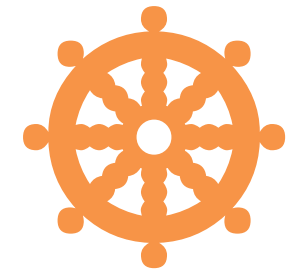
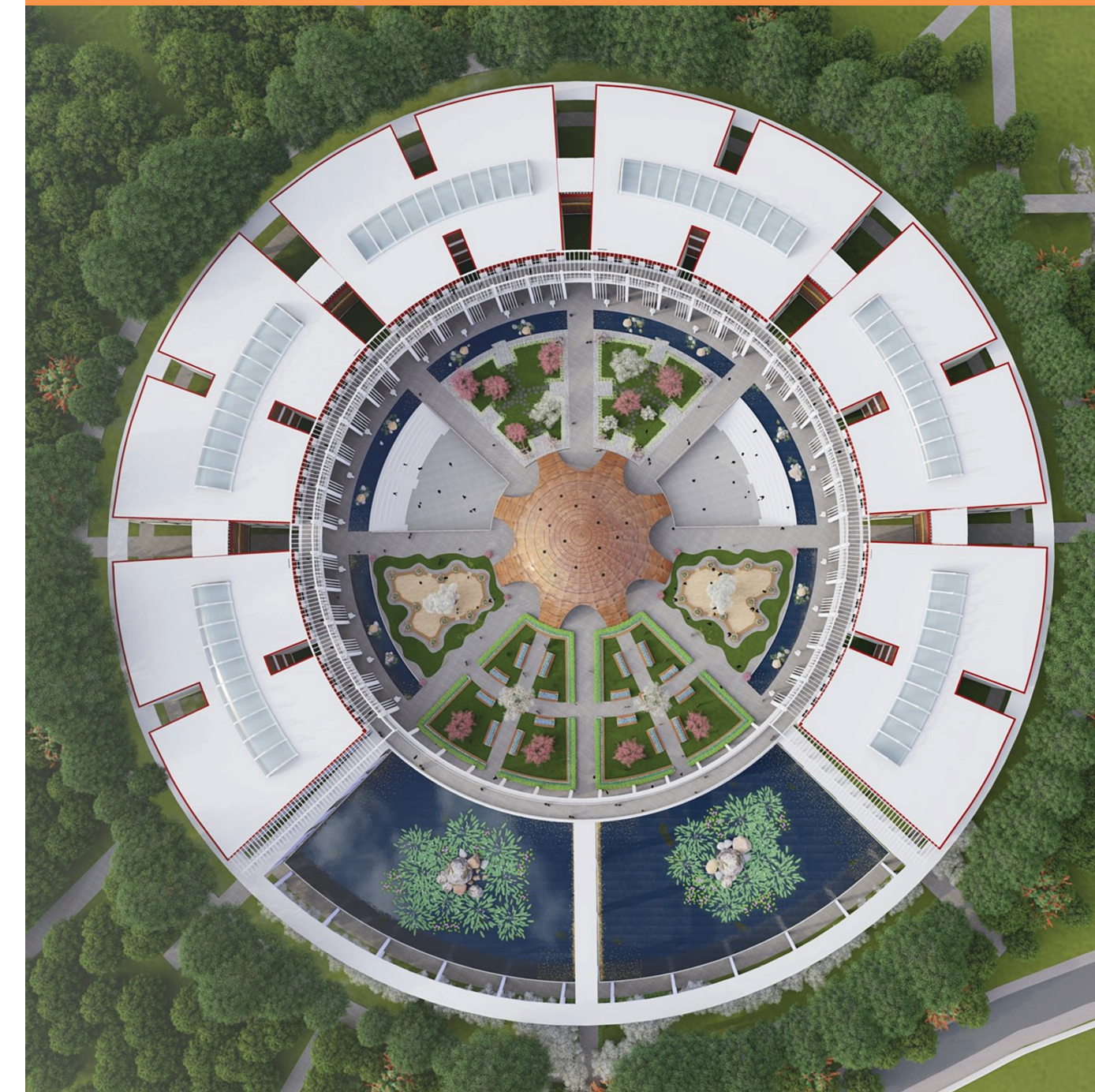


