



December 22, 2006

Nalanda College of Buddhist Studies
47 Queen's Park Crescent East
Toronto, ON M5S 2C3

Attention: Dr. S. Sugunasiri

Dear Dr. Sugunasiri:

I am writing with respect to the application submitted by Nalanda College of Buddhist Studies to offer a Bachelor of Arts Honours program in Buddhadharma Studies. Pursuant to the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), your application was referred to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board.

I have received the Board's recommendation. After considering that recommendation as well as relevant issues and public policy matters, I have decided to reject this application and not grant consent to the application of Nalanda College of Buddhist Studies to offer a Bachelor of Arts Honours program in Buddhadharma Studies. In accord with section 5(4) of the Act, this decision is final.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Bentley".

Christopher Bentley
Minister