empowerment and oral transmission of the Rinchen Terdzöd, as well as other oral transmissions from the previous Kyabje Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche. Around that time, he also received most empowerments and oral transmissions of Padma Lingpa's treasures from the previous Lalung Sungrtul Rinpoche, as well as all oral transmissions for the Seven Treasures and other teachings of the omniscient Longchen Rabjam from the Golok Chewo Rinpoche. Rinpoche also received complete empowerment and oral transmission of the higher and lower teachings of Jangter treasure and Kama (oral) teachings and instructions on the nature of mind while he was at Dorje Drak monastery. Rinpoche served as the Khenpo of Dordrak monastery for several years and was later requested to return to Taklung monastery.

After the most unfortunate political event of 1959, Rinpoche was forced to leave Tibet and stayed in Sikkim for two years during which time, he received empowerments and oral transmission of the Treasury of Oral Instructions and Kagyu Mantra Treasury from the Great 16<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa at Rumtek monastery. In Kalimpong, Rinpoche received the entire empowerments and oral transmissions of the Great Terma Treasury and the Nyingma Kama, as well as some of the dharma treasures of Dudjom Lingpa from Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche. Rinpoche also received transmissions of collected teachings of Mipham Rinpoche and empowerments and

transmissions for the Heart Essence of Longchenpa, and other Dzogchen practices and tantras from Kyabje Dilgo Khentse Rinpoche in Bhutan.

Rinpoche, later, settled in Shimla where a new Tibetan refugee settlement was established. Rinpoche re-established new Dorje Drak monastic seat in Shimla to preserve, develop and expand the teachings of the Jangter lineage. Since then, Rinpoche resides in Shimla where he serves the Tibetan community as well as huge number of Indian populace of Himalayan region who follow Tibetan Buddhism.

### 3. Lineage of the Yuthog Nyingthing Empowerment & Oral

Following is the transcript of the Rinpoche's own speech regarding the continuum of the source of lineage of this sacred Initiation.

“The Yuthog Nyingthing empowerment is precisely what is found in Rinchen Terzod (Precious Treasury of Terma). I received the first detailed empowerment of Rinchen Terzod from the previous Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche, Kunsang Tenpai Nyima at Vokmin Ogyen Mindroling in Tibet. At that time, I received this empowerment. After I came into exile, I received the full empowerment of Rinchen Terzod from Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, the main pillar of Nyingma tradition at Kalimpong. At that time, I received this empowerment too. Then again, I received the full empowerment of Rinchen Terzod from Kyabje Dilgo Khentse Rinpoche at Mindroling, Dehradun. At that time also, I received this empowerment one more time. At Tso Pema, I received only the empowerment from Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche as the oral transmission has already been bestowed. At that time, I received this empowerment once again. This is where my lineage comes from.

“After I came to India, I received the complete oral transmission of the root text of Yuthog Nyingthing published by Chagpori from Kyabje Dilgo Khentse Rinpoche at Tashi Jong, Bir. The lineage from where Kyabje Dilgo Khentse Rinpoche received this oral transmission is, the previous Surmang Dungpa Tulku of the present Surmang Dungpa Tulku who now lives in the United States. Such is the lineage of the empowerment and oral transmission.

“Today the complete empowerment and oral transmission has been bestowed without any interruption. I call upon all the Tibetan medicine practitioners to practice with diligent and moral responsibility. In general, the backbone of the Tantric teaching is based on the empowerment and the backbone of the empowerment is the commitment. Therefore, it is important that various stages of commitments mentioned during the empowerment should be followed as far as possible and then work extensively for the benefit of the sentient beings.”

### 4. CCTM FOUNDING DAY CELEBRATION

The members of CCTM in Dharamsala has observed the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Central Council of Tibetan Medicine, an autonomous constitutional body under the Department of Health, Tibetan government in Exile, on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009, with a formal function at the main hall of Men-Tsee-Khang with Men-Tsee-Khang doctors, private Tibetan doctors and medical students. The function was graced by our chief guest Ven. Tsering Phuntsok, Minister of Religion and Culture, Tibetan

government in –exile, Representatives from Health and other departments of the Central Tibetan Administration and Mentsee-Khang. Chief Guest, after lighting the lamp inaugurated the function.

