

## Short introduction of Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye



*The Coronation Ceremony of Yeshe Thaye by H.H. Chadrak Rinpoche (2003)*

the late Ven. Lama Sonam Chokyi Gyaltsan (alias Guru Lau Yui Che), the Spiritual Representative of the late His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche (Jigdral Yeshe Dorje) in the Far East, both of whom were Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye's Root Gurus (Tsawai Lamas).

For 30 years, Guru Lau had taught him the complete system of Vajrayana teachings and Dharma practices, and Guru Lau had **bestowed upon him all the highest initiations and the ultimate authority**. The late His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche, the then Supreme Head of the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism, personally conferred upon him the Vajra Acharya Authority and Empowerment while visiting Hong Kong in 1972, and he was given the Dharma name of "Yeshe Thaye" (meaning one with "boundless wisdom") by His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche. **It was back in 1986, and again later in 1996, that Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye was twice asked by his Root Guru, the late Ven. Lama Sonam Chokyi Gyaltsan, to uphold his two major lineages of the "Narak Dong Truk" cycle and of the "Dudjom Tersar" in the Far East.**

The present Root Guru of Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye is the contemporary great realized Dzogchen Master, **His Holiness Chadrak Sangye Dorje Rinpoche**, the most respected and world-renowned Master and Elder of the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism. **His Holiness Chadrak Rinpoche has most kindly and personally written two important letters in his own handwritings, signed and sealed by Rinpoche himself, acknowledging and authorizing Yeshe Thaye as the authentic Dharma Heir of the late Ven. Lama Sonam Chokyi Gyaltsan. Furthermore, His Holiness Chadrak Rinpoche has also given the Coronation Ceremony, by bestowing upon Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye the Pandita Hat and Dharma robes, as well as the Enthronement Ceremony to Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye in Rinpoche's own monastery in Siliguri, India.**

In response to favourable circumstances, as well as to uphold and spread the Holy Dharma, Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye established the Dudjom Buddhist Association (International) in early 1998, while commencing public Dharma activities in 1999. A three-months' intensive course, consisting of 12-lectures, on "Mind Training and Dharma Practice" was delivered by Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye, which was subsequently recorded as a "complete set of 10 CDs" to be published and disseminated for the propagation of the Holy Dharma in world-wide distribution. Since early 1999, the Association has published an English and Chinese bilingual journal of the "Light of Lotus" (Pema Osel), and the different issues were available as bound hardcover series. In 2006, the Association launched another full-colour bimonthly publication of the "Lake of Lotus" (Tsopepa), which contains articles in Chinese, English and Tibetan. It is widely available at all convenience shops in Hong Kong and thus becomes easily accessible to the general public.

At present, the major Dharma activities within the Association are the various teachings, with detailed explanations from the most fundamental concepts of Dharma practice to the most important "visualizations and oral instructions", starting from the basic "Preliminaries" to more advanced teachings of both the "Narak Dong Truk" cycle and of the "Dudjom Tersar" Lineages. Large-scale public activities of the Association include large gatherings on the Freeing of Lives and Lamp Offerings at various festivals, as well as other public lectures, seminars and meditation classes. Topics of public lectures and seminars include "The Attainment of Buddhahood in One's Lifetime in Tibetan Buddhism", "The Essences of the Tibetan Book of the Dead", "The Fifty Stanzas of Guru Devotion", as well as elementary and advanced classes on "Mind Training and Dharma Practice", and so on. In following the footsteps and teachings of the Lord Buddha, as well as the instructions of Guru Lau, the Association conducts monthly confessions and repentance of sins (sojong) by reciting the various disciplines (silas) and commitments (samayas) of the Three Yanas, as well as the tsok offering ceremonies (pujas). The above only serves as a short introduction of Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye, who is whole-heartedly committed to the spreading of the Holy Dharma and working for the benefits of all our motherly sentient beings. All of you are most welcome to make contributions, in whatever ways you can, for helping to spread the Holy Dharma, such that it will bring enormous benefits to both oneself and others, as well as to accumulate countless merits.

Vajra Master Yeshe Thaye went to study in UK and USA in his early years. He received a BA (Hons) from the Oregon State University and MA from Stanford University in USA, and then he further read for his PhD at the University of Nottingham, UK. He is the Founder and the designated Instructor-in-Charge of the Dudjom Buddhist Association (International). He started learning and practicing the Holy Dharma, with Vajrayana Buddhism in particular, at the age of 15 under



*H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche (right), Guru Lau (middle) and Yeshe Thaye (left) taken in Hong Kong (1972)*



*H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche with Yeshe Thaye in Hong Kong (1984)*