

Jigme Khyentse Rinpoche and Tulku Pema Wangyal Rinpoche have spoken about Covão. They indicated how to make Kangyur Rinpoche and Ama-las' aspirations reach their fulfillment. Below are some quotes from them. These give an indication of how beneficial and important this project is:

*This place called "Eagles Nest" is an extension of Kangyur Rinpoches' activities. It was found by Ama-la. She wanted to make something with this place, she wanted something to happen here. She was in her 80's and until the end of her life she insisted with Tulku Rinpoche that we do something here.*

*Even long before we found or even thought of getting a place here or came here, when some Portuguese friends went to France and met Ama-la, she told some of them that she would like them to be involved in her activities.*

*This place is an extension of Kyabje Trulshik Rinpoche and Ama-las' activities. It's a place where K.T.R. came, and he was very encouraging about this place. He walked around and blessed the land. This place has the blessings of all our teachers. K.T.R. is no different from Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche and all our teachers.*

*K.T.R. sat here in this exact place and gave his blessings. We have all their blessings. This is just earth, but the fact that our Teachers came here and blessed it, then it became something that reminds us of them and also a recipient of their Blessings, through which we can benefit from their activities.*

*Through interdependent origination, through causes and conditions, through that connection with things, we benefit from it. Like when we see our teacher's body, it's just flesh and bones, but at the same time it's so helpful for us. When we sit in their presence it has the blessings for us to have this wish to become free. This place also has that kind of connection. Where K.T.R. blessed and placed prayer flags, that part didn't burn, so I am convinced this place has his blessings.*

*For me, coming here is a pilgrimage place. We all want to go to places in India, but here in Portugal we have the fortune of having K.T.R. coming by, and Ama-la passing away here, so for me this is no different from Varanasi, Kushinagar or Bodhgaya. These great beings came by, so from that point of view I am really happy that you all can come here and be part of this.*

*(Jigme Khyentse Rinpoche, June 2013, Monchique)*

*Ama-la wanted to develop this place for future generations.*

*I was totally amazed when I first drank the water from the springs and after checking the analysis, it showed it's even better than bottled water. And the air is unpolluted. The view is perfect, you can see the ocean and the sky at the same time. Sometimes with good weather you can't see where is the sky and where is the ocean, it is all blue. If someone is a little confused, it's good to go there and look at the sky. The mind will be completely free. The small*

*hills are like jewel mountains, that can be a precious offering. The geomancy of this place is perfect, you will find a beautiful goddess Arya Tara, seated there and this place is the center of the Arya Tara. This is very inspiring because my mother is truly Mother Tara, at least for me.*

*We have been working with the local Mayor to get the permission to build, to develop. Sooner or later we will have that permission. What has to happen will happen. Where before were beautiful buildings are now ruins - that is why, in this protected place, we have the right to build.*

*Then a thought crossed my mind, thoughts - like a cloud going around in the space - can be really useful sometimes. Thoughts, if we try to use them properly, for the benefit of others, can be very useful as well. So one thought crossed my mind - we have to start to build something in this place. Although it's wonderful to live like nomads, it will also be wonderful to build, for future generations, a place for retreat.*

*KRF doesn't belong to one person but to everyone that wants to benefit from it. So all of you can participate in this project.*

*And we will be able to do the Parallel Retreats there.*

*These projects are very much to fulfill the wish of our Teachers. Everyday, at least 3 times a day, I make aspirations. Anything that makes the aspirations of my Teachers true, may I be able to help to contribute to fulfill their wishes, and to the benefit of all sentient beings. Any thought concerning personal pleasure may it never become true, and all my thoughts may be for the welfare of all sentient beings.*

*(Tulku Pema Wangyal Rinpoche, November 2013, Setúbal)*

*If something happens in Monchique may we all share the fruit. Preserve the forest the more we can! Ama-la really wanted this to happen. I think it is our responsibility to make it happen.*

*The Dalai Lama says never to lose hope, especially when we do things for the sake of others. We have to make aspirations for the future generations. Have confidence, with hope, that this project will happen, for the happiness of all. And I have confidence that it will come true.*

*We plan to organize here exchanges on different subjects, on an international level, such as science, philosophy, and it will attract people. Also sick people can come and rest, enjoy the view and water, and also on the intellectual level it will be very good, and also it will be a place where children from different countries can come for holidays and to study, and be in contact with unspoiled nature.*

*It is very precious to preserve the local medicinal plants.*

*I am not in a hurry, and if it doesn't contribute to the world on an international and local level, no need to do it!*

*(Tulku Pema Wangyal, July 2013, Monchique)*

*Apart from this area of "retreat spaces" where you all can come to spend some time and restore energies, do personal investigation, introspection, interior search, at this calm and incredible place, the global future project will also include:*

- *A Conference Hall, where scientists from all over the world can come to do investigation on the area of "mind and physics", a place of investigation and permanent dialogue.*
- *A place where people who are mentally tired or "burned out", from excess work and stress, or from other reasons, or older people, can come, and where we can help them reestablish themselves.*
- *A place to receive young people, to help them become aware of the environment.*

*We want to rebuild the existing ruins of the old farm, to receive visitors. To recuperate the forest, to become again as it was before the great fire. And restore the 13 springs.*

*We want to create a place that is self-sustained, with water, renewable energies, biological farming, that can be a model for everyone.*

*We want to preserve the environment and ecology, without disturbing nature.*

*For 15 years we have been thinking about and preparing for this. But there is no private agenda here; the sole purpose is to contribute for the wellbeing of people in general, locally and internationally.*

(Tulku Pema Wangyal Rinpoche describing the Global Project, Lisbon, 2012)