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Dear devotees and friends world-wide,

Please accept our humble obeisances. We have all been feeling the deep separation from our beloved Spiritual Master, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, who left our immediate vision on 27th March 2010. On Tuesday, 6th April 2010, the grand festival in glorification of His Divine Grace was held here in Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math in the presence of venerable devotees world-wide and honourable members of the various Gaudiya Sampradaya Missions of Mayapur, Nabadwip and throughout India.

Now we feel the time to announce the continuation of service of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math in accordance with the divine wish of Srila Gurudev Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

Srila Govinda Maharaj consistently over the last few years told devotees of his wish to appoint Sripad Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj as the next Acharyya of the Math. He has declared this in his successive wills and publicly declared it at the grand gathering of devotees here in the nat-mandir of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math on his Sri Vyasa Puja day, 4th December 2009. Srila Gurudev has clearly expressed his desire that Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math will continue as a unified mission under the guidance of Srila Acharyya Maharaj, and that anyone who cannot follow this decision must leave the Mission without disturbance.

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For the benefit of the devotees world-wide and support of Srila Acharyya Maharaj, Srila Gurudev also appointed selected leaders as Acharyyas, and from these he asked the following sannyasis to form an Acharyya Board with Srila Acharyya Maharaj as the Chairman: Sripad Ashram Maharaj, Sripad Janardan Maharaj, Sripad Goswami Maharaj and Sripad Avadhut Maharaj, with myself (Mahananda Das) as their secretary.

Srila Gurudev also appointed Sripad Giri Maharaj and Sripad Trivikram Maharaj as Acharyyas.

Srila Gurudev also expressed his desire that leading devotees and preachers of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math will continue their service in full support of Srila Acharyya Maharaj, and remain united in developing the Mission.

Yesterday, Srila Acharyya Maharaj presided over the very first meeting of the Acharyya Board. All expressed their sincere desire to continue their service in full support and cooperation with Srila Acharyya Maharaj and they pledged their full support for his assuming the chair of the Head of the Mission as the Successor Sevaite-President-Acharyya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

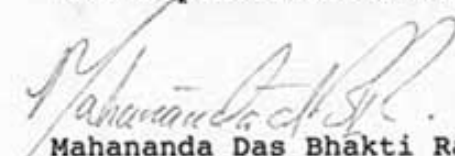
In turn, Srila Acharyya Maharaj expressed support for them and his appreciation for their long relationship in service to Srila Gurudev and for their trust and support. He gave his full backing for their respective services world-wide and fully honoured them as being particularly blessed by Srila Gurudev.

After consulting the panjika (almanac), the Board held a simple, sweet ceremony this morning in the presence of devotees from around the world, acknowledging Srila Acharyya Maharaj as the Successor Sevaite-President-Acharyya of the Mission for the satisfaction of Srila Govinda Maharaj. At this ceremony, Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharyya Maharaj's photo was added to our most worshipable Parampara on the altar here at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

We are confident this news will bring spiritual joy to all the disciples and sincere followers of Srila Gurudev, and will provide a sound base for the spiritual lives of all sincere seekers.

With repeated obeisances,

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