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“My internship at Naropa Buddhist University in Boulder, Colorado was fruitful. I found that the internship linked me more closely to the EWC network in many ways. Firstly, I acted as an Ambassador of EWC at the place of my internship. Many staff and fellow students of Naropa now know about EWC and have since met APLP staff. Secondly, fellows were able to communicate among ourselves as a part of the internships program and online course. Thirdly, our communication web was expanded indirectly whereby leading to the growth of the EWC circuit. Just imagine that we are currently communicating because of the internship, right?

What I believe is that, theory alone cannot prepare you to succeed in life. Practical application is very essential. It is even more vital for a leader to experience what he or she has studied. In a way, an internship opens several doors to your future. Believe me, you will have time and opportunity to reflect and contemplate on your classroom activities. Therefore, participating in an internship right after 5 months of intensive coursework on leadership will prepare you fully to succeed in your future career.

To update you on the outcomes of my internship, the first official delegation of administrators from Naropa University visited Bhutan to consult with us on our next steps in starting an accredited Buddhist University in Bhutan. The Vice President of Academic Affairs from Naropa led the group. Now the President himself is interested to visit as well. Plans for upgrading the Degree College and relocating at the future Buddhist University site are already submitted and included in Bhutan’s 10th Five Year Plan proposals. Things are moving as per our projections.”