

## Монголын Сүм Хийдийн Түүхэн Товчоо Төсөл

### UB 36 Gandandarjaalin datsan

Tibetan name: dga'-ldan dar-rgyas gling

English name: Gandandarjaalin monastic school

On the way up to Gandan (Zanabazar street), on the left side.

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This temple, situated at the left side of Zanabazar street leading up to *Gandan* monastery, south of the other new temple, *Gandanshaddüblin*, and just opposite to *Lamrim datsan*, was opened and consecrated on the fifth of December, 2006.

It is situated in a two storey building, with the shrine situated on the second floor and astrologers' rooms, who perform various *gürem* (Tib. *sku-rim*, a kind of healing ceremony or protective prayer ritual) and *zasal* (remedy) rituals on request, on the first floor. On the first floor there is also an Antique and Fine Arts Shop selling antique and religious objects. The Mandala centre (*Burkhan Shashin*, *Soyoliin 'Mandala' Töv*) lead by Batbayar, works in this building, too.

In the hall on the first floor stands a big sculpture of Tsongkhapa, which belonged originally to one of the old monasteries in the present Zavkhan aimag, and was restored.

The head of the temple, with the title *darkhan lovon*, is B. Süren (born 1911 in the year of pig, had been a lama of *Tsakhiurt khiid* and *Delgeriin choir khiid* monasteries, Delgertsogt sum, Dundgovi aimag) of *Gandan* monastery. The temple currently has 12 lamas.

Currently a veranda is being built in front of the temple, with prayer-wheels around it. It has a green roof with the central highest part being painted in gold.

The following ceremonies are held in the temple beside the everyday chanting: on the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Javsh* (Tib. *skyabs bzhi* (*skyabs-'gro bzhi skor*), 'The fourfold taking refuge', the name of a kind of protective healing ritual (*gürem*) text dedicated to *Chojjoo* (Tib. *chos-rgyal*, Skr. Dharmaraja, epithet of Yama) and *Shirnen Düdeg* (Tib. *sher-snying bdud-bzlog*, Heart Sutra exorcist ritual), on the 7<sup>th</sup> *Dari Ekhiin chivel* (Tib. *sgrol-ma'i 'chi-ba bslu*, name of a ceremony to Tara). On the 8<sup>th</sup> the ceremony of *Manal* (Tib. *sman-bla*, Skr. Bhaishajyaguru), the Medicine Buddha (*Ikh Manal*, *Manaliin donchid*) is held together with the four mandalas of Tara (*Dari ekhiin mandal shivaa*), on the 15<sup>th</sup> the Guhyasamaja tantra (*Sanduin jüd*) is recited, on the 19<sup>th</sup> a special *balin* offering is presented to *Chojjoo* (*Chojjoo dügjüü*), and on the 29<sup>th</sup> a ceremony is performed in honour of the wrathful deities (*10 khangal*) together with the above *balin* offering (*Chojjoo dügjüü*), while on the 30<sup>th</sup> the ritual to honour the 16 disciples of Buddha (*Naidan chogo*) is held.

The text of readings that can be requested here on fixed prices is displayed on the first floor.