



# Special Edition The NYEMA Sun

NYEMA Projects' annual newsletter on humanitarian projects in eastern Tibet

## New Developments and Opportunities in Nangchen

Dear Friends:

In spring 2007, Lama Norlha Rinpoche visited his native country of Nangchen, eastern Tibet, to view the progress of NYEMA's projects there. Though the regular annual edition of The NYEMA Sun will not appear until fall 2007, we had so many wonderful new photos that we created this special pictorial edition to share them with you right away.

### New Shrine Hall and Copper Palace under Construction

As you will see, a lot has been happening in Nangchen, thanks to your generosity. Reconstruction of Kala Rongo Monastery's main shrine hall is now underway, and we also have photos of the interior of the new three-year retreat house and of the site of the planned Guru Rinpoche Copper Palace (Zang Dok Pal Ri). These two projects are urgently in need of funds to complete ongoing construction.

### Urban Outreach...in Nangchen!

Korche Monastery's Mahakala House and Kala Rongo Monastery's Nyungne House are now in full-time operation to provide practice residences in the city of Shornda, where much of the previously nomadic population has relocated in recent years. New photos of the children's school and the medical clinic at Kala Rongo are also inside, along with evidence of NYEMA's solar power project in action.

### Please Help Us Bring These Projects to Completion

We thank you for your past support of these projects that are so vital to the preservation of Tibetan culture and the well-being of Lama Norlha Rinpoche's native region, and we hope these photos will inspire you to renew that support today.

As always, we greatly appreciate your participation in NYEMA's work.

Best wishes,

*Linda Jordan*

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Editor



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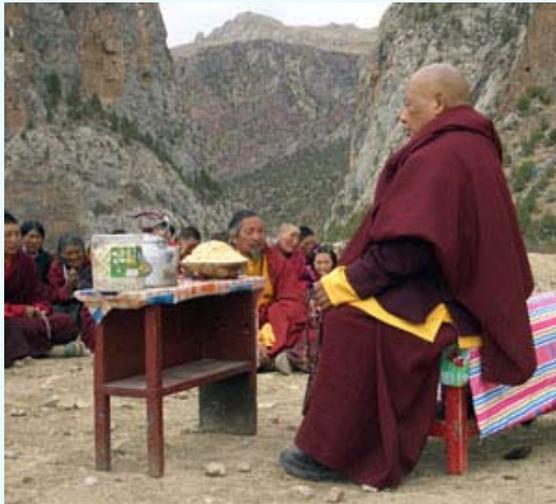
*Please consider a donation  
to these top priorities:  
Kala Rongo shrine hall  
Guru Rinpoche Copper Palace  
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Photo: Korche monks blowing conch shells in procession greeting Lama Norlha Rinpoche upon his arrival, March 2007.



# Monastic Initiative: Kala Rongo Palchen Gön

## Construction Underway at Kala Rongo Monastery



### Rebuilding the Main Shrine Hall

On October 25, 2004, the nuns of Lama Norlha Rinpoche's monastery at Kala Rongo, who had spent many years building and furnishing the monastery with their own hands, were devastated to watch their shrine hall burn to the ground. While maintaining their many practice commitments, the nuns have completed the task of clearing away the ruins and preparing the ground. The site was blessed by Lama Norlha Rinpoche during his visit in March 2007 and rebuilding is now underway.

The projected cost to rebuild is USD \$225,000, or RMB 1,800,000.

### Site Selected for the Zang Dok Pal Ri Copper Palace

A site has been selected for building the Zang Dok Pal Ri, the sacred palace of Guru Rinpoche. The three-tiered structure, also known as "The Glorious Copper Colored Mountain Pure Land of Guru Rinpoche," will stand 45 feet tall. Visitors may enter each tier.

Projected cost of construction: USD \$87,500, or RMB 700,000.



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Top left: Architect's rendering of Kala Rongo's new shrine hall.

Middle left: Lama Norlha Rinpoche blessing site of shrine hall just before construction begins.

