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Dear Bhagya Wijayawardane,

This document brings my congratulations to you on your completion of your Project Year as a Dalai Lama Fellow. Over the course of this year, you have had the opportunity to build your self awareness, deepen your connections within and beyond your community and build toward a global society that works for everyone. I hope that, with new perspectives, skills and practices, you will continue to advance in practical ways the values that I promote wherever I go. These include our shared humanity, the recognition of the interdependence of all beings, the need to come together as a human family, the centrality of compassion to both personal well-being and the common good and the importance of inquiry, education and learning in creating a more caring, just and peaceful world.

My expectation is that as a LifeLong Fellow you will continue to grow in your leadership. Our world faces daunting challenges that we will overcome only if many of us, and especially young people, make commitments to thinking and acting from a genuine sense of shared responsibility. Your lifelong participation in the global community of Dalai Lama Fellows is intended to strengthen your personal capacity for service and leadership, while fostering a sense of collective reflection, commitment and engagement.

As you continue your journey I would like to extend my warm personal wishes for your success.

His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama