



General Adoption Conditions

Give education to a Tibetan nomad child and Adopt a Yak!

This project is an initiative of The Bridge Fund Europe, the Netherlands

The purpose of the project is to give education to Tibetan nomad children, while simultaneously helping Tibetans to preserve their nomadic way of life.

The Bridge Fund (here-after to be called TBF):

1. Takes care of bringing together the Tibetan yak and nomad child on the one hand and a (western) donor on the other hand, by means of the following procedures:

- Selection of Tibetan nomad children in the Tibetan areas in China who meet the following criteria:
 - They are considered eligible to continue their primary school education with senior middle school or vocational training the coming school year (following the date of registration of the donor)
 - They should have attained good results during junior middle school
 - Their family is too poor to pay for higher education
 - Their family relies on yaks (additionally or totally) for a living
- Assignment of the child to the donor according to the Fifo System (First in-first out). This means that children who have been on the waiting list for the longest time (but never longer than 12 months) will be adopted first.
- Providing an Adoption Certificate with a picture of the child with the yak. The formal dates of the adoption period will be mentioned on this certificate. They are not automatically completely synchronous with the school year in which the child is following education, but they are as close as possible.
- If something unforeseen might happen after adoption and before the start of the school year, which would impede further learning of the child, then a new child will be selected according to the Fifo system. The donor will be informed about this and will be sent a new adoption certificate.

2. TBF will see to it that the selection of the Tibetan nomad children will happen very carefully and in respect and harmony with the local customs and standards, in cooperation with local authorities and project assistants.

3. TBF will take care of the communication between the Tibetan children and the donors by a regular e-mail newsletter (e-letter), at least once a year, as well as by managing the website www.adoptteerenyak.nl (which includes an English chapter)

4. TBF will organise a blessing for the yaks and children, which according to Tibetan custom creates 'good karma' for the yak, the child and the donor.

5. Arranging for visits. TBF works together with the Chinese authorities in order to ensure that the projects can develop in the best possible way. To safeguard our way of working, it is only possible for a donor to visit an adopted child through TBF.

6. TBF has initiated a Child Education Fund. This fund serves as a buffer fund for nomad children who's donor is no longer able to pay the donor money, due to illness or death. It will also be used for general education ends, like for buying or translating textbooks or other material or for the renovation of existing schools. Donations for this fund are most welcome. Please transfer to

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attn. Bridge Fund, Adopt a Yak, Bussum, the Netherlands, Re: Child Fund.

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The (western) donor

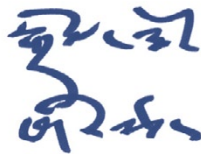
7. takes care of the education of one or more Tibetan nomad children for three successive years. By signing the adoption agreement he obligates himself to pay the donor money at once or spread over three successive years in the same month each year.

Special cases

- a. When a child ceases education because of death or illness the remaining donor money will be transferred the Child Education Fund
- b. If possible, the money will directly be used for the education of another Tibetan nomad child who meets TBF criteria
- c. If the donor ceases payment due to death or illness or some other emergency the Child Education Fund immediately takes over payment

The adopted children

8. live on the Tibetan plateau, in the Tibetan regions in China, are part of a family were yak herding is an ordinary part of familylife and meet the TBF scholarshipcriteria as mentioned above.



The Bridge Fund