

## A Lunar New Year Gift for 2019 to Over 1600 Sangha in Kopan Monastery and FPMT. Complete Sets of Robes

On behalf of Kopan Monastery we offer the opportunity to your family, friends and yourself to make offering of complete sets of robes to all the monks and nuns in Kopan Monastery, its affiliates in Nepal and the FPMT family. For the past many years, they have been performing pujas and prayers for us all whenever we make requests to them, so Robe Offering is a great opportunity to say thank you and repay their kindness. We are thinking of offering robes on the Lunar New Year Day in 2019.

A complete set of robes for monks and nuns includes:



The **dhonka**, a wrap shirt with cap sleeves. The dhonka is usually maroon or maroon and yellow with blue piping.



The **shemdap** is a maroon skirt made with patched cloth and a varying number of pleats.



The **zhen** is maroon, and is for ordinary day-to-day wear. It has two sizes: long one is for Lamas, Geshes and older monks and short half-sized is for novices.



The **dagham** is made of thick maroon material to cover the whole body. Made in unique style, it is specially worn in winter time during pujas, praying and meditation and it is also sometimes used as a blanket to sleep in.

### Robes Offering to all the Sangha participants for Monlam Chenmo in Kopan Monastery – One Set of Robes costs HK\$450

If you would like to offer robes to Sangha, please fill in this form and send it back to us together with the donation by hand or by mail **before 1 November 2018**. Thank you for your generous support!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



The **dhingwa** is for covering the seat and is maroon and about a sq. m. with two small patches at each four corners. It is used to sit on during pujas, teachings, confession ceremony as well as in room/ on bed as well.



The **chögu**, similar to zhen, it is a wrap made in patches and worn on the upper body, although sometimes it is draped over one shoulder. The chögu is yellow and worn for certain ceremonies and teachings.



The **namjar** is yellow and larger than the chögu, with more patches, and it is worn for formal ceremonial occasions like the fortnightly monastic confession practices. The Namjar is only for those who are fully ordained and both chögu and namjar must be kept together at all times.

The first five items are for everyday use and the last two are for occasional use. This time we will offer the first five items only.

"I dedicate whatever virtues I have ever collected, for the benefits of the teachings and of all sentient beings, And, in particular, for the essential teachings of loving kindness compassion and Bodhicitta to shine forever in the mind of all"

The Sangha will do Prayers and Pujas dedicating to the benefactors' long life, good health and success. The benefactors' names will be read and dedicated during the major pujas and events held in Kopan throughout the year. This may help to clear away obstacles to:

- relationship
- financial hardship
- career success
- stable job
- fulfill one's wishes
- eliminate illnesses
- fear of physical and mental harm
- the dying and the dead to gain a higher rebirth to meet Dharma and fully qualified Guru.

**Sets of Robes**

- I would like to offer one set (HK\$450)
- I would like to offer five sets (HK\$2,250)
- I would like to offer ten sets (HK\$4,500)
- I would like to offer \_\_\_\_\_ sets: HK\$\_\_\_\_\_
- Any amount of donation for robes HK\$\_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method**

- Cash
- Cheque (payable to Mahayana Buddhist Association Ltd.)
- Direct Debit (Hang Seng Bank, a/c no. 232-2-076551)

**Total amount of donation HK\$** \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Dedicate to (names): \_\_\_\_\_

A blessing string and receipt will be sent to you acknowledging your gift.