Dr. Nyima Tsering, vice chairman of CCTM, opened the function with the presentation on the annual working report of CCTM and its future plans and activities. The chief guest outlined the importance and necessity of Central Council of Tibetan Medicine to preserve and maintain the standard of Tibetan medicine and its practice. In order to accomplish the success of the various activities of the CCTM, it is very important to receive much needed support from all the concerned individuals and establishments. Special guest from Health department, CTA also spoke on the occasion. The function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Thokmay la, executive member of CCTM and former member of Tibetan parliament in exile.

## 5. WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED

1<sup>st</sup> December is World Aids day. The day is observed worldwide with various health programs to highlight the seriousness of the disease, addressing global awareness on the HIV/AIDS pandemic, to focus attention on the prevention and treatment of HIV and Aids related problems. CCTM too, with its responsibility towards furthering the cause of public health issues, have been doing its bit in promoting public awareness campaign by sticking red ribbon, distributing information brochure and condom, and by giving public talks. This year too, CCTM executive members Dr. Tsering Thakchoe Drungtso, Dr. Tenzin Loden Sakya and co-coordinator Dr. Tenzin Tsephel gave public talks on the prevention and control HIV to a large gathering at Dharamsala, Darjeeling and Bylakuppe respectively. There talks have been very well appreciated by the local administrators and public.

## 6. XIth EXECUTIVE MEETING OF CCTM

Eleventh executive meeting of Central Council of Tibetan Medicine was held at Dharamsala from 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Dr. Dorjee Raptan, Chairman, welcomed all the executive members and gave his opening address by highlighting the important activities and overall functioning of the CCTM. Dr. Thokmay Paljor, general secretary presented the annual working report followed by Ms. Youdon, an accountant who gave the annual account statement. Following that, members had an active discussion on the five main agenda of the meeting as follows:

1. Completion of the draft on the Policy Act of standardization of Tibetan drugs, herbal health products, pharmacist and pharmaceutical company/units.
2. Completion of the draft on the Policy Act of making and regularizing the syllabus of sMenpa Kachupa( Bachelor of Tibetan Medical System) and other higher medical degrees and certificates( sMenrampa and Bumrampa etc).
3. Discussion on the report from AYUSH in the context of reports released by the fact finding committee, Ministry of Health, Govt of India.
4. To discuss major activities to generate funds for supporting the financial condition of CCTM.
5. Final preparation of the Rinpoche's visit and Yuthog Nyingthig's Initiation.



## **RESOLUTION PASSED DURING XIth GENERAL MEETING**

1. Acknowledging the suggestions received from most of the registered practitioners of Tibetan medicine, the validity of the identity card will now be extended for a period of three years.
2. Keeping in view of the financial difficulties faced by registered Tibetan medicine doctors from Sonamling Tibetan settlement, Ladakh, the membership fee was waived 50% for a period of one year with effect from March 2009 till March 2010.
3. To offer 15% deduction in the membership fee if paid in lump sum for 3 years or more.
4. To organize 'National Conference on Tibetan Medicine' in collaboration with Men-Tsee-Khang at the end of March 2010.
5. Notwithstanding the mere mention of "Sowa Rigpa", the executive members of CCTM unanimously agreed 'Not' to acknowledge the recently released report of the fact finding committee, AYUSH, Ministry of Health, Govt of India, on the recognition of "Sowa Rigpa". The member argues that unless the title text clearly mentions or states, "Recognition of Bod-kyi Sowa Rigpa or Tibetan Medical System, the purported issue may become confusing and complicated. Also, it has noted the ambiguity in the background document supporting the main cause and issue of the recognition of Tibetan Medical System.

## **7. SPECIAL MEETING ON REGULARIZING THE SYLLABUS OF KACHUPA AND OTHER HIGHER MEDICAL DEGREES OF TIBETAN MEDICAL SYSTEM**

CCTM convened a 3 days of special meeting to discuss on the draft policy for the regularization of syllabus and certificates of Menpa Kachupa (Bachelor of TMS), Menrampa and Bumrampa degree(Masters and higher degrees), and its formal implementation on 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the meeting hall of Men-Tsee-Khang, Dharamsala. It was attended by twenty three people including the concerned representative from the Health department, Education department, cultural director of the Norbulingka institute, director and deputy director of Men-Tsee-Khang, eminent doctors of Men-Tsee-Khang and private practitioners, principals and representatives of Tibetan medical colleges and institutions, and of course, the executive members of Central Council of Tibetan medicine. Media representative from Bod-kyi dus-bab has covered the entire proceedings.

