



THE OFFICE OF THE KONGMA SAKYONG

Seattle Shambhala Center
c/o Tom Gaylord, Center Director

24 June 2015

Dear Mr. Gaylord,

The Kongma Sakyong, Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche, Throne Holder of the Shambhala mandala, asked that I extend his deep appreciation, on behalf of the Lineage of Sakyongs, for Seattle's ceremonial offering of their property to the Sakyong Potrang during his teachings in Chicago. This formal gesture, arising from your center's devotion and inspiration, is a profound example of the further unification of the Shambhala mandala, dear to the heart of the Kongma Sakyong.

The Sakyong Potrang, or “court,” is an essential development in clarifying the structure of Shambhala. The establishment of the Sakyong Potrang which the Sakyong announced in January, provides a lineage institution with the Sakyong—its leader—at the centre to strengthen Shambhala Lineage. The Seattle Center's offering is another important step in creating a clear connection between each Shambhala Center member and the lineage. As the Shambhala community continues to become more global, this link to the Sakyong Potrang will be central to its stability and success.

The Kongma Sakyong sends his gratitude to you and the entire leadership and community of the Seattle Shambhala Center for your ground-breaking efforts in supporting and helping fulfill the vast vision of the Sakyong Lineage.

Yours in the Vision of Shambhala,

David S. Brown
Executive Secretary to the Kongma Sakyong