

# The First Buddhist Peace Marathon Born in Nepal

## Press Release

Organized at 12 "O" Clock, at Namche Bazaar, 11300ft on 29 May 2011



**(Left to Right) Bikram Pandey of THEM, Thai Ambassador, High Lama of Namche, Chief Monk of Thai Monastery, Lumbini, Prithivi Pandey of Nepal Investment Bank**

Fascinated and impressed by the success of Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon, His Excellency Ambassador of Thailand to Nepal Maris Sangiampongsa is very interested to launch another beautiful Marathon in Nepal.

As per his wish, initiative & Blessing His Excellency wants to see the First Buddhist Marathon to take place in Lumbini in Nepal next year in 2012.

As per His Excellency the Marathon will be called Buddhist Circuit Peace Marathon as the Excellency opines that all the important Buddhist Sites which fall in India should also be reflected with Lumbini.

This will give bigger attraction to all Buddhist people of the World to participate on this Marathon, which will benefit Nepal to a greater extent.

But Bikram Pandey, President of Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon opines that it should be plain, simple, appealing & benefitting the most to the Nation of Nepal and to highlight that Lumbini falls in Nepal & Nepal is the Motherland of Gautam Buddha.

However, more research will be done in the next phase and the final name of the Marathon will be finalized soon.

The suggestion Bikram Pandey makes that the Marathon should be called :

**Gautam Buddha Lumbini Peace Marathon (GBL PM)**

The Marathon will take place around November / December of 2012 next year and it will take place in Lumbini the Birth Place of Lord Buddha in Nepal. The Marathon will cover the most important Buddhist Sites around Lumbini, Tilaurakot & Ramgram within Nepal.

### **Marathon Route**

The prominent places which we have chosen now to be covered on the Marathon Route will be;

**Start Point: Thai Monastery**  
(as per wish of His Excellency the Ambassador & Chief Monk of Thai Monastery).

**End Point: Maya Devi Temple**

**Marathon Route: Maya Devi Garden, Kudan, Gotihawa & Niglihawa.**



**Maya Devi Temple : Lumbini**

More important Buddhist sites will be researched & included in the Marathon Race Route. For this purpose, Chief Archeologist of Lumbini Mr. Basanta Bidari will be consulted to a deeper depth.

This will be the first Religious or Holy or Pilgrimage SPORT Marathon in the World.

As we do not hear of any other Religious Sport Marathon Event taking place anywhere in the World in the name of such as;

**Christian Marathon,  
Hindu Marathon or  
Islam Marathon,**

Buddhist Marathon will be the most Unique Marathon in the world for Buddhist people & All Religion People of World.

Thanks to the vision of His Excellency, thanks to the initiative of His Excellency & again thanks to the profound interest of His Excellency to do something good between people of Thailand & Nepal; between people of 550 million Buddhist Community and Global Community at large by offering such Unique Buddhist Sport

Event to cherish something nice & good for the entire peace loving populace of the Mother Earth.

The Marathon will be a great blessing from the Buddhist Religion to the Nation of Nepal that could eliminate the worry of 30 million Nepalese People & their sleepless night on the propaganda that Lumbini belongs to India. This will reinforce that Lumbini is in Nepal as an integral part of Nepal and as the Birth Place of Lord Buddha.

#### **Creation / Organizer / Sponsor / Supporter:**

The Marathon will be the creation of His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand, Royal Government of Thailand which is endorsed & supported by Chief Monk of Government of Thailand's Thai Monastery in Lumbini.

The Marathon will be organized & operated by Mr. Bikram Pandey, President of Himalaya Expeditions & Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon who carries 9 years of successful experience of Everest Marathon & the First Mount Annapurna I Marathon honouring Maurice Herzog, the First Climber of Mount Annapurna I in 1950 & Late Dr. Harka Bahadur Gurung, the First Tourism Minister of Nepal.

#### **Benefit to the Country**

The Marathon will highlight Nepal as the place for the Religious Sports Marathon which will establish Nepal as a unique destination for Pilgrimage SPORTS; as such unique Events happen nowhere in the World.

The Marathon will bring a new dimension of Tourism into Nepal connecting Buddhist population of 550 million people pilgrimaging to Lumbini & Buddhist Circuits bringing economic benefit to the Nation & to the local people of the Buddhist Areas related to Lord Buddha & Lumbini within Nepal.

**The Marathon could kill the worry of 30 million Nepalese People who are spending sleepless night on propaganda presented by some people that Lumbini falls in India as an Indian Territory. This will reinforce that Lumbini is in Nepal as an integral part of Nepal and as the Birth Place of Lord Buddha.**

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