Dr. Dorjee Rabten Neshar, Chairman of CCTM after welcoming all participants, briefed on the intended purpose and importance of organizing this special meeting, which could be a ground breaking history in the course of evolution of TMS and its practices in India and abroad. Therefore, he requested all the participants to discuss the matter with sincerity and with genuine sense of obligation to reach a positive conclusion for the success of this meeting. Dr. Thokmay Paljor, general secretary, then read out the main draft policy prepared by CCTM the copy of which was handed to all the participants.



Unfortunately, despite the 3 days of brain storming sessions, members could not reach out to each other with a result that no positive and constructive conclusions could be achieved. Therefore, in order to lend some credibility to the whole exercise, the participating members agreed to complete the revision of Kachupa syllabus at least. So the regularization of the respective syllabus, time intervals and designations of other higher medical degrees was temporarily called off until further notice from CCTM. Nonetheless, complete revision was carried out with new additions and amendments to the draft syllabus of Kachupa which, now will be reproduced by CCTM for final suggestion before it becomes an Act.

## 8. NEWS IN BRIEF:

1. In response to the formal invitation received from the Himalayan Buddhist and Cultural Association, Dr. Nyima Tsering Vice-Chairman, represented CCTM at the 'National Conference on Sowa-rigpa' at New Delhi in March 2009.
2. Dr. Tsering Thakchoe Drungtso executive member represented CCTM at the 'Special Meeting' organized jointly by Kashag and Tibetan Parliament in exile at TCV main hall, Dharamsala from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008.
3. Till date, 356 Tibetan medicine practitioners have been formally registered under Central Council of Tibetan medicine. The detailed list will be published in the next newsletter.
4. Dr. Sherab Singye, a registered medical practitioner of Sonamling Tibetan settlement, Leh Ladkha passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 after a prolonged illness. CCTM pays condolence to his family members for the loss

## 9. NEW FACES IN CCTM

Dr. Tsering Dhondup, MBBS, representative of Health Department, CTA, replaces Dr. Dhondup Tashi who resigned from Delek hospital, as a new executive member of CCTM.

Dr. Tsering Dhondup finished his secondary education from upper TCV. He joined Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi to pursue his MBBS degree in 1994. From 2001 – 2006 he worked as resident doctor at Tsojed hospital in Bylakuppe Tibetan settlement and received much appreciation from general public for his outstanding medical care and service. In 2006 he went to United States to pursue MPH degree study at New York State University. In 2008 he joined Delek hospital to continue his medical service to Tibetan community.

Dr. Tsering Tsamchoe, after resigning from CCTM in June 2008, Dr. Tsering Tsamchoe, in accordance with her job application, is reinstated to the office of CCTM as a working committee member (WCM) to head its "Research Wing". She will also supervise the regular functioning of the CCTM office and its WCMs.

The Research Wing of the CCTM is established mainly to study, research, collect and document all the essential materials for the preservation, promotion and enrichment, public health issues and its policies, legal and policy matters pertaining to Tibetan Medical System.

## 10. PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Central Council of Tibetan Medicine came into being after the 'Exile Tibetan Medical Council Act' was passed by the 13th Assembly of the Tibetan People's Deputies, Government of Tibet in Exile, during its 5th session. With the final approval by His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, it is functioning as an autonomous constitutional body under the Tibetan Government in exile to lead and to regulate the standard of Tibetan medicine practitioners, Tibetan medical colleges/institutions and Tibetan medical pharmaceutical companies/units. In order to accomplish its important goals, CCTM has successfully undertaken, and still many on the heels, programs and projects both at national and international levels which requires qualified support of our registered Tibetan Medical Practitioners.

