

H.H. Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche



**The Last Living Greatly Realized Master and Mahasiddha of
Tibetan Buddhism in Contemporary Times**

**Warmest Celebration and
Commemoration on
the 100th Birthday Anniversary of
His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Gyatso
Dorje Rinpoche**

Dudjom Buddhist Association (International)

**Having Great Merits in Spreading the Vajrayana
Teachings Beyond Hundred Years,
the Master Paragon's Shining
Lights Span Across the Four Seas**

**Upholding the Nyingma Teachings
via Thousand Years of Blessings,
Praises of His Enlightened Activities
Embrace the Three Realms**

**— Wishing the Greatest Health and Longevity
for this Holy Saint !**





夏札(戚操)法王於尼泊爾
興建之部分佛塔及閉關中心



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The **Dudjom Buddhist Association (International)** is eagerly looking forward to warmly celebrate and commemorate on the **100th Birthday Anniversary of His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche**, the Most Beloved and Most Honoured Wish-fulfilling Crowning Jewel (Root Guru) of our Vajra Masters Yeshe Thaye and Pema Lhadren, together with our humble offerings of whole-hearted prayers of great sincerity for the great health and longevity of His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche, so that His Holiness' Lotus Feet will remain unshakable and stand firm and steadfast in this universe for thousands of aeons, so as to continuously uphold the Victory Banner and to turn the Wheel of the unsurpassed and profound Holy Dharma that embrace the Three Realms, for the benefits of countless motherly sentient beings! At this special occasion of this very auspicious Holy Day, our Association will hold a grand Long-Life Puja and Mandala Offering to His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche.

Herein, our Association would like to describe, in short format, on the Compassionate and Wisdom Merits, and Enlightened Activities of His Holiness

Kyabje Chadral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche's liberated life story so as to arouse the kind-heartedness of friends and believers in rejoicing at, and to appreciate of, the **painstaking efforts, great courage and strong perseverance of such a great and genuine Dharma practitioner** in our contemporary times.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche, as a Spiritual Master of the highest caliber and a greatly realized Mahasiddha of Tibetan Buddhism in our contemporary times, is also known as **Trogyal Dorje** and **Buddha Vajra**. His Holiness is being considered as the Exemplary Elder of Awareness-Holder in the Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism, and is, indeed, the **Guru of gurus!** The Tibetans have respectfully called Him as **"Chadral Rinpoche"**, meaning the **"vagabond recluse"**, or the **"one who has abandoned all mundane activities"**. He is **one of those living principal lineage holders who has held the most complete lineage systems of "Great Perfection", and is one of the last living greatly realized master and Mahasiddha of Tibetan Buddhism in contemporary times**, unexcelled by any others in this whole world. These Dharma lineages include that of the Longchen Nyingthig, as well as all the major lineage systems of the recent "major tertons" including Sera Khandro, Dudul Dorje, Longsal Nyingpo, and Dudjom Lingpa, among others.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche was born on the Tenth Day of the Fifth Month (**Guru Rinpoche's Birthday***) of the Water Ox Year of the 15th Rabjung Cycle of the Tibetan calendar (**the year 1913 of the Western calendar**), in the valley Apse of Nyarong province of Kham, and soon migrated to Amdo with his family. His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche started learning Tibetan and Buddhist Sutras at the age of four; and at the age of fifteen, he abandoned his ties with his family and went to many teachers to study and practice. He insisted on travelling on foot and refused to enter the residences of householders, staying and taking retreats only in those sacred places, caves, and hermitages that were blessed by Guru Rinpoche and other Spiritual Masters, or staying in his own little tent.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche had





gone to the place of the Great Wisdom Dakini and Terton, **Sera Khandro Dewai Dorje**, to learn many Terma teachings and Buddhist Tantras, including the whole and complete teachings of the “Dudjom Tersar” lineage. At the same time, His Holiness had also received all the Terma treasures of the “Dudjom Tersar” lineage once again from **Tersay Dorje Dradul**, the youngest son of the **Terchen Dudjom Lingpa**.

