

## **PRESS RELEASE PISA PROVINCE – COMMUNITY OF SANTA LUCE**

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The process of planning approval for the Buddhist Monastery in the Municipality of Santa Luce has come to an end.

"The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Municipality of Santa Luce as the lead body, together with the Region of Tuscany, the Sangha Association and the Lama Tzong Khapa Institute, aimed at defining the actual project for the realization of the monastery embraces many political meanings of great importance", says the Mayor Giamila Carli.

"There is, in fact, the precise aim of promoting a project shared with the whole community, also through forms of active participation, leading to the creation of a monastic centre aimed at spreading a culture of peace, through meditative experience and inter-religious dialogue. The path of its realization, moreover, will also be strongly characterized by the aims of environmental, landscape and ecological regeneration, for which reason the establishment of a Contemplation Park becomes a strategic element. I repeat that all the phases that will lead to the realization of the work will be shared with and involve our community", adds Mayor Carli.

"In view of the realization of this strategic work for the whole provincial area and beyond, the Province of Pisa will continue to guarantee maximum and total collaboration, including its own responsibilities, which in this area fall essentially on the maintenance of the road network", says President Massimiliano Angori.

"An important road system, given the tourist traffic that moves in these territories, which are also unquestionably attracted by what we can define as 'religious tourism' since the monastery in question is preparing to be one of the most important in Europe, if not even worldwide. Praise, as an administrator, also goes to the far-sightedness of the Municipality of Santa Luce, which, in the perspective of a well-established environmental recovery plan, will be able to use an otherwise abandoned site to transform it into a place of spiritual meditation", concludes President Angori.

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