However, financial constraint is the major factor and CCTM still has to rely heavily on the generous donations from our supporters and well-wishers. One of the only sources that CCTM still strongly depends is your membership fee as registered practitioners under CCTM. Though we have seen some positive increase in our membership income in the year 2008-2009, there are still many on the list of practitioners who have not been paying their membership contributions regularly. Please be informed that your 1dollar day for the support of CCTM makes a whole lot of difference in the accumulated financial health of CCTM and of course, in our dedication and glory of Tibetan Medical System.

Any difficulty concerning the payment of membership fee should be informed directly to CCTM office or through your local coordinators. Failing to update your membership card and payment of the membership fees without any written statements of the reason, may disqualify you from becoming the active members of CCTM with a result that you will not be entitled to avail the following rights and benefits.

1. You disqualify as an active member of CCTM.
2. Discounts on CCTM products like books, CDS and DVDs.
3. All CCTM services and special offers.

## 11. IMPORTANT PROJECTS AT HAND

1. To develop, in English language, a first ever official Pharmacopeia of Tibetan Medical System. For any medical system to be recognized legally as an independently unique healing system, having a separate pharmacopeia is a must. Though it appears that we do have such a separate pharmacopeia in Tibetan language, but without any National stamp of official recognition, but it is high time that we need to develop an internationally standard, comprehensive and complete pharmacopeia with a State Authorization for legal rights in this competitive world.

Therefore, the research Wing of CCTM is currently working on this nationally important project for which we need professional, administrative, research material and above all financial help to realize this important task. In due course of time, we'll be approaching the Institutions, administrations, professionals and supporters and well-wishers of CCTM for their respective help. A separate budget will be made for this to qualify for a special grant also.

2. Collection of important reference books: Currently, because of the acute shortage of funds, we have not been able to collect even a decent amount of reference books both in Tibetan and English as an essential source material. Some of the classical text on TMS needs to be exported from Tibet, many needs to be bought in India and abroad. We are slowly building up our main source book collection befitting the high office of CCTM and its aims and objectives. We will bring out the essential list of the source books and its budget in presentable form for grants and donations.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENT

1. As and when the official book of the rules and regulations of the standard Tibetan pharmacology (sMan sByor), registration and recognition of Tibetan pharmacist and pharmaceutical companies/units is ready for its implementation, an announcement will be made following which, CCTM will begin with the registration and recognition Act. Those interested may then contact CCTM office accordingly.
2. The second executive members of CCTM will complete their three year term at the beginning of the year 2010 and simultaneously the third executive members will be elected to take over the responsibilities of CCTM. As a matter of convenience and some policy matters, CCTM during its 11<sup>th</sup> executive meeting, agreed to postpone the "Taking over Ceremony" till March 2010. A National Conference on Tibetan medicine is also scheduled at that time. Separate announcement to this effect will be made later this year with full details.

## 13. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The XII general session of CCTM will take place by the middle of September 2009.
2. Dr. Nyima Tsering, vice chairman of CCTM will attend the conference on the preservation and promotion of Sowa Rigpa organized by Ladakh Society of Traditional Medicine in Leh, Ladakh from 21 - 26 July 2009.
3. Dr. Dorjee Rapten, chairman and Dr. Thokmay Paljor, general secretary of CCTM will attend the International Conference on Asian System of Medicine, in Thimbu, Bhutan as a special invitee from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
4. A special investigation committee of CCTM will investigate the functioning of Chogpori Memorial College of Darjeeling in September this year as part of its recognition process. Earlier, the 1<sup>st</sup> CCTM office has given the temporary recognition of Chogpori Memorial College for imparting the Tibetan Medical Educations of Kachupa Degree (Bachelor of TMS).

## 14. VOTE OF THANKS

Following is the list of donors for the Yuthog Nyingthig Wang Lung project and we thank all of them wholeheartedly for their kind support:-

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2. Dr. Lobsang Soepa (Spiti)
3. Dr. Nyima Tsering Lhunkhang (Delhi)

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5. Dr. Tsering Wangyal (Russia)	Rs.20000/-
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33. Dr. Pasang Topchen (Pune)	Rs. 1000/-
34. Dr. Jampa Tsering (Dhasa)	Rs. 1000/-

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2. Dr. Jampa Khedup	Rs. 1000/-
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5. Chagpori Medical Students	Rs.12085/-
6. Tenzin Youlo	Rs. 150/-
7. Tenzin Wangdue	Rs. 300/-
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