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KARMA KAGYU LINEAGE



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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WESTERN KARMA KAGYU ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE 15th KUNZIG SHAMARPA

Western Karma Kagyu organizations formally request H.H. Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje to recognize the 15th Shamar Rinpoche

August 26, 2014, Dordogne, France: Following the passing of Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche in Germany on June 11th, representatives of Bodhi Path Buddhist Centers, the Diamond Way Buddhist Foundation and the French Federation of Karma Kagyu Buddhist Centers met in France to discuss ongoing activities within the lineage in the absence of the Shamarpa.

In order to avoid conflict as well as to restore harmony within the Karma Kagyu school of Buddhism, the above-mentioned organizations, representing over 700 Karma Kagyu Buddhist centers, monasteries and institutes in the West, formally request H.H. 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje to recognize the reincarnation of the 14th Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche.

The following official request was sent to H.H. The 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje on September 6, 2014:

“OFFICIAL REQUEST TO H.H. KARMAPA TRINLEY THAYE DORJE TO RECOGNIZE THE 15TH SHAMARPA

After the departure of our exceptional teacher and lineage holder The 14th Shamarpa Mipham Chokyi Lodrö, all his students worldwide long for the recognition of the next Kunzig Shamarpa.

The Karma Kagyu organizations signing the present statement acknowledge the full authority and responsibility of H.H. 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje to recognize the unique and authentic rebirth of the 15th Shamarpa.

We, as the devoted students of The 14th Kunzig Shamarpa, wish to pass on our support and dedication to the Shamar Rinpoche solely recognized by you, and declare our commitment to care for and to attend to him in the service of his activity.”

As soon as the 15th Shamar Rinpoche is recognized by H.H. Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje, we will respectfully inform H.H. The Dalai Lama and H.H. Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje of the good news.

We deeply wish that the future activity of the Shamarpa will manifest swiftly and without obstacles or hindrances of any kind.