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**ETSI Science Writing Competition:
Celebrating His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Immense Contributions to the Monastic Science Education**

ETSI is pleased to announce a science writing competition for monastic students. This competition is organized to encourage monastic students to think more deeply about science and write about it in their own language, and add to the growing scientific literature in Tibetan. This competition is open to all current or former ETSI monastic students, including its Tenzin Gyatso Science Scholars.

There are three categories in which students can take part.

- 1) A comparative study of an interesting and relevant topic from Buddhism and science
- 2) A detailed study on a scientific topic
- 3) Translation of an important scientific article, paper or a book chapter.

For each category, up to fifteen essays may be selected for prize and publication. ETSI reserves the right to select any essay for publication or award if, in its judgment, the submissions meet its standards for outstanding scientific writing.

Prizes are as follows: Publishable writing in the first category: \$1500; publishable writing in the second category: \$1000; and publishable translation of a scientific paper: \$500.

Rules:

1. All current and former ETSI students from the 9 monasteries and 5 nunneries participating in the ETSI science programs and the Tenzin Gyatso Science Scholars are eligible to take part in this writing competition.
2. The participants will choose one category and submit a work in that category. Submission must be the original work of the author. Two monastics may coauthor one essay.
3. The essay must be in Tibetan language and may not include any images. The scientific lexicon used in the essay must be as far as possible those that were developed and standardized by the ETSI translation team.
4. The writing competition consists of two stages: a) submission of a proposal, b) submission of the actual essay. Each stage will be judged and selections will be made accordingly.
5. Submission of proposal: For the first two categories, a 3-page proposal containing the thesis of the essay, a detailed outline, and a comprehensive bibliography consisting of not less than 20 standard sources that will be cited or analyzed in the paper must be submitted. For the third translation category, a proposal containing essential information

- of the source material and a sample one-page translation of the source material, along with the pdf of the source material, must be submitted.
6. The ETSI selection committee will review the proposals and choose top 10-15 proposals from each category for the second stage of the competition.
 7. The text and footnotes should be in 12-point Monlam Uni Ouchan1, single-spaced on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with one-inch margins on all sides. The manuscript must have 13000 to 15000 words or must be between 13 and 16 pages long. The bibliography will not be counted towards the word requirement. Essays must be submitted as two attachments, one in Microsoft Word and one in PDF format.
 8. No person may submit more than one entry.
 9. ETSI's judges reserve the right not to award any prizes and to reject any or all submissions.
 10. The essays will be judged based on content, originality, supporting evidence, source material, quality of writing, usage of scientific terminology, and organization. And the translation will be judged based on accuracy, quality of writing, usage of scientific terminology, and the import of the source material.
 11. Proposal must be submitted to karmatenzin@emory.edu, using the subject line "ETSI Writing Competition Proposal," by midnight (EST) on October 15, 2020.
 12. The authors of the selected proposals will be asked to write the full essay. This essay must be submitted to karmatenzin@emory.edu, using the subject line "ETSI Writing Competition Full Essay," by midnight (EST) on January 31, 2021.

Publication and Prizes

1. The following prizes are offered: Essays accepted for publication in the first category: \$1500; Essays accepted for publication in the second category: \$1000; and Essays accepted for publication in the third category: \$500.
2. Names of the authors of the winning essays and titles of their essays will be mentioned on ETSI's website.
3. Aside from publishing the selected essays in an ETSI publication, ETSI may, at its discretion, include a copy of any or all of the prize-winning manuscripts on its web site.
4. Editorial committee has the final authority over whether to publish a winning essay.