



XII Gyalwang Drukpa visits Kraków

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The Head of the Drukpa Lineage - one of the most influential schools of Vajrayana Buddhism visited Poland to address the international community gathered at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Katowice. It was the first visit of the Gyalwang Drukpa to Kraków. The atmosphere at a courtesy meeting with Mayor Jacek Majchrowski on December 5th, 2018 was very cordial and relaxed.

The Gyalwang Drukpa is regarded as one of the most important teachers of Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism. He founded a secular humanitarian organization Live To Love, whose fundamental philosophy is active action for the benefit of people, animals and the environment. Live To Love has its offices in 14 countries, its headquarters are in New York and the main areas of activity include education, worldwide equality of women, environment and animal protection, medical help and relief aid in crisis areas, and preservation of cultural heritage.

The Gyalwang Drukpa is known for his groundbreaking and unconventional approach regarding the pressing challenges of our time. For instance he has pointed out the topics of environmental protection, gender equality or human trafficking by completing extensive journeys by bike or on foot through the Indian subcontinent and the Himalayas together with several hundred of his nuns. One of the Live to Love projects is an initiative to plant one million trees in Ladakh. Mayor Jacek Majchrowski mentioned local actions aimed at improving the quality of life in Kraków. He described the pioneering role of our city in making investments such as a modern sewage treatment plant, waste-to-energy incineration plant or exchanging all municipal transport buses to low-emission vehicles. Having heard of the "Lose Yourself in Greenery" project introduced in Kraków the Gyalwang Drukpa proposed that one day they should plant a symbolic Live to Love tree in Kraków.

See photos taken at the meeting: [OTOFOTOKRONIKA MIASTA KRAKOWA](#)