



SHAMBHALA  
THE KALAPA COURT

Khenpo Tsültrim Gyamtso Rinpoche,  
Kathmandu,  
Nepal

Dear Rinpoche,

It is with deepest appreciation, heart-felt prayers, and best wishes that I write you on the auspicious occasion of your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

You are widely known in Shambhala as a profound teacher, inspiring figure, and dear friend, beginning in the years towards the end of the life of the first Sakyong, my father, the Vidyadhara Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Your 14 years of intensive teaching in Shambhala awakened many positive connections, deepened the practice of countless devoted meditators, and planted innumerable seeds of virtue in Shambhala centers across Europe and North America. Many, many students in the community are involved with your profound instructions and even now, 200 are in the middle of a two-year long course reviewing your mahamudra instructions. The lamp of your wisdom does not wane.

A large number of senior teachers in Shambhala, including many acharyas and shastris, have studied with you. Many younger students have likewise been enriched by your teachings. Everyone who has met you has found their understanding of the view, practice, action, and fruition enhanced through your eloquent presentation of the dharma. Your magnificent skillful means have vitalized practice and dharma activity all over the world. Shambhala has been particularly blessed by your kindness, your love, and your lion's roar of the ocean of the teachings.

Rinpoche, I am personally grateful for the all the support and encouragement that you have given to me and to the students of both the Vidyadhara and myself. The effect of your teaching on Shambhala is inconceivable. The wealth of your instructions continues to nourish every corner of this vast community and it is certain that this will continue. It is therefore with the deepest gratitude and profound appreciation that I wish you the most cheerful of birthdays and deepest prayers for your long life and continuing buddha activity throughout the world.

Ki Ki So So and Sarva Mangalam!



The Kongma Sakyong,  
Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche

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