



Some of my friends who share my thoughts on the value of compassion have come together to establish a program dedicated to recognizing and advancing the work of selected students and social professionals in this domain. I am pleased to offer my wholehearted support and be associated with this endeavor.

The Dalai Lama Fellows organization, as it is named, is international in scope and open to candidates from diverse backgrounds, drawn from a wide spectrum of beliefs and cultures.

Dalai Lama Fellows is helping to create a Global Learning Community that advances in practical ways the human values that I promote wherever I go: the interconnectedness of all beings, the need to come together as a human family, the centrality of compassion to both personal well-being and the common good, and the importance of inquiry, learning and cultivation of altruistic motivation in creating a more caring and peaceful world.

Our world faces daunting challenges that can only be overcome if all of us, especially young people, make commitments to thinking and acting out of a genuine sense of global responsibility. It heartens me to know that this global program focuses on promoting leadership, improving cross-cultural and inter-religious understanding and cooperation, diminishing violence, mitigating economic disparities between the rich and the poor, and enhancing environmental sustainability. The program encourages university students and others to integrate service to others and to the common good, as part of their education, and it recognizes and helps to sustain the commitments of those who are establishing careers in serving others.

I hope that Dalai Lama Fellows will benefit in creating greater awareness of the key common human values that bind us all together.

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