



# Woodenfish Foundation

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Dear Columbia Student Association,

Woodenfish Foundation is pleased to support the Woodenfish Club forming at Columbia University. As a 501c3 in existence since 2007, and with programs running since 2002, we have over 1,000 alumni around the world, including a number of graduates of Columbia University. In particular, in the past few years, Woodenfish has convened innovative international conferences on topics related to Buddhism and Science, Buddhist philosophy and textual interpretation at a uniquely high caliber and scale.

[Woodenfish Foundation](#) began in 2002 as the "Woodenfish Project" to allow students from around the world to authentically experience Humanistic Buddhism for one month each summer within a monastic context. In the past 15 years, together with a team and alumni from Woodenfish programs, we have expanded programming in the United States and all throughout China. Between 2009 and 2017, Woodenfish has run 20 programs in China. In 2016, Woodenfish Foundation received Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

We look forward to working collaboratively and offering resources and channels for engagement for the Columbia students participating in the Woodenfish Columbia student club. Please feel free to get in touch should you have further questions.

Yours truly,

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