ENRICO DELL'ANGELO FUND

SECOND YEAR REPORT

(April 2020 – September 2020)

Born with the aim of supporting a growing number of promising students committed to improving the overall quality of life in the Himalayan areas, as well as to preserve and spread the culture and traditions of these countries all over the world, the Enrico Dell'Angelo Fund continues to support young students who are dedicating their studies to the preservation of these ancient and precious cultures. Thanks to about **85 donors** (5 more than April 2020), between individuals and organizations/associations, and to a total collection of just over € **50,000** (€ 5,000 more than 5 months ago), in the first 24 months this Fund has given the opportunity to ASIA to provide a total of **7 full scholarships** for as many students.

As communicated in the previous report, in recent months we have collaborated with the CEU university and the Buthan Nyo Foundation (BNF) for the launch of the scholarship **for the first Bhutanese student of the Fund** who will attend the master of Studies on the Conservation of Cultural Heritage at the Central European University (CEU) in Vienna. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we had to postpone the start of the grant to next year, September 2021. This delay gives us the opportunity to raise more funds for this student and in the meantime continue to support new students who are in desperate need of our support, just like Tsering, a student of Tibetan and Mongolian History and Culture who has just completed his Master's and now would like to continue his studies with a PHD in Mongolia.

We therefore ask you to continue to support thid Fund and spread our mission as much as possible among your contacts.

Thank you!

Tashi Delek



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Updates on the selected students:

Name	ID CODE	F/M	Country	Degree Course	Duration (years/monthsi)	Status
Yeshi	EDA001	F	Nepal	Translation buddhist texts (preparatory year)	1 year	Ended
Tsomo	EDA002	F	China	Tibetan medicine and prevention MA)	3 years	Active
Tenzin	EDA003	F	India	Computer Science (BA)	3 years	Active
Tashi	EDA004	F	China	Tibetan technology (BA)	3 years	Active
Nyima	EDA005	M	China	Animation (specialization course)	8 month	Ended
Chonyi	EDA006	M	India	Tibetan Medicine (BA)	5 years	Active
Dala	EDA007	M	China	Research (PhD)	10 months	Active

Students in India:

India is currently one of the countries most affected by the pandemic, with 4.5 million people affected by Covid-19. As soon as the first cases were discovered, lockdown was instituted, which is still ongoing (in June there were a few weeks in which the restrictions were slightly relaxed). In recent months we have been in constant contact with Tenzin and Chonyi who have confirmed that they are safe and well and that they are continuing to study through the online classes.

Students in China:

In China, after a harsh quarantine that lasted about 7 weeks, the universities reopened and classroom lessons resumed at the beginning of May. In these institutes it was mandatory to follow a period of quarantine on the university campus but currently, despite the continuation of the distancing rules, the situation has returned to normal and the students have had the opportunity to resume their studies.

Here are some of the updates we have received from the students:

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Tsomo is finishing the second year of the MA in **Public Health and Prevention** (Faculty of Tibetan Medicine at Qinghai University in Xining, China), which will last another year. In the last semester she had the wonderful opportunity to go to study in the United States, at the UCLA Public Health School. She managed to leave before the outbreak of the pandemic, on January 8, and was supposed to return in April, but was unable to return until a few days ago. In the first months at UCLA she was able to attend some courses, such as on women's health, which were an unforgettable experience for her and on this occasion she was able to learn about a teaching method very different from the one she is used to. In April, the lessons moved online and she had the possibility to attend various courses on sexual and reproductive health, health in Sub-Saharan Africa, nutrition and statistics courses. She also tells us that during the lockdown she was part of a multicultural group that updated and explained the infographics on the progress of the virus, a unique and essential experience for her studies.

Now Tsomo, having returned to China, will concentrate on her thesis and on the publication of some articles on the health of Tibetan communities.

Here are some photos of his last semester:







Tashi is attending the second year of the MA in **Tibetan Literature** in Lhasa, which lasts a total of three years. She writes that in the months after quarantine, due to the Coronavirus, she was unable to return home and therefore used this period to devote a lot of time to her thesis, modifying and correcting it continuously. In addition to the thesis she spends his time reading books and writing articles on Tibetan culture and religious tradition, which she hopes to be able to publish soon.

These are the latest photos she sent us:







Dala is currently conducting his **research to complete his PhD in Social Policy**. Through this study, he wants to investigate how Tibetan elderly people experience aging at a time when rapid socio-economic transformation has been seen. In recent months he has started his field research by interviewing 65 elderly people and 80 families and he confirms that important changes have occurred in the socio-economic structure of these communities. In the coming months he will continue his research and will study the questionnaires and interviews conducted.

Here are some photos from his field research:







