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Dalai Lama to Speak at Environmental Summit in Portland May 9 - 11, 2013

Maitripa College is hosting His Holiness in public events at the University of Portland Chiles Center and the Veterans Memorial Coliseum

Portland, Ore. – Maitripa College is the honored host for His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, who spoke today at a public event in Portland for [The Dalai Lama Environmental Summit on May 9, 2013](http://www.dalailamaportland2013.net). [Maitripa College](http://www.dalailamaportland2013.net), the first and only Tibetan Buddhist college in the Pacific Northwest, is hosting a 3-day environmental summit May 9-11th, 2013.

The Environmental Summit includes three days of enlightening teachings and conversations with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and distinguished leaders of the Pacific Northwest environmental, scientific, policy and faith communities. Tickets for the May 9th event sold out within minutes, and were priced starting from \$25. For more information go to www.dalailamaportland2013.net.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 2013 visit began with an interfaith event on Thursday, May 9 at the University of Portland Chiles Center (5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland); both major events are co-sponsored by the University of Portland. At 9:30 a.m., the Dalai Lama was joined by Reverend E. William Beauchamp of the University of Portland, Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana of Congregation Beth Israel of Portland, Imam Muhammed Najieb of the Muslim Community Center of Portland, and Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, in the interfaith dialog "Spirituality and the Environment." Host

of “Straight Talk,” KGW NewsChannel 8’s Laural Porter, moderated the discussion.

On Thursday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m., the Dalai Lama offered a public address entitled “Universal Responsibility and the Inner Environment: the Nature of Mind.” This was followed by a question and answer period with the audience.

“As we face the environmental issues before us, solutions will come through awareness and individual responsibility,” said Yangsi Rinpoche, president of Maitripa College. “The purpose of the Dalai Lama Environmental Summit is not to focus on all that is wrong, but to inspire ourselves and future generations to act in a positive way for the environment. Individual responsibility arises from individual inspiration, formed and catalyzed by spirituality, philosophy and policy. Therefore, this summit is designed as a platform for these three areas, all driving forces of action on this planet.”

His Holiness the Dalai Lama is the author of more than 70 books and the 1989 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and the 2007 Congressional Gold Medal. He frequently states that his life is guided by three major commitments: the promotion of basic human values or secular ethics in the interest of human happiness, the fostering of inter religious harmony, and the welfare of the Tibetan people, focusing on the survival of their identity, culture and religion.

In his previous visit to Portland, in 2001, His Holiness the Dalai Lama drew a crowd of approximately 25,000 to Pioneer Courthouse Square. On that same visit, His Holiness addressed 7,500 teenagers from across the state at a youth conference at Veterans Memorial Coliseum, followed by a public speaking event to a sold out crowd.

Ticket Information

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama offers his appearance for the promotion of peace. Funds generated through ticket sales and sponsorships are used solely to cover expenses, with any surplus being disbursed to charitable organizations under the advisement of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

About Maitripa College

Maitripa College is the first and only Tibetan Buddhist college in the Pacific Northwest, established in Portland, Ore., in 2006, under the direction of its President, Yangsi Rinpoche. Maitripa is pioneering holistic, contemplative graduate education integrating scholarship, meditation, and service in its Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies (MA) and Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree programs. Maitripa also offers training in classical Tibetan language and continuing education courses, introductory classes in Buddhism, retreats and workshops with visiting lamas and scholars, symposia on Buddhism and science, and weekly public Dharma teachings and prayer services in the Jokhang Meditation Hall. For more information go to www.maitripa.org.

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