

Ein Beitrag über das Buddha-Statuen-Projekt (3)

Mr. Pemba Dorje, an experienced Tibetan artisan in Dharamsala designed the Buddha statue in traditional Tibetan style. Made of beaten copper and gilded with gold it is eight feet high including the base. The Buddha's right hand is depicted in the Bhūmisparśa mudra, and the statue's positioning on an elevated throne symbolizes his message that all beings have the potential to attain the highest goal of Buddhahood.

The statue is placed on a throne that contains a representation of Bhūmidēvi, the earth goddess. When the Buddha was asked by Mara to provide a witness to the merits he had attained, he touched the earth (bhūmisparśa) and called her to bear witness. Bhūmidēvi emerged from the earth to bear witness for Him. It is now our responsibility to take more care of Mother Earth, who is depicted as pleading for the attention of her children.