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Rev Dr Gregory Sharkey, SJ
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Maarten Olthof
Stichting Vajra

Dear Maarten,

Greetings from Kathmandu.

This past week I attended my first meeting of the newly-approved Vajra Academy Private Educational Trust. I want to congratulate you on successfully registering Vajra Academy with the Nepalese government. Though the 'trustees' have been working on planning for some time now, getting government approval for an educational private trust is a significant step forward. It represents a vote of confidence from the Education Ministry's side.

I also want you to know that I will be very happy to serve as educational advisor to the trust. I am very happy to be invited to help a project that I believe has the potential to do an enormous amount of good in the educational sector.

I've looked over the various planning documents that you forwarded and think that they are very sound. I am particularly happy that you were able to make arrangements with Mr Rajiv Pradhan and his associates at Lotus. They are a very capable group; and their guidance will prove invaluable.

I look forward to working with the Vajra Academy trustees as the exciting work of setting up the school gets underway. I will stay in contact with you as we continue the process of planning the school's facilities.

Very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

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