

Changes to the Upcoming Santi Maha Sangha Events

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Dear Vajra Family,

The health of our precious master is improving every day, but it will not be possible for Him to give the planned Santi Maha Sangha first level training at [Dzamling Gar](#).

Therefore, there is an important change to the upcoming program.

The Santi Maha Sangha base exams will take place as planned.

Following the exams, there will be an extensive Santi Maha Sangha base retreat lead by many SMS teachers. This retreat will take place during the whole period of 8 days of the planned Santi Maha Sangha first level training (March 23-30).

What happens to you if you pass the exam this year? In that case you will be committed to take part in the First Level training in the future for having the possibility to study the text and to do the related practices after having received the transmission from our Master.

Kind regards,
Dzamling Gar Gakyil

SMS Base Level Retreat
March 23rd – 30th

Day 1
March 23

10 am – 12 pm – Steven Landsberg
Introduction to the SMS Training

Following the introduction, the practice of the essence of the 6th lojong: The Four Awareness that turn the mind towards the Teaching

3 – 5 pm – Elio Guarisco

The practice of the 7th lojong:

Training in the state beyond thought by means of pleasure and emptiness

5:15 – 7:15 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

Day 2

March 24

10 am – 12 pm – Fabio Andrico

The practice of the 7th lojong:

Training in the state beyond thought by means of clarity and emptiness

3 – 5 pm – Fabio Andrico

The practice of the 7th lojong:

Training in the state beyond thought through ultimate nature of phenomena

5:15 – 6:50 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

7:00 – 8:30 pm – Steven Landsberg

Explanation of the practice of Chöd

Day 3

March 25

10 am – 12 pm – Stoffelina Verdonk

The way to cultivate the relative Bodhichitta of intention: the Four Immeasurables

3 – 5 pm – Steven Landsberg

The 3 secondary practices for developing meditative stability: equalizing oneself with others; exchanging oneself with others; cherishing others more than oneself

5:15 – 7:15 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

Day 4

March 26

10 am – 12 pm – Igor Berkhin

The two absences of the independent entity: absence of interdependent entity in the person

3 – 5 pm – Igor Berkhin

The two absences of the independent entity: absence of interdependent entity in phenomena – the four application of presence

5 pm

Ganapuja on the day of Guru Padmasambhava followed by Khaita

Day 5

March 27

10 am – 12 pm – Lukas Chmelik

How to practice the recitation of the Three Roots: Guru (Padma Thodretsal); Deva (Guru Dragpo or Guru Tragphur); Dakini (Simhamukha):

Refuge, Bodhicitta, 3 sacred principles, visualization and recitation

3 – 5 pm – Mikael Kazaryan

The practice of the recitation of the Three Roots

5:15 – 7:15 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

Day 6

March 28

10am – 12pm – Julia Lawless

The practice of Khorde Rushen: Inner Rushen

3 – 5 pm – Elio Guarisco

The practice of Khorde Rushen: Secret Rushen

5:15 – 7:15 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

Day 7

March 29

10am – 12pm – Alexandr Gomonov

The Seven Semdzins: Semdzin of the White A; Semdzin of the syllable Phat

3 – 5pm – Alexandr Mochalkin

The Seven Semdzins: Semdzin of the Joyous Laughter of the Wrathful Manifestations, Semdzin of the struggle of the Asuras; Semdzin of the letter Ram

5:15 – 7:15 pm

Practice of Khaita songs and dances

Day 8

March 30

10am – 12pm – Igor Legati

The Seven Semdzins: Semdzin of the HUM that chases thoughts; Semdzin of the Song of Vajra. Dedications, End of the Retreat.