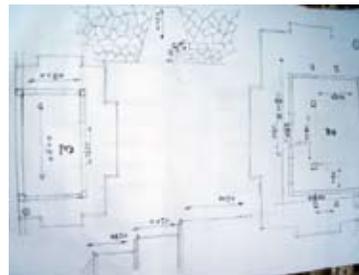
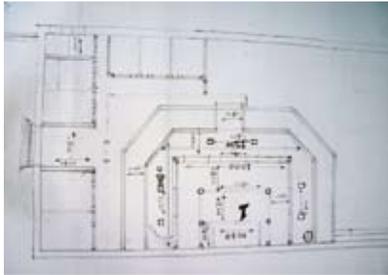
Middle right: Site of the Guru Rinpoche Copper Palace, now under construction.

Bottom right: Lama Norlha Rinpoche (on right) visiting the site of the Guru Rinpoche Copper Palace with Ngakpa Lama Kunzang Ramgyal (far left), the architect and project co-manager. (Not pictured is Sindy, the project's other co-manager.)



# Monastic Initiative: Kala Rongo Palchen Gön

## Photo Gallery: Planning the Copper Palace



*Left and middle: Floor plans.*

*Right: Architect's rendering.*

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## Kala Rongo's New Nyungne Practice House in Shornda



In a very exciting development, Kala Rongo Monastery has expanded its sphere of activity to the city of Shornda, now home to many previously nomadic Nangchen families. The house serves as a base for the continuous practice of Nyungne (the two-day fasting practice of 1,000-armed Chenrezi) and Shing Drup (Amitabha's Dewachen Pure Land practice). Eleven nuns are in residence at all times to perform these practices without interruption, for a total of 100 Nyungnes and 100 recitations of Amitabha's Dewachen practice each month.



Sponsorship of these practices is available through our donation form, page 8. A donation of \$25 sponsors one day of either Nyungne or Dewachen practice, and \$50 an entire two-day cycle. Ten days of practice (five full cycles) may be sponsored for \$250, and a full month of practice for the special price of \$700.

If you would like to sponsor practice at the Nyungne house on behalf of yourself or anyone else, please see our donation form, page 8.

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Middle left: Kala Rongo Monastery's new Nyungne House in Shornda, Nangchen.

Bottom left: A nun makes tormas (food offerings) for the chanting practice at their new Nyungne House.



# Monastic Initiative: Kala Rongo Palchen Gön

## Photo Gallery: Lama Norlha Rinpoche Visits Kala Rongo's Retreat



*Top left: View of Kala Rongo's retreat facility (center) and monastic college (right).*

*Top right: Lama Norlha Rinpoche in shrine room of new Kala Rongo retreat facility.*

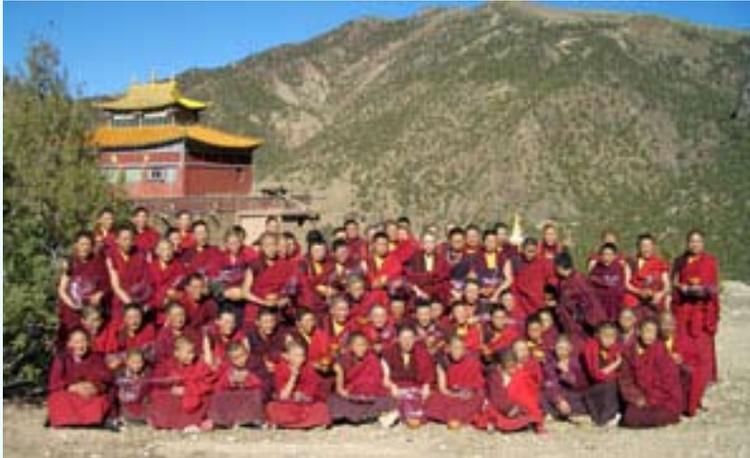
*Bottom: Retreat Master Lama Yangpe (left) and Kala Rongo retreatants (right) with new robes and wooden bowls offered by NYEMA Projects, Inc.*

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## Monastic Initiative: Kala Rongo & Korche

