

## Scholar engages ILCS students

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### Dr Karma Phuntsho speaks to ILCS students

A Bhutanese research associate at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom gave a series of talks to the family of Institute of Language and Culture Studies in Taktse, Trongsa, from June 13 to 15.

Karma Phuntsho (Ph.D), a popular Bhutanese scholar, talked on cultural research, historical studies and Buddhism, among others.

The students attended the talks after their classes. The talks were part of professional development activities in the institute. The students had a lot to learn from Dr Karma Phuntsho's talks mostly delivered through PowerPoint presentations.

Each session began with the prayer to Jetsun Jampelyang or Manjushree, the god of wisdom. It is believed that the prayer helps one in acquiring knowledge in all fields of learning.

The number of students raising questions increased each day. The students shared their views on various topics Dr Karma Phuntsho discussed. The lecturers responded to some of the questions the students asked, adding depth to the talks.

One topic that particularly invited a lot of questions and responses was the existence of the statue of Buddha Sakyamuni during the period of King Ashoka.

Most students said Dr Karma Phuntsho's talks inspired them to learn more about Buddhism through research.

"He has a unique quality of explaining complex topics and issues in an easily understandable way," said a first year student. Another student said there is wisdom to be gained from every stage of life.

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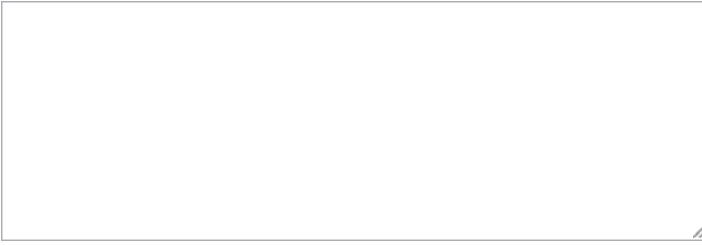
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