After which, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche had received instructions from the Great Wisdom Dakini Sera Khandro to go to Kathok Monastery. There, he was warmly accepted by, and thus received important teachings from, the Kathok Khenchen **Ngagi Wangpo Rinpoche**, the Principal Lineage Holder of the Khenchen Nyoshul Lungtok Tenpai Nyima. His Holiness thus received all the complete teachings on the important lineages of Longchen Nyingthig, Dudul Dorje and Longsal Nyingpo, which started from the preliminary practices (**Ngondro**) all the way through to the highest Great Perfection (**Dzogchen**), and also took retreat practices on these teachings for six years and five months. Thus, His Holiness had received all the “empowerments, oral transmissions, practical guidance, pith oral-instructions, and lineages” from

the Great Khenpo Ngagi Wangpo Rinpoche, who had entrusted him to spread the Holy Dharma to all suitable vessels. In this way, **the Great Khenpo Ngagi Wangpo Rinpoche had become the most important Crowning Jewel (Tsawai Lama, or Root Guru) of His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche**.

At that time, the Regent in Tibet, **Gyaltsap Redring Jampal Yeshe**, had requested the Great Khenpo Ngagi Wangpo Rinpoche to transmit teachings to him. The Great Khenpo then said to him : “**I have a disciple whose mind and realization is the same as mine, and his name is Sangye Dorje**. You can go and ask him to transmit the teachings to you. **He is my representative**.” In this way, the Regent Gyaltsap Redring had asked His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche to go to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, in becoming his Guru. Thus, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche became **the “Spiritual Master” of the entire land of Amdo, central Tibet, and Kham**. After the transmissions of teachings, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche believed that the title of “Spiritual Master” could only be a distraction from the path. Therefore, he had exchanged the clothes of His beautiful brocades with a beggar’s clothes, so as to avoid from being tracked down by



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the Regent's servants, and thus continued with His **rigorous Dharma practices** in mountain caves and retreat hermitages.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche has always lived a very simple life of Dharma practice. He always meditated and practiced in those mountain caves that were blessed by Guru Rinpoche, and by practicing alone in other retreat hermitages. His Holiness had travelled all over Tibet on foot and camping, insisting to practice like a **wanderer** for over a few decades, and has finally earned the admiration and respect from many great Tibetan Dharma practitioners, and thus they called His Holiness as **"Chadral Rinpoche"**, meaning the **"vagabond recluse"**, or the **"one who has abandoned all mundane activities"**, and **"Kyabje"** is the honorific title given to a **"greatly accomplished master"** of the highest caliber with the highest respect. Furthermore, His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche not only has received many great Terma treasures, but he has most respectfully offered these Dharma treasures to the many great Tibetan

Dharma practitioners at that time, including **Dudjom Jigdral Yeshe Dorje** (Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche II), **Karmapa Rangjung Rigpe Dorje** (His Holiness the 16th Karmapa), **Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro** (Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche II). In this way, they would transmit teachings to each other and thus became each others' disciples, which also became a much talked about holy story of the time.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche's wisdom and life experiences could be reflected upon from all the wrinkles on his face. With such weather-beaten and hardworking life experiences on His Dharma practices, His Holiness' "worldly and supra-mundane" wisdom are the best proof of His Holiness' **entire lifetime of steadfast and firm Dharma practice**. Yet, most of those Great Rinpoches, Khenpos and Tulkus of today have already been accustomed to live in their grandeur monasteries with extreme comforts and luxuries with modern facilities. It is, indeed, a **huge difference** between their lifestyles with that of Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche!

By the end of the 1950s, His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche moved to Bhutan, and then to India. He restored a simple temple near Darjeeling and later started a hermitage retreat center, where practitioners trained in the Longchen Nyingthig lineage are required to take retreats of more than three years. This is the **first of its kind for any Tibetan retreat centers** to be established outside of Tibet. This is, indeed, the kind of practice tradition of the Lord Buddha and of the previous saints of the Nyingma school, which states that **"Life relies on Dharma, Dharma relies on poverty, poverty relies on death, death relies on caves"**. This has established the uniqueness of the practice style of the Nyingma school, where **pure and simple firm practice** is the core, such that it could remain in a **stance of simplicity and purity** in this world.

His Holiness Kyabje Chadral Rinpoche has abandoned all secular activities in His entire life, and never in any way to engage in the monastic systems, and never chasing after fame, glory and respect. His Holiness insists at all times to **practice in a way of a "vagabond recluse"**, and uses the way of traveling on

foot to worship holy places and shrines, and **practice by retreats** across Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal and India. His Holiness lives the life of a “**secret yogi**”, and never to be moved by the “eight worldly concerns”. His Holiness is a pure vegetarian for many years and have always **kept His pure and rigorous vows and samayas**. His only focus is on the **practice of the Holy Dharma** and nothing else.

