

COMPASSION AND CONSERVATION 2010

A workshop joining religious leaders in community conservation



Dates: 19-20 May, 2010, 09.00-18.00 each day

Venue: The Mongolian Buddhist Center, Gandantegchinleng Monastery, Ulaanbaatar

Participants: The religious leaders of the Center of Mongolian Buddhists, the Gandantegchinleng Monastery and local monasteries; and observers and presenters from representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Nature and Environment, the State Inspection agency, the Government Implementing Agency of Oil and Mining, The Tributary Fund, The Alliance for Religions and Conservation, The Asia Foundation, the UNDP, The Snow Leopard Trust, and other international organizations

Sponsors: Funded by the World Bank, hosted by the Gandantegchinleng Monastery, organized by The Tributary Fund, and facilitated by The Gandan Monastery, the Alliance for Religions and Conservation and The Tributary Fund

Working Language: Presentations will be prepared in Mongolian (most) and English. Simultaneous translation will be available.

Overall Goal: To facilitate participation of local monasteries in conservation efforts, and to raise local awareness of traditional Buddhist conservation customs by supporting and empowering the work of local monasteries. To develop a Eight Year Conservation Plans for Buddhist monasteries in Mongolia

Key Topics:

1. Follow-ups and implementation of initiatives raised during "Compassion and Conservation 2008", conservation activities by the Gandantegchinleng and local monasteries;
 2. Introduction of the call from the Mongolian Government to Mongolian Buddhists for a conservation partnership;
 3. Development of Eight Year Plans by Mongolian Buddhists for the protection of the environment;
 4. Introduction of state policy toward conservation issues such as mining, restoration, and deforestation;
 5. Trainings on water monitoring and deforestation, grantwriting, holding community forums and creation of local community groups, species protection, and local solar development opportunities;
 6. Call for a new round of small grant conservation projects at monasteries;
 7. Development of environmental policy of Mongolian Buddhists and endorsement of 2010 Eight Year Plan developed by the Eight Year Planning Committee.
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