

## Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition

### Amdo Eye Center Charter



#### Providing continuous, sustainable and quality eye care

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#### **FPMT Mission Statement**

The FPMT is an organization devoted to the transmission of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and values worldwide through teaching, meditation and community service. We provide integrated education through which people's minds and hearts can be transformed into their highest potential for the benefit of others, inspired by an attitude of universal responsibility. We are committed to creating harmonious environments and helping all beings develop their full potential of infinite wisdom and compassion. Our organization is based on the Buddhist tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa of Tibet as taught to us by our founder, Lama Thubten Yeshe and our spiritual director, Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche.

#### **Amdo Eye Center Project Overview**

The Amdo Eye Center is a hospital in Xining, the capital of Amdo, Tibet. It is dedicated to providing continuous, sustainable and quality eye care to all and in particular those from underprivileged backgrounds. The hospital is also hoping to offer smaller outreach microsurgery eye clinics in remote areas. FPMT started raising funds for the building of the hospital in 2005 and over the next 5 years raised USD\$605,907. In July 2010 the Amdo Eye Center officially opened and began offering eye cataract surgeries.

#### **Objectives**

The goal of the Amdo Eye Center is to be supported by the local government, as it is offering a much needed service to the local people, to offer high quality training for other doctors in the area and to become a referral center for ophthalmic personnel and to offer ongoing outreach mobile clinics.

#### **Benefits**

The Amdo Eye Center is offering a direct and essential service to many people in the region of Amdo and in particular to the underprivileged, by providing affordable eye care.

*"By offering to the Amdo Eye Center you are benefiting others who are in great need, in particularly the people in Tibet who are blind, helping them to open their eyes and see, what an incredible joy and happiness you are giving them!"*

*However many hundreds and thousands of people who receive help from the Amdo Eye Center, for as long as it exists, they receive this unbelievable benefit because of your kindness and generosity.*

*From this you are creating unbelievable causes of happiness and success that will be achieved in this life and in future lives.*

*By opening their eyes it gives them unbelievable freedom and especially now they are able to see the holy objects - that purifies their minds so they can collect skies of merit." -- Lama Zopa Rinpoche*

#### **Operations**

The Amdo Eye Center has been almost entirely funded by FPMT, due to the kindness of many benefactors. The Amdo Eye Center is a project of FPMT Inc. and is administered by FPMT International Office located in Portland, Oregon, United States.

The annual cost of the Amdo Eye Center is currently estimated at \$USD169,000. FPMT is committed to raise these funds for the first 2 years of operation, until the hospital is able to be self sustainable.

All donations made to the Fund are tax-deductible within the United States in accordance with IRS Code article 501(c)(3) to the extent allowed by law.

For further information about FPMT and the Amdo Eye Center, please visit [www.fpmt.org/projects/amdo/](http://www.fpmt.org/projects/amdo/)

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