

# SPONSOR A STUDENT (FUND 7674)

This project involves educating 6 Rokpa orphanage students to degree level in Optometry, Dentistry and Nursing (2 students in each discipline). Upon qualification, each student will commit to work in our hospital for 3 years after which they can return to their own villages and set up clinics. In addition they will train the next generation of orphan students to enable true self-sufficiency. Western volunteers will supplement their knowledge and skills base with periodic visits.

The training will be in 2 stages:

1. Foundation Degree at Hainan College of Medicine & Hygiene (3 years)
 

Course for Optometry students:	Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture
Course for Dental students:	Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture
Course for Midwifery students:	Midwifery/Nursing
  
2. University Degree (3 years)
 

Course for Optometry students:	Optometry
Course for Dental students:	Dentistry
Course for Midwifery students:	Midwifery



L to R: Thubten Tsomo, Tashi Dorje, Rinchen Tsomo, Drolma Wangmo, Drolma Daji, Yishi Tsomo

## Annual costs per student

	¥	£
Fees	2300	153
Books	400	27
Accommodation	400	27
Breakages	50	3
Equipment	30	2
Food	1700	113
Travel	520	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>5400</b>	<b>360</b>

# STUDENT PROFILE

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Name: Tashi Dorje

Age: 20

Background: I come from Nangchen County. My family are nomads, there are 8 of us but now we are scattered all over Tibet. When I was 6 ,my mother took my sister to Lhasa for a Khora (Holy walk). She fell ill and died because we couldn't afford medical treatment. My sister is still in Lhasa now and I haven't seen her since. When I was 8 years old my father fell ill and died. I am very sad that I did not have much time with my family. We were very poor. I was very happy when I came to the Rokpa School eight years ago. I have enjoyed my time here and the school has given me a new opportunity in life

Interests: I am very interested in being an Eye Doctor

Chosen Career: Optometry

Reason: I have worked in the Tibet Eyecare Project clinics for the last few years and have seen the massive difference an eye test and pair of glasses makes to the poor people here who can't afford treatment. I want to be able to help the people here and in my own village in the future

Route: 3 year Foundation in Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year Degree in Optometry (University tba)

Comments: I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me to fulfil my ambition. I will work very hard

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Name: Yishi Tsomo

Age: 18

Background: I come from Chengduo County. There are 4 people in my family. Our life as farmers was poor at that time. When I was 10 years old, we went to a monastery. On the way home we had a road accident which killed my father and mother. Within a few weeks my little brother and I were in the Rokpa School. We have both been very happy and the teachers were very kind to us.

Interests:

Chosen Career: Optometry

Reason: Our eyes let us see the light of the world so eye sight is our most important sense. Poor people can't afford glasses or eye tests so I want to help people make the best use of it so they can live a happy life.

Route: 3 year Foundation in Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year Degree in Optometry (University tba)

Comments: Thank you for all your help

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Name: Thubten Tsomo

Age: 19

Background: I come from Batang (Yushu County). We are a nomad family of ten people - three brothers , six sisters and me. My parents died when I was 2, my father had very high blood pressure but we didn't have any money to see a doctor. Next my mother became very sick and died of cancer. From then on my life became worse day by day. In 1999 I came to the Rokpa School. I like this school very much.

Interests: I like reading story books

Chosen Career: Dentistry

Reason: People don't realise how important it is to clean their teeth. They often have pain, problems eating and bad breath so my wish is to make a difference to their lives

Route: 3 year Foundation in Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year Degree in Dentistry (University tba)

Comments: Thank you Christian, Gohar, Rasmeet and all the kind people who are helping us go to Hainan to study Chinese Medicine

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Name: Drolma Wangmo

Age: 19

Background: I come from a nomad family in Yushu. There are four people in my family, 2 brothers, my mother and I. My mother didn't tell me anything about my father so I don't know if he is still alive. When I was 10 my mother died from a serious illness. I came to the Rokpa School in 1999; I like it very much

Interests: My hobbies are singing and reading story books

Chosen Career: Dentist

Reason: Most people here don't look after their teeth very well. I have seen people looking very worried when they have to go to the dentist – I want to make it easier for them and teach them on how to prevent problems in the first place. I would also love to help people in my home town

Route: 3 year Foundation in Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year Degree in Dentistry (University tba)

Comments: Thank you to Christian, Rasmeet, Gohar and all the kind people who are helping us go to Hainan to study Chinese Medicine. I will study very hard to be a good doctor. Thanks and best wishes to all of you for your kindness in helping us

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Name: Rinchen Tsomo

Age: 19

Background: I come from Yushu. In my family there are 7 people, we are very poor but happy. When I was 4 years old my mother died during childbirth. This made our life much more difficult. My father looked after us and the yaks but after two years my dear father died of sickness and exhaustion. I become an orphan and was sent to the Rokpa School. I have been very happy and the teachers have been very kind to me. In school everything changed for me, I became a happy girl

Interests: I like playing games, especially basketball

Chosen Career: Midwifery

Reason: Many mothers die during childbirth here (including my own). I do not want other families to suffer in this way. I would love to help many people in the future

Route: 3 year Foundation in Midwifery/Nursing (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year optional Degree in Midwifery/Nursing (University tba)

Comments: I want to say thanks to all of you at Rokpa who are helping us. I'd love to say lots and lots of thanks for all of your kindness. You are helping to send the 6 of us to University and I will study hard

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Name: Drolma Daji

Age: 18

Background: I come from Qumalai County. There are 3 people in our nomadic family. My mother died during childbirth when I was one year old so I can't remember her face. Three years later my father became sick and died. I went to live with my aunt. We were too poor to go to school. My aunt found a very nice school in Yushu, the Rokpa School – I was so happy and found this school was my fresh start in life

Interests: I like to play basketball

Chosen Career: Midwife

Reason: I want to be able to help people who are sick like my parents were. My mother (and many other students' mothers' in this school) died during childbirth. I do not want other families to suffer in this way

Route: 3 year Foundation in Midwifery/Nursing (Hainan College) followed by ...  
3 year optional Degree in Midwifery/Nursing (University tba)

Comments: Thank you very much for all you have given me – I will be a very good student