Official Letter of Endorsement

17 October 2009

Dear Respected Benefactors,

Gebchak Gonpa is situated south of Chinyi Village, in Nangqian county, in the Yushu prefecture of Qinghai Province. Located in the Qinghai highlands – at an altitude of 4300m (14,100ft) - Gebchak Gonpa is the most historically ancient nunnery in the Province. At present Gebchak Gonpa has 337 nuns. It lies in a very remote location approximately 208km (130m) from the town of Nangqian, has no transport or telecommunications, and very poor medical facilities. Throughout its history the Nunnery has sustained itself independently; though it has no regular financial resources, it has never been a burden on the surrounding people. Nevertheless, prayers and meditation continue through the year without break. It is a renowned, exalted nunnery where one can practice until enlightenment.

The current main shrine hall was built long ago and since then has been exposed to sun and wind damage with no renovations. By now the building has become a hazard; the nuns are unable to properly complete their prayer ceremonies as usual due to the danger it poses. The Nunnery has no source of funds whatsoever for reconstruction of this main shrine hall, and therefore the abbot of Gebchak Gonpa, Wangdrak Rinpoche, has come abroad to fundraise for this. We request donors to give him a helping hand in this noble endeavour and thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

Religious Affairs Department Nangqian, Qinghai Province

介绍书

尊敬的施主:

兹有我县格迦寺位于青海省玉树州囊谦县吉尼赛乡南 部,从囊谦县城到格迦寺约208公里,是属青海高原历史最 长尼姑最多的尼姑寺院,海拔4300多米,现有尼姑337名, 该寺地处偏僻, 交通不便, 信息闭塞, 医疗条件差, 一直以 来以寺养寺、生活自立,没有任何固定资金来源,但从没有 增加过对群众的负担。可是一年四季从无间断诵经、节会、 修行禅坐,真正成为修行之尊寺,成就之净地。可是该寺的 大经堂修建时间较早,在加上长时期没有维修,风吹日晒, 年久失修,已成危房,对寺院要举行的每一项法会诵经都无 法正常完成,可是寺院又无任何固定资金来源,现为重修格 迦寺大经堂, 格迦寺主持活佛旺斗仁波切(尕玛俄金)筹资 争助、出游拜施,请求各施主伸出援助之手为谢。

> 青海省囊谦县民族宗教局 二 00 九年十月十七日