

Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition

FPMT Puja Fund Charter



Dedicated to the Long Life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, FPMT Dharma Activity & All Beings

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.

FPMT Puja Fund Overview

Established by Lama Zopa Rinpoche in 1995, The FPMT Puja Fund provides resources for continuous pujas (prayer ceremonies) dedicated to the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and to the success of all the FPMT centers and projects, students, benefactors and those serving the organization in any way. Each month numerous pujas are performed within the Gelug monasteries and nunneries in Nepal and India, international Sangha communities, and FPMT centers worldwide.

Objectives

The goal of the Puja Fund is to provide the resources needed for the continuous practice of offering pujas dedicated to the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the success of FPMT Dharma activity, and all beings.

Benefits

The practice of offering pujas is acknowledged within the Mahayana tradition as a highly effective way to dispel obstacles and create merit for success.

"The merit that is created from all these pujas is also your merit. So you can dedicate all these merits to having realizations and to achieve enlightenment" -- Lama Zopa Rinpoche

The ongoing pujas performed at the Sera, Ganden and Drepung monasteries are offered by more than 9,000 Sangha. The extensive pujas offered around the world are specifically dedicated to all those who have contributed to this project and the FPMT organization, and the financial sponsorship is used to cover the costs of basic needs for the Sangha and monasteries involved.

Many pujas are offered during the following auspicious days of the year, when the karma of virtuous activities is multiplied as much as 100 million times:

- The four Buddha Days: Day of Miracles; Buddha's birth, death and parinirvana (Saka Dawa); Buddha's first teaching and Buddha's descent from God Realm of thirty three.
- Full moons and new moons
- Solar and lunar eclipses
- The anniversaries of Trijang Rinpoche's and Lama Tsongkhapa
- Losar (Tibetan New Year)
- The 8th day of each Tibetan month

Operations

The FPMT Puja Fund contributes to continuous practices performed across the world by international monastic communities. The Puja Fund is a project of FPMT Inc. and is administered by FPMT International Office located in Portland, Oregon, United States.

The annual cost of the Fund is currently estimated at \$USD35,000. Lama Zopa Rinpoche is the main sponsor of the Fund, with other beneficiaries and donors contributing from around the world.

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 Puja Fund, please visit www.fpmt.org/projects/puja

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