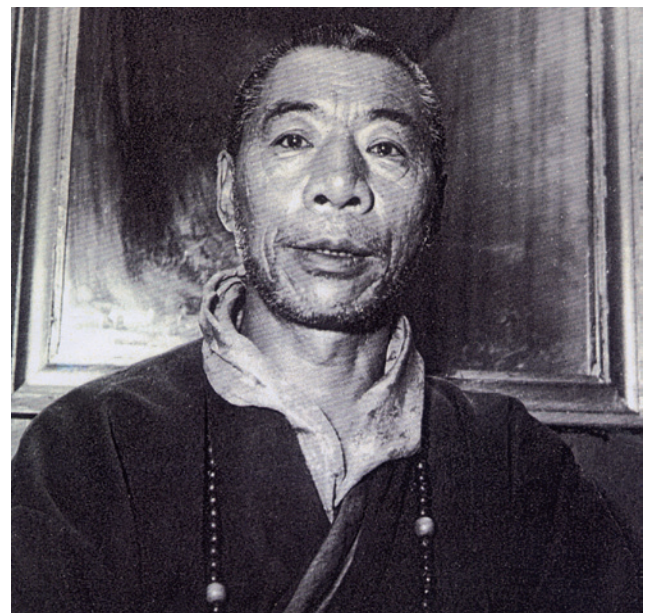
Throughout His entire life, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche has spared no time and efforts on activities other than Buddhist ones. By the using of all offerings that He has received in helping all sentient beings, such as to conduct the **ransom of countless lives** by releasing them, as well as in the **almsgiving of both material and spiritual assistances to all retreatants**, thus His Holiness has benefited countless sentient beings. He has also **established numerous Buddhist śāṛīra-stūpas and retreat centers** in the snowy mountainous regions of Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal and India. For many years, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche has provided food, lodging and other necessary facilities for the retreatants in His retreat centers, and thus provided a lot of help to many Dharma practitioners. With great aspirations to **benefit both oneself and others**, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche has established a **great role model of “Great Wisdom, Great Compassion, Great Strength, Great Aspiration and Great Action” of a great-hearted bodhisattva** in this world, such that “a clean spring of fountain” has been created by His Holiness’ enlightened activities in this secular world!

Numerous Tibetans, Indians and Nepalese have all regarded His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche as their own “**Lord of Refuge and Protector**” (Kyabje). Countless teachers and Dharma practitioners from Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal, India and other western countries tried to seek for His Holiness’ teachings, and thus His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche is, indeed, the **Guru of gurus!** There are even many more people who came to worship, and seek for blessings from, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche, to whom they have all shown their greatest honors and respects. Within Tibetan Buddhism, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche can thus be rightly named

as the **Unsurpassed Maha-Guru and Mahasiddha with great realizations, complete accomplishments in enlightened activities and merits, in this contemporary age**. Hence, an endless stream of pilgrims has gone to pay their greatest respects and worship to His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche. All those who could visit with, or even be blessed by, His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche would feel extremely happy and joyful, when considering oneself not to be wasting one’s whole life after all, in having this extreme fortune and matchless happiness!

(***Note:** According to the Great Terton Guru Chowang and the tradition of Mindroling Monastery, the annual birthday anniversary of Guru Rinpoche is on the Tenth Day of the Fifth Month of the Tibetan calendar. Yet, as according to the other tradition of the Great Terton Sangye Lingpa, the annual birthday anniversary of Guru Rinpoche is on the Tenth Day of the Sixth Month of the Tibetan calendar.)

(For those readers who are interested to learn more details about the Liberated Life Story (“Namthar”) of His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche, please be kind and patient enough to wait for the right time when the Dudjom Buddhist Association (International) will publish the whole full version on the “Liberated Life Story of His Holiness Kyabje Chadrak Rinpoche”. Please kindly pay attention to our notice later on.)