THE DALAI LAMA CENTRE FOR TIBETAN & INDIAN ANCIENT WISDOM



Foundation Stone laid by
His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama
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The Dalai Lama Centre for Tibetan and Indian Ancient Wisdom (Centre) will be a global, multi-disciplinary centre focused on conducting education, research and other programs to promote the study of ancient Indian thought and wisdom. It will serve as a unique repository of knowledge of inestimable value for all people, offering transformative experiential learning and expanding cultural, philosophical, and academic affiliations. "Ancient Wisdom" highlights the special focus of the Centre, inspired as it is by India's unparalleled heritage of ancient philosophical and spiritual traditions, and the vast collection of literatures written by ancient scholars in different traditions.

The Centre will cater to varying intellectual and academic needs with a holistic array of courses dedicated to the learning, understanding and promotion of the culture of the heart and mind, in particular the Indian traditions that took root in Tibet in the 7th century, and were later practiced and propagated by the Dalai Lamas. These traditions are still held in great repute because they offer an ancient yet modern approach to the sustainable development of the heart and mind – through broad learning, critical analysis, rigorous logic, and systematically cultivated compassion.

Aims and Objectives:

- To promote the human values of loving kindness and compassion, without touching on religion.
- To promote a global sense of universal responsibility
- To promote inter-religious harmony among the world's religious traditions
- To find peaceful and non-violent means of conflict resolution – local, regional and international – to create a peaceful, harmonious society

The Centre will also provide an opportunity for people from around the world to study the philosophy and vision of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, fulfilling his four life commitments, the philosophy and vision of which, have been directly inspired by his own deep immersion in ancient Indian wisdom.

The four life commitments of His Holiness are:

1. **Human Value**
To promote basic human values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline.
2. **Religious Harmony**
To foster inter-religious understanding, harmony and dialogue.
3. **Tibet**
To preserve Tibet's rich spiritual and cultural heritage and natural environment.

4. **Revival of Ancient Indian Wisdom**
To revive ancient Indian wisdom particularly those aspects pertaining to working of the mind and emotion including techniques of mental training such as meditation.

The ancient wisdom that originated in classical India was exported to Tibet by the efforts of many generations of Indian and Tibetan scholars, and has been preserved and practiced by Tibetans for thirteen centuries. The Tibetan canons known as Kagyur and Tengyur are collections of the Tibetan translation of the 5,000 most important works of diverse Indian saints and scholars, most of which have since been lost in their original Sanskrit. The Centre will act as an engine to share this sacred knowledge and promote it across the world, and undertake large scale projects of translation of these Kagyur and Tengyur spiritual and scientific texts into different Indian languages. The Centre is the product in particular of the fourth life commitment of His Holiness: the promotion of the ancient Indian tradition of philosophy and "inner science" (*adhyātma-vidyā*) and will be one of the most credible and respected learning centers of its kind open to everyone. Despite great developments in science, technology and material wealth, people still yearn for meaning and happiness of life, and it has become evident that only focusing on external material development will not solve all human problems.

Understanding the complex interface of the human mind and emotions is imperative to obtain lasting happiness and harmony in the world. The Centre will therefore hold mind and life dialogues to explore the rich ancient Indian knowledge of the workings of the mind and emotions, as well as ancient Indian techniques of mental training, such as meditation, which are of great relevance to cultivate hygiene of emotion. By integrating the Dalai Lama's four life commitments into its education, research and other programs, the Centre will be instrumental in spreading peace throughout the world, and a wellspring of love, kindness and hope.

Programs and Courses:

Programs and courses will be primarily based on ancient Indian philosophy, psychology, logic, dialectics, and the 14th Dalai Lama's four principal life commitments.

The Centre's programs and courses will bring together people from diverse backgrounds and enable them to research and contribute, both individually and collectively, to bring about positive change. Programs will offer participants and visitors an environment to learn to awaken human potentials, solve problems and heal.

