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Pawo is a story-teller, travel photographer, writer and film maker from the Kingdom of Bhutan. As a photographer, Pawo has had his photos featured in some of the most respected international magazines such as *VICE*, *LIFE*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Asian Geographic*. He has had international solo photo exhibitions and been featured in the *Esquire magazine* for his spiritual journeys, and been nominated as one of the world's 50 greatest travelers by the *World Traveller Magazine*.

He has published two books; ***Lights & Shadows Along the Journey*** and ***The Light of the Moon***. For *The Light of the Moon*, Pawo journeyed through the ancient Silk Roads of China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka to tell the lost history of Buddhism. The book which will be published in September 2019, took Pawo over 5 years to complete.

Pawo is an avid filmmaker and has worked on three feature films; ***Vara: A Blessing, Hema Hema: Sing me Song while I wait*** and ***Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom***. He was the Producer of *Hema Hema: Sing me a song while I Wait*, which has become one of Bhutan's most successful films on the international stage. The film had its World Premiere at the 69th *Locarno festival del film*, and won numerous awards such as the Special Mention at the 2016 *Toronto International Film Festival* and the Audience Choice Award at the *Malaysian International Film Festival*. The film has screened in over 75 international film festivals. His latest film, ***Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom*** which he produced, wrote and directed is the world's only solar powered feature film shot in the world's most remote school, the Lunana glacial school. The film has already been selected into numerous International Film Festivals and will make its World Premiere in the first week of October.

Pawo is also a student and attendant to Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche, with whom he has been with since 2006.

EDUCATION

- 2007 – 2009 : *Buddhist Philosophy*, Sarah Buddhist Institute, India.
- 2003 - 2006: *Bachelor of Arts, Majored in Government and International Relations*, Lawrence University, Wisconsin, USA.
- 2000 – 2003 : *High School degree*, Kodaikanal International School, India and Yangchenphu Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, Bhutan