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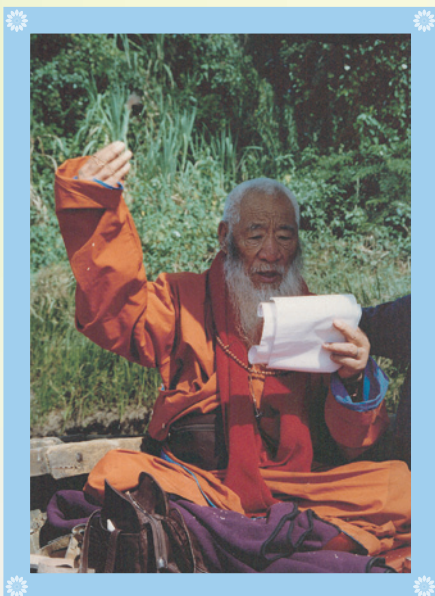
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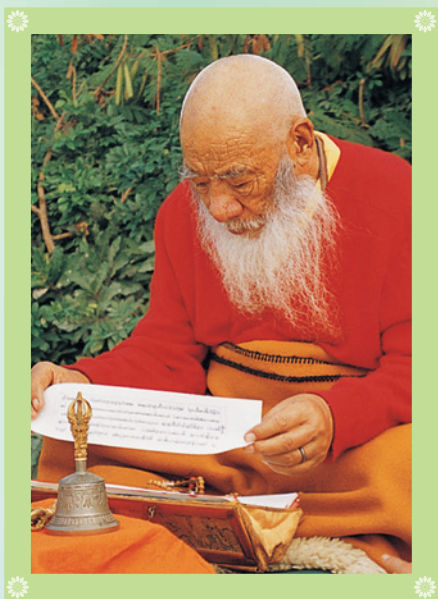
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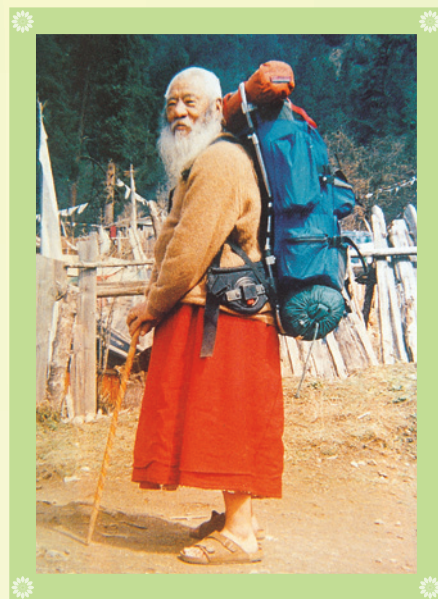
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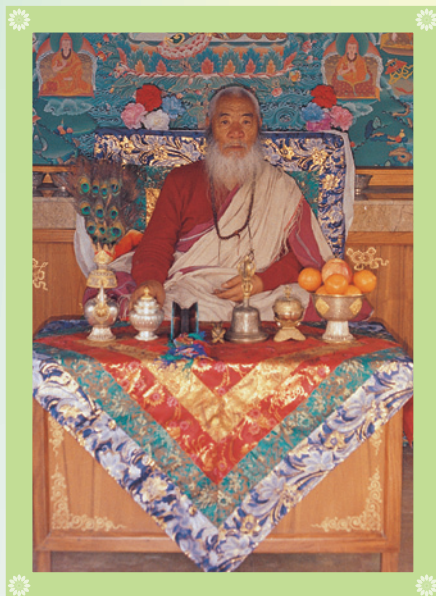
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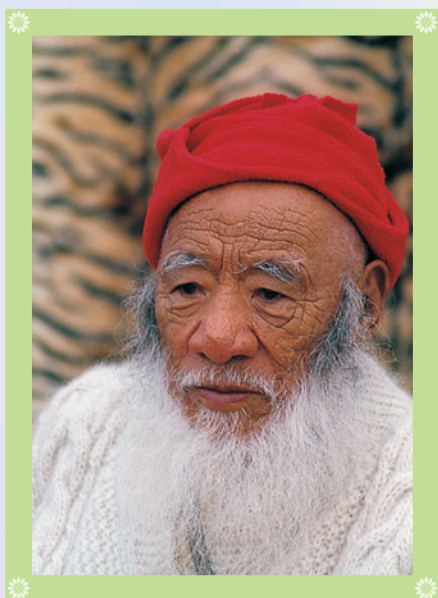
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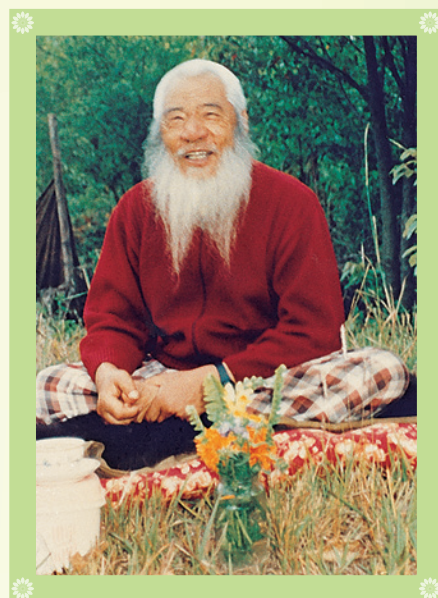
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