

"Creekey",
Kalimpong.
West Bengal.

Dr. D. M. Sen,
Secretary,
Education Department,
Government of West Bengal.

28th March, 1956.

Dear Dr. Sen,

Swami Gangeshananda Maharaj who is confined to bed with fever, has given me your letter of the 23rd instant, and has asked me to reply to it. A Tibetan knowing English or Hindi has become a rara avis in this district. The only two persons qualified to teach Tibetan are Shri Losang Phuntshek, the former Tibetan Instructor at St. Joseph College, Darjeeling, and Shri Rindzin Wang-po who is teaching Tibetan in a local Tibetan school in Kalimpong. Shri Losang Phuntshek's knowledge of English is adequate. He is at present staying at Manjula Cottage, Kalimpong. Shri Rindzin Wang-po's English and Hindi are rather elementary. Both are graduates of the Government Grammar School in Lhasa. Shri Rindzin Wang-po is staying with Rev. G. Tharchin, Mackenzie Cottage, Kalimpong.

Swamiji Maharaj has told me about your interest in Indo-Tibetan research. For the past three years I have been guiding a group of foreign research students and one research student from Calcutta University. If something could be organized on a regular basis, I would certainly be grateful to have your suggestions and ideas.

Yours sincerely,

(G. Roerich)

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Crookety,
Kalimpong.

11th June, 1956.

Dear Dr. Sen,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No. 5-461/4, dated the 24th April, 1956, and to our conversation in Kalimpong on the 14th ult.

I very much regret that illness prevented me from sending you earlier the enclosed copy of the original Outline Plan of a Research Centre in Kalimpong. It seems that the proposed Institute in Gangtok, Sikkim, will be organized along similar lines.

I have corrected the last galley proofs of my Grammar of Colloquial Tibetan, and sincerely hope that the printers will make an effort to finish the job. A word from your office will certainly help to speed up the publication.

Yours sincerely,

(G. Roerich).

Dr. D. M. Sen,
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Outline Plan of the
Buddhist Research Institute.

In view of the considerable interest and importance attached to the study of Indian cultural ties with neighbouring countries, it is proposed to establish a Research Institute in Kalimpong, the objects of which shall be :-

- (1) Organizing and maintaining of an Indo-Tibetan Research Institute which will serve to promote scientific research in the Indo-Tibetan field through the study, research, discussion, lectures, exchange of scientific information with other scientific bodies in India and abroad engaged in similar research.
- (2) Research in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism and Culture.
- (3) Critical editing of Sanskrit and Tibetan texts.
- (4) Translation of Tibetan and Sanskrit Buddhist texts into foreign languages.
- (5) Publication of a series of monographs to be called "TIBETICA".
- (6) Publication of a semi-annual Journal which will publish original papers by the Institute's staff and other scholars, as well as book reviews of current publications in the Indo-Tibetan field and a chronicle of events in the Buddhist World.
- (7) Establishment of a Research Library and Museum.
- (8) Training of research students in Tibetan and Sanskrit, and allied subjects

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Crookety,
Kalimpong.

29th August, 1956.

Dear Dr. Sen,

Thank you for your D.O. letter No. 5/8/822, dated the 20th instant which makes the position clear. I wrote to you on the 11th June, 1956. I hope you received the letter.

I would like to correct one point in Shri Krishnamurti's letter of the 13th instant. There is no local branch of the Bhota Bharata Samskriti in Kalimpong. The Language Classes to which he refers, are maintained by the Kalimpong branch of the China Bharata Samskriti of Calcutta. Only the spoken idioms, Chinese and Tibetan, are being taught.

In my letter of the 11th June, I wrote about my Grammar of Colloquial Tibetan. Since then I have corrected the last page proofs, and I hope that the Printers (Baptist Mission Press) will now make a real effort to finish the job. A word from your office will certainly help to speed up the publication of the book.

Thanking you in advance and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. D. M. Sen,
Secretary,
Education Department,
Government of West Bengal.
Calcutta.

(G. Roerich)

Coochety,
Kalinpong.

4th March, 1957.

Dear Dr. Sen,

I hope you will excuse my troubling you again about my Handbook of Colloquial Tibetan. In January last I was in Calcutta, and was told at the Education Directorate that the book was ready, but that the question of the price remained to be settled. Since then I wrote on the 27th January, the 3th and 22nd February, but failed to get any reply.

A word from your office will, I am sure, expedite matters.

Thanking you in advance, and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(G. Roerich)

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