

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE GAKYILS WHICH ARE ORGANIZING SANTI MAHA SANGHA EVENTS

We communicate the following based on indications received from Rinpoche on several occasions:

1. For SMS examinations and the successive Trainings: the Gakyil, with the approval of Rinpoche, should invite as examiner an SMS teacher who is a member of the Gar where the examination is taking place. To avoid additional expenses it is best not to invite teachers from other Gars. For an examiner who lives a long distance from the seat of the Gar, the Gakyil should pay travel, food, and lodging expenses. It is not the Gakyil's responsibility to remunerate the examiner because his or her activity, including assistance during the training to explain the practices, and so forth, is a service for the Community. However, the Gakyil can decide to give the examiner an offering or gift congruent with the circumstances of that branch of the Community.

If it is impossible to invite as examiner a local SMS teacher, the Gakyil, always with the approval of Rinpoche, should invite a teacher from the closest available Community center. Except for the examiner expressly invited by the Gakyil to examine the candidates, all SMS teachers who wish to attend the Training are obliged to pay the quota of participation.

2. For SMS courses: a Gakyil which invites an SMS teacher to hold a course must cover his or her travel, food, and lodging expenses, but is not obliged to give a remuneration because the SMS teaching activity is a service for the Community. However, the Gakyil can decide to give the teacher an offering or gift congruent with the circumstances of that branch of the Community.