

PROCLAMATION

By His Holiness the Seventeenth Gyalwa Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje



Om Swasti! The one whom the Glorious One's flawless prophecy foretold would accomplish the enlightened activity of all the Victorious Ones, and to whom the great emperors of China paid homage by calling him "Rasuso Huwang, King of the Precious Dharma" is Karmapa, Ogyen Drodul Trinley Dorje. This proclamation is his.

To the people of the world, particularly to those residing in Tibet, Great China, India, Sikkim, Bhutan, Nepal, Hongkong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Switzerland, Singapore, Japan, America, and others; to the people of these great lands, to lamas, tulkus, laymen and women of every station, I offer this to you. In this world, the sole source of happiness and benefit is the precious teachings of the perfect Buddha. That these teachings remain, flourish, and spread depends solely upon those who are capable of upholding them. In the lands of India and Tibet, many great beings holding high the incomparable blazing white parasol of the doctrine have come, and continue to come. The greatest of all of them is the one who, in this age of strife, performs enlightened activity that is truly miraculous – he is like the moon, the lord of the stars, who alone amongst the midst of luminaries is able to emit the cooling light. As the Victorious One, son of Shuddodanah, said in the *Samadhi Raja Sutra*, "The One who will perfectly benefit sentient beings will be called 'Lodro Thaye'. This is my prophecy."

The third incarnation of this great being, whose coming was foretold in the Victorious One's flawless prophecy, was without rival in the entire Land of Snow. He was lord of the completely perfect teachings; like a wish-fulfilling jewel, he dispelled the inner torments of all beings. He was the crown ornament of the lineage upholding the definitive meaning, the Karma Kamtsang. It is impossible to speak his name lightly or idly. The great sound of his name, "Jamgon Lodro Chokyi Senge," reduces samsara to shreds. According to his intention he has come again, this great friend of the Teacher's doctrine and of all beings, even those who do not know him. He was born to the south of the Glorious Karmapa's seat of Tsurphu, in Chushur district amidst many villages, the circumstances of his birth being in accord with my description in the Letter Describing the Signs earlier, held in faith by gods and men.

Now in this special purpose, I offer, to the son born in the year of the Pig to Yab Gonpo and Yum Yangkyi, this recognition as being the genuine reincarnation of the Third Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Chokyi Senge. I hereby bestow upon him the name Jamgon Lodro Chokyi Nyima Tenpey Dronme Chok Thamched Le Nampar Gyalwe De. I sing his praises, and empower him to sit on the towering throne of Dharma. All sentient beings should examine the legacy of his predecessors, respect him, serve him, and pay him homage. Even though he has not reached adulthood, all should hold this supreme tulku in only the highest regard.

Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje, August 25, 1996

