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Herrn Bürgermeister Dr. Carsten Sieling Rathaus Am Markt 21 28195 Bremen

Dear Mayor Sieling,

Inspired by His Holiness the Dalai Lama's advice of setting a Buddha Statue in Buddha Jayanti Park, New Delhi, in the year 1993, he encouraged to establish a Peace-Buddha statue in each continent on earth. The basic idea behind this project is to have an identical replica of the Buddha Statue installed at New Delhi in some ideal spot in every continent. The Buddha statue is made of beaten copper gilded with gold and is 8 feet high (including the lotus pedestal).

Looking for a suitable location for this statue in Europe, our former director of Tibet House, Lama Tulku Doboom, confirmed in August 2005 that he considers the Rhododendron Park Bremen as an appropriate place.

In 2009, we officially requested in Bremen if you accept the European Buddha statue as a gift. This was confirmed. Since that time, people in Bremen were trying to collect the money for the transport and the installation of the statue. This is now done.

I am pleased to inform you that the Statue of Peace Buddha is now on its way to Bremen.

The project requires that the Buddha statue is installed in an appropriate place like a public park where people from all walks of life may visit it at the opening times free of charge to reinforce the Buddha's message of togetherness of all sentient beings; peace and harmony in the world. It is definitely not meant to become like a shrine or a place of worship.

This statue is a gift from Tibet House New Delhi to the people of that continent to be installed at the botanika in the Rhododendronpark, Bremen.

In prayers,

Geshe Dorji Damdu

DIRECTOR