From 9 to 15 December 2019 the Tibet Festival "A long journey on the roof of the World" will be held, at the WEGIL space in Largo Ascianghi 5 in the heart of Trastevere, in Rome. The first edition of the event, organized by the Samantabhadra Institute for Tibetan Buddhism study center, will last one week, is carried out thanks to the contribution of the 8X1000 of the Italian Buddhist Union and has the patronage of the Presidency of the Lazio Region and the Municipality of Rome Municipio Uno. The protagonists of the Festival will be the monks Tibetans from the Monastery of Gaden Jangtse (Tsawa-India house). An event that wants to make known and keep alive the ancient traditions of Tibet, its millennial history, its religion, its solid culture of peace, and other fascinating aspects such as art and meditation, unfortunately at risk of extinction.

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During the event, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama, the documentary film "Dalai Lama Scientist" presented at the Venice Film Festival (Tuesday 10 December at 17.00) will be screened in Rome. In addition, journalist Piero Verni will present a new book on the Dalai Lama and the Lama of the Samantabhadra Institute. Geshe Wangciuck, will tell about the Dalai Lama Tibetan monk and Buddhism.
On this long journey on the roof of the world you will be able to visit photographic exhibitions, stand beside Tibetan monks, attend meetings on the history of Tibet, attend seminars on Buddhism on meditation and Yoga. Workshops will be organized for teenagers and adults, film screenings, tastings of Tibetan and vegetarian cuisine. The program foresees the creation in the presence of the public of the Mandala of the Buddha of the Great Compassion of colored sands dedicated to Universal Peace. "We believe that today the specific contribution of Buddhism in the encounter with the West consists in recalling the value of inner research - says a note from the Samantabhadra Institute for Tibetan Buddhism study center -. Starting from a base of values universally recognized as dialogue, non-violence solidarity and peace, a more original way of spiritual elaboration of existence is sought.

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In this context, Buddhism teaches that the awareness of the interdependence of phenomena is a formidable tool of knowledge that returns to man the full responsibility of himself, of his acting in relation with other beings and in a broader vision with the environment and with the whole universe. We dedicate this work to HH the Dalai Lama, to Tibet, to its ancient wisdom and to its suffered history.""I believe that in order to face the challenges of our times, human beings must develop a greater sense of universal responsibility." Universal responsibility is the real key to human survival, it is the best foundation for world peace, for a fair use of natural resources and for a correct management of the environment that we will leave to future generations".

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