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Tibetan name: sngags-rim grwa-tshang

English name: Tantric monastic school

Zanabazar Street, on the way up to Gandan monastery (2006 February); Songino khairkhan district, 20th khoroo

NOTE in 2011: the monastery is no longer on this site. It may have been moved.

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The distinctive yurt shaped temple placed on a wooden cart complete with its wheels appeared in February 2006 on the right side of Zanabazar Street on the way to Gandan just beyond the Shamanic centre.

It is a Gelukpa (Yellow Stream) temple and was founded in 2004 by its head (*tergüün*), Ch. Erdenebaatar. Its lamas came from the *Jambadarjaaalin* (Tib. *byams-pa dar-rgyas gling*) temple situated near the sacred site, Altan oboo, in Dariganga sum in Sükhbaatar aimag, which presently has only three lamas led by a lama called Gombo. Before 1937 it was a big monastery. It was revived in 1990.

The Ulaanbaatar branch temple was founded at first in 2004 in the city's Songino khairkhan district, 20th khoroo and moved to its present site in February 2006. The lamas say that in summer they will move back to the old site. They have a plan to build a brick temple building, and have just started collecting donations for it.

The main deity of the temple is *Ochirdari* (Tib. *rdo-rje 'dzin-pa*, Skr. Vajradhara (in the Altan oboo temple they worship *Gombo* (Tib. *mgon-po*, Skr. Mahakala)). Every day ceremonies are held in the temple. People can come and request readings, paying according to their means. Being a small temple there are no monthly ceremonies.

During 2007 summer the surveyors noticed that the temple had moved back, probably to its original site in Songino khairkhan district, where it was not visited again. The yurt of the assembly disappeared from the wooden cart on Zanabazar street.