### Photo Gallery: A Glimpse of Life at Kala Rongo and Korche Monasteries



*Top left: Kala Rongo nuns with new robes and wooden bowls offered by NYEMA Projects, Inc.*

*Top right: Kala Rongo's new truck with driver, Rinzin.*

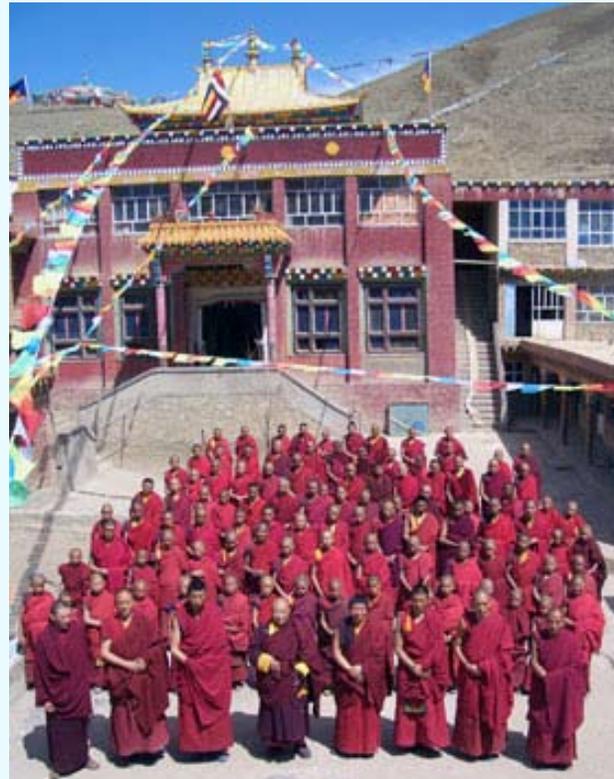
*Middle left: Lama Norlha Rinpoche (seated on throne) chants with Korche monks in shrine hall.*

*Middle right: Korche monks demonstrate debate technique at the monastic college.*

*Bottom left: Kala Rongo nuns hold an office meeting.*

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## Photo Gallery: Korche Monastery's Monastic College and Mahakala House



*Top left: Lama Norlha Rinpoche outside Korche Monastery's new Mahakala House in Shornda, Nangchen, with two of its three resident monks.*

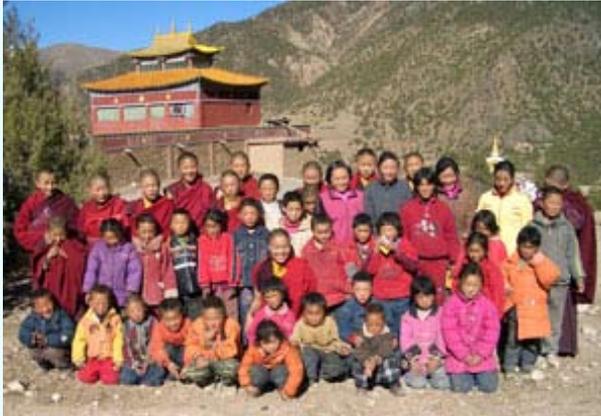
*Top right: Group photo of monks in courtyard of Korche monastic college.*

*Bottom left: Lama Norlha Rinpoche blesses new Mahakala House shrine.*

*Bottom right: Korche shedra monks practice debate technique. They won the debate competition for Qinghai and Sechuan provinces (27 colleges) in 2005 and 2006.*

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## Photo Gallery: The School and Medical Clinic at Kala Rongo



*Top left: Kala Rongo school children with their teacher, Ani Dezang (middle row, center).*

*Top right: Dr. Guru Tsering showing Lama Norlha Rinpoche medicinal herbs at the Kala Rongo Medical Clinic.*

*Bottom left: Class in session inside children's one-room school at Kala Rongo. Students range in age from 5 to 18 years old.*

*Bottom right: Solar energy is used to heat a water kettle at Kala Rongo's medical clinic.*

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