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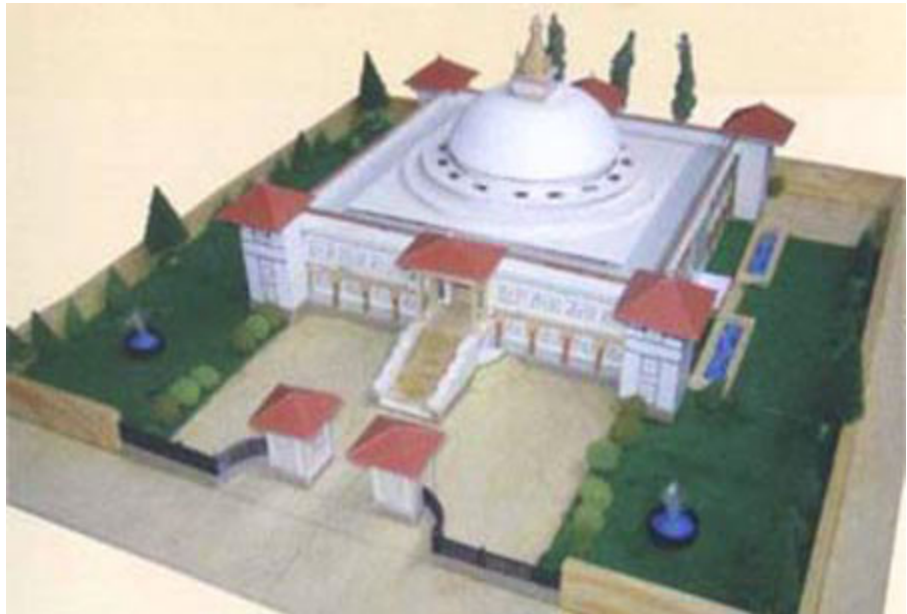
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**T**rungram Gyaltrul Rinpoche is both a Tibetan Buddhist master and a Harvard Ph.D. The non-profit organization United Trungram Buddhist Fellowship (<http://www.utbf.org/en/projects/dharmapri/lumbini/>) (UTBF) is applying the combination of spiritual and intellectual smarts to its latest green building (<http://www.earthtechling.com/topics/project, the Lumbini Udyana Mahachaitya> (<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/nepals-new-eco-world-center-for-opens-117816533.html>) (World Center for Peace and Unity), part of the international Lumbini Development Project in

The Mahachaitya center, set to open to the public on April 4th, is 48,600-square-foot structure designed with a 20 solar power system (covering 100% of its lighting needs), along with cavity walls for natural insulation and natural daylighting/ventilation systems. It is the latest and largest addition to a master-planned community in Nepal currently being developed by UTBF that envisions more than 40 Buddhist temples in different national styles where monks and nuns from around the world can gather for ceremonies, retreats and meditation.



*image via the United Trungram Buddhist Fellowship*

The community is being developed at the United Nations' World Heritage Site at Lumbini, Nepal (<http://whc.unesco.org/>) birthplace of Buddha Shakyamuni, the founder of the Buddhist faith, under the auspices and protection of the United Nations with support of the Nepalese government.

Currently, the project features monasteries dedicated to monks from France, Vietnam, Germany, India, and the People's Republic of China. The Lumbini Udyana Mahachaitya World Center for Peace and Unity will provide a home within the complex.

devotees of Buddhism whose communities or countries are not represented on the land by any particular monasteries will feature more than 1000 custom-made copper statues depicting the Buddha, his close disciples, and various figures from the 7th to 13th centuries (considered the height of Buddhist classical art).

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